

**Town of Somerset
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 7, 2008**

Call to Order and Roll Call: Chairman Schachtner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Present were Germain, Gunderson, Plourde, Demulling and Schachtner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Input: Wittig addressed the Board on the continuing problem of Diamond D Farms' cattle getting out and running on adjacent properties. Board agreed to have attorney draft a letter to the owner of the cattle.

Clerk's & Treasurer's Reports: Motion by Germain, seconded by Demulling to approve the April 2nd Minutes. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Plourde to approve the April Financial Report. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Animal Control Report: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the April Animal Control Report. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

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

Fire/Rescue Commission Report: Demulling read a report from Chief Belisle. In April, there were 22 medical calls and 5 fire/rescue calls. Department is getting ready for the summer concerts and tourist season. Training is currently being done at the house the Village has purchased.

Parks & Rec Committee Report-Park Plan and Land Acquisition: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to postpone the Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan until the June meeting. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Two people have responded to the land acquisition ad. Germain and Bill Lawson will work on contacting these people and following up with them regarding their interest, along with three other parcels that residents have expressed an interest in selling.

Old Business-Knox Box Ordinance: No action taken.

Bids on Carpet and Tile: Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Demulling to approve the bid from Carpeting by Mike Inc. for \$3,726.50. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Bid on Priming and Painting Interior Walls: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to approve M & K Painting's bid of \$850.00 for priming and painting the interior walls of the Town Hall. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Bids on Sheet Rocking Two Interior Walls: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to approve the estimate from Mike Tetzlaff not to exceed \$1,750.00, with the condition that the sheet rock be upgraded to 5/8". Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Discussion on Impact Fees: Discussion on park fee instead of a full impact fee. Public hearing would be required and ordinance would need to be adopted. June agenda item.

New Business-Historic Town Hall Committee Approval of Committee Members: Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Germain to approve Peter Johnson, Melissa Tuura-Johnson, Rita Lawson and Nancy Vanasse to the Historic Town Hall Committee. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Historic Town Hall-Request to Open: Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Demulling to approve having the Historic Town Hall open on Saturday, May 31 for Pea Soup Days. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Historic Town Hall-Requirements/Restrictions on Brick Donations: Gunderson suggested Historic Town Hall Committee draft a proposal. The money is currently going into the Historic Town Hall account.

Suzanne Peeples/Discussion of Pine Lake Boat Landing Improvements and RBF Grant Application: Grant is 50% match. DNR stated it was a worthy grant; no permitting issues beside a Chapter 30 Permit. Plourde asked criteria. Strom stated certain guidelines for grades of launch, courtesy dock, and parking area requirements. Preliminary engineering cost of \$4,000 with total engineering cost approximately \$8,000. Grant application costs approximately \$1,500-\$2,000. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Germain to proceed with the grant application and engineering of Pine Lake boat landing improvements with preliminary plans of \$4,000 and grant application costs of \$1,500-\$2,000. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Adoption of Resolution # 2008-02 Pine Lake Boat Landing Improvements: Motion by Germain, seconded by Demulling to adopt Resolution #2008-02. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Somerset Library Walk/Run Fundraiser-Use of Town Hall, Sat., May 10th: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Gunderson to approve the library's usage of Town Hall on May 10. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Somerset Garden Club-Approval of Funds for Town Hall Rock Sign Area: Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Germain to approve the funds for the Town Hall sign area up to \$350.00. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Mobile Home Ordinance-Draft and Annual License Fee: June agenda item.

2008 Road Projects: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to do the following road projects: 50th St. by Pine Lake, 85th St. from railroad tracks to 1623, 60th St. from 205th Ave. to County Road I; 85th St. and 60th St. to be wedged and overlaid with blacktop and 50th St. to be ground and paved.

Renewal of Recycling Contract with Olson Sanitation and Set Hours: Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Plourde to renew the Recycling Contract with Olson Sanitation and set the new hours as 2nd & 4th Fridays of each month from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. and the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of each month from 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m., beginning in June. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Order of Removal for Timothy Whiteside – 876-167th Ave., New Richmond: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Gunderson to approve the Order for Removal pursuant to WSS 86.04 for Timothy Whiteside, 876-167th Avenue, New Richmond. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Planning Commission Report-Mike Tetzlaff-Preliminary Plat-3 Lots-Hidden Hills First

Addition: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to approve the preliminary plat of Hidden Hills First Addition with the stipulation that Lot 3 and Lot 4 show a 200' separation between the driveways and the edge of the intersection of County Road I and 222nd Ave. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Re-appoint Three Members to Planning Commission: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to reappoint Larry Rauch, Sherrill Schottler and Miles Witting until May 2010. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Subdivision Ordinance Update: Rauch met with Ellen Denzer concerning road ordinance and subdivision ordinance revisions. Central theme is: who is going to enforce ordinance? If the Town deviates too far from County's ordinance, they will not enforce it for the Town.

Meeting adjourned 11:00 p.m.

Jeri Koester,
Clerk