

**Town of Somerset
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 7, 2010**

Chairman Schachtner called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Rauch, Plourde, Demulling, Germain, and Schachtner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Public input-Bill Lawson addressed the Board about the buckthorn that is spreading in the road ditches. He asked the Town Board to spray or cut it down to prevent spreading. Discussion on contacting the Extension Office to see if they have any informational pamphlets. Miles Wittig complimented the election inspectors for their work at the recent election. A motion was made by Plourde and seconded by Germain to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Clerk's & Treasurer's Reports: A motion was made by Demulling and seconded by Rauch to approve the March 3rd Minutes. Motion carried. A motion was made by Germain and seconded by Plourde to approve the March Financial Report. Motion carried.

Animal Control Report: A motion was made by Rauch and seconded by Demulling to approve the March Animal Control Report. Motion carried.

Building Inspector's Report-Draft Ordinance Mobile Home Standards: Wert was present at the meeting. Building activity in the Town has been slow. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the March Building Inspector's Report. Motion carried. Discussion on draft ordinance regarding mobile home standards. Wert explained computation of permit fees.

Fire/Rescue Commission Report: Demulling read a report from Chief Belisle. March resulted in 23 service calls; 9 medicals/Village, 6 medicals/Town, 1 Fire/Rescue in Town and 6 mutual aid fire calls in the Village. Burning ban was placed earlier in the month but has been lifted. Somerset Fire/Rescue Face book page has been created. Department will assist U.S. Fish & Wildlife with a controlled burn at the joint landfill property. A motion was made by Demulling and seconded by Germain to approve the March Fire/Rescue Report. Motion carried.

Parks & Rec Committee Report-Prairie Restoration Project: Parks & Rec Committee recommended the name of the prairie restoration project to be Parnell Prairie Preserve. A motion was made by Plourde and seconded by Rauch to name the joint landfill property on 45th Street Parnell Prairie Preserve. Germain stated Committee is working on trail and rocks along parking lot, soil samples taken, request for students from high school to perform community service on site, benches and signage to be considered. Bill Lawson requested two 8' gates due to gap in the rocks. Board was in favor of purchasing the two gates. Virginia Gaynor and the Prairie Enthusiasts groups will conduct prairie grass event on June 8th, 6:30 pm – 8 pm. A motion was made by Demulling and seconded by Plourde to approve the March Parks & Rec Committee Report. Motion carried.

New Business-Consideration of Adoption of Fee Schedule: A motion was made by Plourde and seconded by Germain to approve the Town of Somerset Fee Schedule, as a quick reference guide to all of the Town's fees. Motion carried.

Consideration of Approval of Reserve Class B Liquor License for Hideaway LLC, 1742 Hillcrest Drive, New Richmond – Becky Kappers, Agent: Mike & Becky Kappers were present to request a Reserve Class B Liquor License for Hideaway LLC at 1742 Hillcrest Drive, New Richmond. Schachtner stated County Zoning advised the Town the applicant would have get a

special exception permit for the property, due to the change in use. The County approved the rezoning May 10, 1983. No action taken.

Appointment of Alternates for Board of Review: Next month's agenda item.

Set Date for First Meeting of the Board of Review: A motion was by Plourde and seconded by Demulling to set the first meeting date of the Board of Review for Wednesday, June 2, 8 pm. Motion carried.

Transportation & Facilities Committee Report-Waiver request for Plastic Culvert from Thomas Reinke – 1574-84th Street: A motion was made by Schachtner and seconded by Rauch to approve the waiver request for a plastic culvert for Thomas Reinke at 1574-84th Street because it meets the required specifications. Motion carried.

Update on Deed Correction for Back Property Line: Schachtner announced the topic is on the County Board agenda for consideration of approval.

Decision to Bid, Use County or Lease Equipment and use Part-time Help for Reconstruction Projects – Not Blacktopping: After much discussion, Schachtner will get a price estimate on the project from the County and Demulling will obtain pricing on equipment leasing for next month's agenda.

Road Projects-Seal Coating & Crack Filling: Seal coating will have to be put out on bid. Crack filling does not need to be bid. A motion was made by Rauch and seconded by Plourde to have St. Croix County do the crack filling this year. Motion carried.

Equipment-Consideration of Approval of Astleford International Invoice for 2011 Truck - \$81,140.00: A motion was made by Germain and seconded by Demulling to approve the Astleford International invoice of \$81,140.00 for the 2011 International 7600 truck. Motion carried.

Consideration of Amendments to Road Maintenance Employee Handbook: Next month's agenda item.

Planning Commission Report: Rauch reported currently three applicants for vacant position. Codification of Ordinances-Plourde handed out a list of current ordinances for the Board to review and pass on to MuniCode.

Announcements: Schachtner announced the upcoming meeting dates.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Jeri Koester,
Clerk