

**Town of Somerset
2007 Annual Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 10, 2007**

Chairman Schachtner called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. All Town Board members present.

Approval of 2006 Annual Meeting Minutes: Motion by Miles Wittig, seconded by Bill Lawson to approve the April 12, 2006 Annual Meeting Minutes. Motion carried. 19 voted yea; 0 voted nay.

Financial Report for 2006 with 2005 for Comparison: Motion by Larry Rauch, seconded by Tom Roy to approve the 2006 Financial Report. Motion carried. 19 voted yea; 0 voted nay.

Oaths of Office for Town Officials: Koester administered the Oath of Office to Schachtner, Plourde and Gunderson. Oath of Office book was signed.

Authorization to Borrow Funds: Motion by Wittig, seconded by Dave Durand to authorize the Town Board to borrow up to \$250,000 in emergency funding, if necessary. Motion carried. 19 voted yea; 0 vote nay.

Set 2008 Annual Meeting Date & Time: Motion by Ron Schachtner, seconded by Wittig to set the 2008 Annual Meeting date as Tuesday, April 8, 2008, 7:00 p.m. Motion carried. 19 voted yea, 0 vote nay.

Impact Fees: Rita Lawson asked about impact fees and timeframe for development. Plourde explained the process; timeframe for completion is June 1, 2007. Dennis Neumann stated his concern over impact fees, as he feels they are unfair to large property owners, developers and people who are building. Bill Lawson commented it is time for a change. Pat Collova remarked that Wisconsin needs to look at why the taxes are so high. Lynn Cook stated Town Board is trying to keep the mill rate the same and come up with some other alternatives to raise money and he didn't think an impact fee would stop people from building. Very lengthy discussion about impact fees, roads, parks, services, taxes, and mill rate.

Purchase of Land: Bill Lawson said it would be a good time to use existing park revenue to search and purchase some land (30-50 acres) for the future. Motion by Bill Lawson, seconded by Tom Roy to have the Town Board investigate the purchase of 30-50 acres and, if the land can be found, to purchase it using a portion of existing park funds, as the Board sees fit. Motion carried. 19 voted yea; 0 voted nay. Schachtner asked Town residents what they felt was a comfortable price for 30-50 acres-no response.

Intersection of Hwy. 35/64 & County Road C: Rita Lawson expressed concerned about the intersection of Hwy. 35/64 and County Road C. Lawson asked if Board could check into the possibility of the Village putting in streetlights or stoplights.

On/Off Ramps by School off of Hwy. 64/County Road I: Harold Carufel asked about the on and off ramp project. Board stated the Village is looking into it for Fire Dept. access if the Apple River bridge is out.

Gopher Bounty: Motion by Wittig, seconded by Durand to pay \$1.00 per tail for gopher bounty. Motion carried. 19 voted yea, 0 voted nay.

85th Street: Harold Carufel inquired as to why 85th Street had a curve in it by the pond. Schachtner stated that due to the wetland, the engineer recommended not disturbing the pond.

Motion by Ron Schachtner, seconded by Lynn Cook to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Jeri Koester, Clerk

