

Town of Somerset
2006 Annual Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 12, 2006

These Minutes are unofficial until approved at the 2007 Annual Meeting.

Chairman Schachtner called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Present: Gunderson, Demulling, Plourde and Schachtner. Arrived late: Neumann (7:30 p.m.)

Approval of 2005 Annual Meeting Minutes: Motion by Lynn Cook, seconded by Miles Wittig to approve the 2005 Annual Meeting Minutes. Motion carried. 10 voted yea; 0 voted nay.

Financial Report for 2005 with 2004 for Comparison: Much discussion and review of financial report including Delong road special assessments, 150th celebration funds, old Town Hall project and carryover accounts. Motion by Miles Wittig, seconded by Bill Lawson to make a recommendation that the Town Board look into seeking more information and investing in the State Investment Fund or a Certificate of Deposit for the Park Fund and possibly some of the general savings fund to gain a better rate of interest. Motion carried. 10 voted yea; 0 voted nay.

2005 Annual Building Inspector's Report: 56 new homes in 2005; 80 new homes in 2004.

Oath of Offices for Town Supervisors-Shane Demulling and Lenny Germain: Koester administered the Oath of Offices to Demulling and Germain. Oath of Office book was signed.

Set Gopher Bounty: Motion by Miles Wittig, seconded by Bill Lawson to keep the gopher bounty at \$1.00 per tail. Motion carried. 10 voted yea; 0 voted nay.

Designate Official Depository: Motion by Miles Wittig, seconded by Bill Lawson to continue with S & C Bank as the official depository. Motion carried. 10 voted yea; 0 voted nay.

Authorization to Borrow Funds, if Necessary: Motion by Miles Wittig, seconded by Lynn Cook to authorize the Town Board to borrow up to \$250,000 in emergency funding. Motion carried. 10 voted yea; 0 voted nay.

Set 2007 Annual Meeting Date and Time: Motion by Miles Wittig, seconded by Lynn Cook to set Tuesday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m. as the 2007 Annual meeting date and time. Motion carried. 10 voted yea, 0 voted nay.

Constable Office: (7:45 p.m.) Motion by Lynn Cook, seconded by Bob Sahnaw to eliminate the Constable Office. Current Constable office will remain in effect until April 2007 and then will expire. Motion carried. 16 voted yea, 0 voted nay.

Impact Fees: Bill Lawson stated he'd like Board to look into impact fees. Plourde stated first a needs assessment study must be conducted and typical Town impact fee is around \$1,200. Plourde added impact fees could be challenged if they are excessive. Lynn Cook commented he felt if lot goes within the immediate family, the Town shouldn't charge an impact fee. Schachtner stated Board would investigate impact fees and report back. Bill Lawson proposed doubling the Park Fee.

Land for Future Town Hall: Bill Lawson suggested Board look into purchasing land for a new Town Hall. Discussion on location. Plourde questioned how many acres would be needed. Wittig-10 acres; Neumann-20 acres. Neumann commented current Town Hall is worth a lot of money due to location and commercial use. A lot of money could be generated from the sale of the current facility to fund a new facility. Schachtner stated the needs assessment study will probably tell us if we need a new Town Hall. Gunderson asked if needs assessment study would eliminate the need for the Park & Rec Committee to conduct a survey. Plourde responded that a needs assessment study doesn't question the general public. Board will start with the needs assessment study and continue looking into this issue.

Recognition of Jerry Neumann: Schachtner presented a plaque and gift certificate to Jerry Neumann for his 13 years of dedicated service. Refreshments were served following the meeting.

Motion by Lynn Cook, seconded by Miles Wittig to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Jeri Koester,
Clerk