

**Town of Somerset  
Town Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, July 7, 2010**

Chairman Schachtner called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Demulling, Germain, Plourde, Rauch and Schachtner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Motion by Germain, seconded by Plourde to approve the agenda with the deletion of the 1 Lot CSM for Kirk Hillquist, as the applicant has withdrawn the CSM. Motion carried. Public input: Bert Krueger requested a 25 mph speed limit on 72<sup>nd</sup> St. Schachtner will check and see how low the state will allow speed limits on subdivision roads.

**Clerk's Report:** Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to approve the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Minutes. Motion carried.

**2009 Audit Report from Steve Scheidler/LarsonAllen:** Scheidler gave a thorough presentation of the financial statements and supplementary information for the year end 2009.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Plourde, seconded by Rauch to approve the June Financial Report. Motion carried.

**Building Inspector's Report:** Motion by Germain, seconded by Demulling to approve the June Building Inspector's Report. Motion carried.

**Shari Walters-1944-62<sup>nd</sup> St. Request for Side lot Setback Variance of 20' for Above Ground Swimming Pool:** Neighboring property owners James Nelson & Lisa Ramsey have signed a statement consenting to the variance request. Motion by Rauch, seconded by Plourde to approve the 20' variance from side lot setback for Shari Walters at 1944-62<sup>nd</sup> St. as this is the best suited place for the pool, the structure is an above ground pool, and the adjacent property owners do not object to it. Motion carried.

**Animal Control Report:** Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to approve the June Animal Control Report. Motion carried.

**Fire/Rescue Commission Report:** Plourde read the June report-36 total calls. June was busy due to Country Splash Concert and Pea Soup Days. Over \$4,000 was raised for new rescue boat. July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend was quiet. Motion by Germain, seconded by Demulling to approve the Fire/Rescue Commission Report. Motion carried.

**Parks & Rec Committee Report:** Committee is putting together a small maintenance plan for Parnell Prairie Preserve. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Rauch to approve the Parks & Rec Committee Report. Motion carried.

**Old Business-AEA Petition/Recommendation from State:** Town received a letter from the State Dept. of Ag., Trade and Consumer Protection that the Ag. Enterprise Area (Squaw Lake) petition was accepted by the state. A public hearing date is being requested. More information to follow.

**Apple Eatery-Filing at County for Rezoning from Commercial to Commercial:** Marian Sinclear has filed a rezoning application at County requesting rezoning of 3 acres from commercial

to commercial to correct the language in the original zoning to allow alcohol to be sold. Board reviewed the application paperwork and instructed the applicants to start with the Town's Planning Commission on July 21 and return to the Town Board in August for the Town's recommendation to the County.

**New Business-Apple River Hideaway Requests for Open Air Concert Events:** Mike Kappers submitted a request under the Town's small assembly ordinance for an event on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> of 12 small bands with less than 1,000 people. Hideaway currently has approval from County to hold two open air concert events with less than 1,000 people. Kappers is requesting music be allowed to play until 11 p.m. as County permits. Town's small assembly ordinance states music to end at 10 p.m. Kappers presented insurance certificate through RiverBank. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to allow the ending time as 11 p.m. for the open air concert on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at the Hideaway. Motion carried.

**Mike Scoby House at 882-174<sup>th</sup> Avenue Damaged by Fire:** Ron Hill was present and spoke on behalf of Mike Scoby. Hill is the caretaker of the property. Scoby is currently in litigation with his insurance company on the repair of the house located at 882-174<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Set Date & Time for Special Town Board Meeting:** Board set Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. as special meeting date.

**Consideration or Denial of AccuVote Voting Equipment Maintenance Agreement:** Motion by Plourde, seconded by Rauch to approve a maintenance contract with Dominion Voting for AccuVote maintenance. Motion carried.

**Approval of Operator's License for Jolene Tinney (Potting's):** Motion by Demulling, seconded by Rauch to approve an Operator's License for Jolene Tinney. Motion carried. Germain abstained.

**Transportation & Facilities Committee-Update on Road Projects, Equipment and Consideration of Hiring Part Time Help and Rate of Pay:** Schachtner gave an update on the 45<sup>th</sup> St. road project. New truck is not in yet; hydraulic pumps put into IH 986. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to hire Daniel Garrison as part time, skilled heavy equipment operator and set the rate of pay at \$22.00/per hour. Motion carried. Bathroom maintenance was discussed. Safety rules will be updated.

**Planning Commission Report:** The three new members have been installed.

**Codification of Ordinances Update:** No updates to report.

**Announcements:** Schachtner announced joint meeting w/Village and Fire/Rescue Commission will be July 27, 7 pm at Town Hall. WI Town's Assoc. meeting will be July 29<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm at St. Joseph Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Jeri Koester,  
Clerk

