

Town of Somerset

Town Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

These Minutes are unofficial until approved at June 6th meeting.

Chairman Schachtner called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Present were Germain, Plourde, Demulling and Schachtner. Absent: Gunderson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the agenda. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Public Input: Rick Leverty concerned about garbage at a house on Hwy. 35. Schachtner will contact County Zoning. Rita Lawson reminded everyone Pea Soup Days is the first weekend in June.

Clerk's Report: Fire/Rescue Commission correction to be noted: automatic mutual aid up to 90th Street. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to approve April 4th Minutes, with correction. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to approve the April 11th Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to approve the April 25th Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to approve the April Financial Report, with the inclusion of AC/a invoices. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Building Inspector's Report: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to approve the April Building Inspector's Report. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Fire/Rescue Commission Report: Brush truck to arrive May 21st. Jeff Kulibert retired after 16 years of service. No grass fires yet. Fire inspections being done. Pancake breakfast and water fight at Pea Soup Days. Office construction underway. New fire jacket displayed. Star Prairie Automatic Mutual Aid to begin in June. Discussion on old brush truck being traded into Foreman.

Parks & Rec Committee Report: Schachtner stated two meetings are scheduled: May 7 & 14.

Old Business: Suzanne Peoples/Stevens Engineering-Capital Improvement Plan: CIP worksheet was presented. Red impact fee projects changed to mill/overlay; 75th Street would be a complete reconstruction; add money for 85th Street & 160th Ave. intersection; remove 23rd Street connection. Discussion on land acquisition and stewardship program/state grant. Final CIP draft documents at May Planning Commission meeting and June Town Board meeting. CIP will be adopted by Resolution.

Road Maintenance Employee Handbook: Discussion on revisions. Attorney to review. June agenda.

Open Sealed Bids for Concrete Driveway on 85th Street: Douglas Magnuson \$11,800.00; Rem-Hock Concrete \$12,000.00; Stockness Construction \$13,880.00.

Consideration of Awarding Sealed Bid for Concrete Driveway on 85th Street: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to award the concrete driveway project on 85th Street to Doug Magnuson for \$11,800.00. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Liquor, Cigarette, Operator, Tubing, Concessions, Junkyard/Salvage License Renewals: Pottings, American Legion, Apple River Hide-A-Way, Somerset Auto Salvage submitted so far.

Consideration of 2007 Road Projects: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to approve Lower 217th Ave.-217th Ave. 216th Ave.-Upper 216th Ave. paving, 170th Ave. mill and overlay, 85th St. overlay, 192nd/Cty. Rd. I intersection project, first 1/8 mi. of Hillcrest Ave. (if extra funds are available in budget) as 2007 road projects. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Discussion on Land Acquisition: Possible parcels-Earl Neumann, Dennis Neumann, Louis Germain, Dan Baillargeon, Marsha Anderson, and Kippes property. Park & Rec Committee will start looking into parcels.

Old Town Hall: Discussion on possibly holding a meeting in September and paying Kamish's for water. Rita Lawson to inquire as to what would be a fair compensation for water used.

Somerset Legacy Alliance-Request for Funds for Satellite for Pea Soup Days: Demulling will check with Chamber of Commerce to see where they are planning to place units and the cost for rental.

Survey from County Treasurer – Tax Process: Discussion about self-sealed tax bill mailer, CD-PDF version of tax roll, and email verification and sign-off of mill rate calculation worksheet. Board consensus was they are interested in these changes, but would like input from other municipalities who have used self-sealed tax bills.

Planning Commission Report – S & N Surveying/Rick Jonk – 1 Lot CSM: Motion by Germain, seconded by Demulling to approve the 1 Lot CSM pending the well setback line be defined on the map, the surveyor mark the 1,250' setback from landfill with three stakes, and payment of park fee. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

S & N Surveying/Randy Montgomery – 2 Lot CSM: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the 2 Lot CSM for Randy Montgomery. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Subdivision Draft Ordinance Update: Rauch will supply Town Board with shortened draft ordinance. Flowchart was pulled out of ordinance and will be on website.

Proposed Revisions to County Ordinance Regarding Non-Metallic Mining and Sign Regulations-Town's Response: Town is supportive of sign ordinance. Concern over non-metallic mining Section 14 2.8 (b)(c)(d) in County Code of Ordinances regarding ground water. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to accept the proposed new changes in the County Code of Ordinances, including Section 14 2.8 (b)(c)(d) for the non-metallic mining ordinance. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Other Announcements: County is seeking additional comments on sale of 50 acres by government center-next month's agenda. Library Walk/Run event cancelled.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Jeri Koester,
Clerk