

Town of Somerset
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 10, 2007

These Minutes are unofficial until approved at August 1st meeting.

Chairman Schachtner called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Present were Germain, Gunderson, Demulling, Plourde and Schachtner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Clerk's & Treasurer's Reports: Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Plourde to approve the June 6th Minutes. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to approve the June Financial Report. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

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

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

Fire/Rescue Report: Demulling presented prices for concrete flooring from Croix Crete in Hudson and D & D Concrete in Hammond. Belisle stated he will contact some companies and have contractors come out for a bid. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to postpone the decision on the Fire Dept. office flooring until August 1st meeting. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Request for Hallway Between Fire Hall and Town Hall Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Germain to postpone the hallway between the Fire Hall and the Town Hall. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

2% Fire Dues and Overage on Brush Truck: Belisle reported 2% dues were less than expected and requested Town to make up the \$415.00 difference. The Village also had a deficit in 2% money. Joint Town/Village Board meeting agenda item. Belisle requested Town/Village assist in paying for overage of \$500.00 on brush truck. Joint Town/Village Board meeting agenda item. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to postpone the 2% fire dues deficit and the overage of \$500.00 on the brush truck until the next joint Town/Village meeting. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Parks & Rec Committee Report: While Park & Rec Plan is being completed, acquisition on land is currently on hold. Peeples stated DNR wants appraisal and something in writing from landowner, stating they are willing to sell the land, prior to applying for a DNR grant. Board reviewed questionnaire for selection of park land and agreed they would contact Bill Lawson if they want anything added to list of questions. Parks & Rec Committee is looking for more members.

Old Business-Suzanne Peeples/Stevens Engineers-Public Facilities Needs Assessment & Impact Fee Schedule: Peeples recommended attorney review document and obtain opinion in writing. Peeples presented a sample resolution for adoption of the CIP. Peeples suggested adoption of CIP Resolution and setting a date for a public hearing on impact fees be on the August 1st agenda.

Big Ring Flyers Bicycle Club-Request to use 160th Avenue: Bicycle Club will submit proof of insurance. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Gunderson to approve the use of 160th Ave. on Sat., Aug. 11, 9:00 a.m. for the Big Ring Flyers Bicycle Club race. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Town Hall Use Contract Between Town of Somerset and Somerset Senior Center: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Gunderson to approve the Town Hall Use Contract. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Approval of Operator's License for Jon Reyer: Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Germain to approve an operator's license for Jon Reyer. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Prices and Consideration of Approval for Heating & Cooling of Town Hall Office: Much discussion. Schachtner will get some prices from contractors. No action taken.

Planning Commission Report: Brian Meyer-Request for Waiver to Land Division Standards to Reduce Setback to 50': Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Demulling to approve the waiver request to reduce the setback to 50' at 431 Polk/St. Croix Road. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

The Kraemer Company/Benny Stenner-Request for Renewal of Special Exception Permit for Mining at Rivard Stone Quarry: Kraemer requesting removal of the six-month notification to County prior to expiration of permit. Hours of operation currently 7:00 a.m., now requesting 6:00 a.m. start time. Back up alarm concerns have arisen, but alarms are required by MSHA. New system for back up alarm with a more pleasing tone has been ordered and Kraemer is committed to trying new system. Blasting still performed, with prior notification to neighbors. No blasting material stored on site. Mike Rivard spoke and stated his agreement with Kraemer's renewal of the permit.

Larry Wolf addressed the Board on his concern with early start time in regard to rock crusher, beeping and blasting. Extension of hours to 6:00 a.m. shouldn't be necessary, due to the highway project being completed. Wolf commented that earlier start time would be more disrupting to neighbors.

Mark Hoffman presented a photo showing piles of dirt from the quarry. Hoffman is concerned with the blasting, the backup alarms and the river. Hoffman requested something be done to mitigate the impact on the river. Roger Osegard stated stockpiled material will be used for reclamation and quarry is progressing away from the river. Jean Hoffman spoke on Kraemer's request to remove the six-month notification to the County for renewal of permit. Schachtner stated the request is to the County.

Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Plourde to keep the hours of operation the same, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Motion by Germain, seconded by Plourde to leave item #2 to the discretion of the County that requires a six-month notification prior to the expiration of the permit. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Motion by Demulling, seconded by Gunderson to recommend to the County to renew the request for a five-year special exception permit for The Kraemer Company at the Rivard Quarry with the conditions as previously motioned. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Jeri Koester,
Clerk