

**Town of Somerset
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 5, 2010**

Chairman Schachtner called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. Present were Plourde, Germain, Rauch, Demulling & Schachtner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. No public input. Motion by Germain, seconded by Rauch to approve the agenda with Northland Surveying/Dan Baillargeon 2 Lot CSM moved to the top of the meeting, after Fire/Rescue Report. Motion carried.

Clerk's & Treasurer's Reports: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the April 7th Minutes. Motion carried. Motion by Germain, seconded by Plourde to approve the April Financial Report. Motion carried.

Animal Control Report: Motion by Germain, seconded by Demulling to approve the April Animal Control Report with the specification that the \$70.91 charges for the Town's animal control service at be billed to Zachary Warnick, owner of the animal. Motion carried.

Building Inspector's Report: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Rauch to approve the April Building Inspector's Report as provided. Motion carried.

Fire/Rescue Commission Report: Demulling read a report from Belisle. 29 calls in April. Large fire near school and assistance from other departments was necessary. Dept. is having a pancake breakfast and silent auction at Fire Hall during Pea Soup Days. Plourde requested an incident report on how the Argo caught fire. Motion by Plourde seconded by Demulling to approve the Fire/Rescue Commission Report. Motion carried.

Northland Surveying/Dan Baillargeon – 2 Lot CSM: Discussion on Zoning Ordinance requiring 200' setback for any structure that houses an animal unit on lots. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to approve the 2 Lot CSM for Dan Baillargeon, with the notation that the surveyor remove the number 50' setback on the map. Motion carried. Park fee has been paid.

Parks & Rec Committee Report-Parnell Prairie Preserve-Consider Posting Sign for Firearm Discharge Season: Germain reported on last meeting. Jean Hoffman was appointed as a committee contact person for U.S. Fish & Wildlife & DNR regarding seeds. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Rauch to set June 1 – September 15 as the timeframe for no discharge of firearms, park hours 5 am – 10 pm, and ordering a sign stating this information. Motion carried.

Old Business-Appoint Alternates for Board of Review: Motion by Schachtner, seconded by Demulling to appoint Jeri Koester and Denise Gunderson as alternate members of the Board of Review. Motion carried.

New Business-Dennis Fleischauer-Cattle Running at Large/Fence Issue: Schachtner updated the Board on Fleischauer's cattle running at large. The Town sent an order by certified mail on April 15. Demulling and Schachtner met with Fleischauer today and he was informed and agreed that if cattle are running at large again, Schachtner will order the fence be built with the cost born by Fleischauer.

Appointment of Town Board Members to Committees by Chair: Next month's agenda item.

Somerset Chamber of Commerce-Request for Pea Soup Days Financial Support:

Motion by Plourde, seconded by Rauch to approve \$250.00 for sponsorship of Pea Soup Days. Motion carried.

Set Rate of Hourly Pay for Tire Round-Up Help: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to set the rate of pay at \$10.00/hour for two people, not to exceed \$100.00 total. Motion carried.

Review Liquor, Operator, Cigarette, Concessions, Junkyard, Tubing/Camping Application

Renewals: Board reviewed the list of license applications submitted to date. Town will check with County Zoning on the progress of Apple Eatery's special exception permit amendments.

Consideration to Accept or Deny Offer of Compromise Under WSS 904.08 from Robert

Irwin: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to take no action on Robert Irwin's offer to compromise. Motion carried unanimously.

Transportation & Facilities Committee Report-Update on Deed Correction for Property: The County Board approved the CSM and deed conveying 1.157 acres to the Town to correct the back property line at no cost to the Town.

Consider Using County or Leasing Equipment and Hiring Part-Time Help for Road

Reconstruction Project: Schachtner will call County to clarify 45th Street project details. Next month's agenda item.

Consider Advertising for Leasing Equipment and Sealed Bid for Chip Seal Coating on 80th

Street & 180th Avenue: Motion by Germain, seconded by Plourde to approve advertising for sealed bid on chip seal coating on 80th Street and 180th Avenue and heavy equipment lease inquiry (not sealed bid). Motion carried.

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

Planning Commission Report-Resignation of Paul Boerger & Committee Reappointments:

Paul Boerger resigned effective April 30th. Two citizen member vacancies to be decided next month. Motion by Germain, seconded by Plourde to approve the reappointment of Sherrill Schottler, Miles Wittig and Larry Rauch until May 2013 and Craig Letourneau and two new members until May 2012. Motion carried. Rauch abstained.

Codification of Ordinances: Plourde will work on going through the updated list and working with Muni Code.

Announcements: Germain and Schachtner to attend Working Lands meeting at Star Prairie Town Hall with Plourde, Rauch & Demulling to attend Planning Commission meeting with DOT at Somerset Town Hall on May 19 at 7 pm. Groundwater Presentation at Town of St. Joseph-May 12.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Jeri Koester, Clerk