

**Town of Somerset
2010 Board of Review (adjourned)
& Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 1, 2010**

2010 Board of Review (adjourned) & September Town Board Meeting: Chairman Schachtner called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm. Present were Demulling, Germain, Plourde, Rauch, Schachtner and assessor, Barrett Brenner. Brenner was present to discuss the re-valuation. Brenner stated field work is finished. Data is being put into the computer. Equalized value has dropped considerably. Brenner has spoken with Dept. of Revenue and after data is in computer, he will set up a meeting with Thomas Janssen to discuss equalized value. Open book to be tentatively held on four dates, possibly October 22, 23, 25, and 26, but not firmly set yet. Assessment notices to be mailed two weeks before the first open book, approximately the first week of October.

Chairman Schachtner called the 2010 Board of Review to order at 8:13 pm. Roll call vote: Demulling-yes, Plourde-yes, Germain-yes, Rauch-yes, Schachtner-yes. Due to the assessment roll being incomplete at this time, motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to adjourn the Board of Review until Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at 6:00 pm. Motion by Rauch, seconded by Demulling to adjourn the Board of Review. Motion carried.

Chairman Schachtner called the September Town Board meeting to order at 8:14 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Motion by Germain, seconded by Demulling to approve the agenda. Motion carried. No public input.

Clerk's Report: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Rauch to approve the August 4th meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Rauch to approve the August Financial Report. Motion carried.

Building Inspector's Report: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to approve the August Building Inspector's Report. Motion carried.

Animal Control Report & Consideration of Increase in Animal Control Pick Up Fees and After Hours Fees for 2011: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to approve the August Animal Control Report and the increase in pick up fees for 2011. Motion carried.

Fire/Rescue Commission Report: Plourde read the report from Chief Belisle. August had 48 calls for service; busier month than July. Fire Dept. is still awaiting payments totaling \$15,000 from 2009 & 2010 for Country Splash concerts. Payments to go into fundraising account toward the purchase of a boat. Town Board consensus was to request the concert payments be discussed at the October joint meeting. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to approve the Fire/Rescue Commission Report. Motion carried.

Parks & Rec Committee Report: Germain reported on last meeting at Parnell Prairie Preserve. Next meeting September 13th to work on grant with state for plantings.

Old Business: Schoby house damaged by fire; no progress yet.

New Business-Consideration of Operator's License for Danielle Weinhaus: Motion by Rauch, seconded by Plourde to approve an Operator's License for Danielle Weinhaus. Motion carried.

Mandi Featherstone-Twin Springs Park Town August 14th Complaint & Request for Refund:

Mandi Featherstone was present to state her complaint and requested all or some of the \$369.25 towing bill to be refunded. Featherstone stated it was a misunderstanding that she did not put the stub on the dashboard. Board presented photos of signage, ordinance posted on site, pay box instructions, and daily park permit envelopes-all of which have clear instructions printed on them. Board reviewed photos, ordinance, Featherstone's email, and Sheriff's report of August 14. Motion by Germain, seconded by Demulling to deny any refund to Featherstone, noting the towing bill of \$369.25 was due to Jerry's towing and the Town had administration fees of \$25.00. Motion carried.

Policy Concerning Use of Town Hall for Meetings by Outside Groups: Motion by Rauch, seconded by Germain to deny usage of the Town Hall for meetings by outside groups. Motion carried.

Consideration of Approving Somerset Senior Center Town Hall Use Contract for 2010-2011:

Changes to include bathrooms being thoroughly cleaned once a week, and inspected and cleaned daily, restocking of supplies daily, permission from Town prior to moving in large furniture or items and mounting items on walls. Schachtner will attend Senior Center Board meeting on September 21st at 9:00 am. Next month's agenda item.

Planning Commission Report-1 Lot CSM/Gene Holen/S & N Surveying at 2224 Hwy. 35:

Planning Commission recommends approval. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the 1 Lot CSM for Gene Holen as presented. Motion carried. Park fee has been paid.

David Hayden-Recommendation from Town on County Special Exception Permit to Park Commercial Vehicles (Contractor Storage Yard) on Ag./Res. Property at 1562-89th St. (After the Fact Permit):

Hayden eventually wants to build a house on property, and will be building a shed to store his equipment. Site visit was completed by Planning Commission. Hayden was instructed to attend Sept. 15th Planning Commission meeting, which is prior to County hearing. No drainage easement, however, drainage area will be avoided when building. No registered covenants for Boardman Estates. Schachtner asked when shed would be built. Hayden responded after County hearing in September, he planned to begin the process. Hayden plans a 45' X 54' shed to store one-two vehicles and a chipper. Susie Santer asked if a business can be run out of a shed without having a residence on the parcel. Rauch stated a contractor storage yard is allowed in an ag./residential district per County Zoning's ordinance. Planning Commission suggested no imported materials of chips, brush, trees, no work related storage, screenings, and limiting the number of commercial vehicles to two. Demulling requested the addition of no fuel storage and all commercial vehicles and equipment must be stored inside the building when not in use. Germain suggested the addition of hours of operation and number of employees. Hayden suggested 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Motion by Schachtner, seconded by Germain to recommend approval of the contractor storage yard with the above-listed conditions and the applicant attend the September 15th Planning Commission meeting prior to the County hearing. Motion carried.

Concept Map-Joann Montbriand/Landmark Surveying-123 acres at 710-170th Ave.:

Not present. No action taken.

Apple Eatery/Mike Kappers-Request to Rezone from Commercial to Commercial at 1742 Hillcrest Drive and to Remove Language in 1982 County Zoning Ordinance Restrictions to be Removed-Hours, Fence, Riprap, Closing Time, Police Protection, Garbage Facilities, and Alcoholic Beverages: Not present. Motion by Rauch, seconded by Plourde to take no action or make any recommendation on the Apple Eatery request for rezonement from commercial to commercial, as the applicant did not appear before the Town Board. Town will send a letter to County stating applicant was not present and hearing should be postponed until applicant appears before the Town Board with plans, so Town can consider request and make a recommendation. Motion carried.

Codification of Ordinances Update: Plourde reported on ordinance workday with Rauch, Schachtner, Plourde, Koester and Municode. Examples of four new ordinances to adopt were received. Codification is in editing process now; for about three months. Plourde suggested Planning Commission review large assemblies and mobile home ordinance. Identity theft and noxious weed ordinances can be incorporated quite easily.

Transportation & Facilities Committee Report-Road Projects: 45th St. is awaiting paving. Discussion on stop signs at 192nd/45th, 45th/38th intersection and removal of two large trees. Schachtner will contact railroad about removal of high bridge temporary driveway and flagman during paving. Rice Lake Road needs gravel before paving. AMZ billing issue with County and Town of Star Prairie for 80th St. has been resolved. Seal coating is not completed yet on 80th St. & 180th Ave. due to weather delays.

Equipment Update: 986 IH has defective hydraulic pump and is being repaired; possible warranty on defective pump.

Updated Safety Rules-Consideration of Approval: Motion by Germain, seconded by Rauch to approve the updated safety rules. Motion carried.

Recommendation on Employee Wages Per Performance Reviews: Motion by Germain, seconded by Rauch to freeze the highway employee wages for 2011, per the annual performance reviews. Motion carried.

Announcements: Schachtner announced upcoming Primary Election, Tuesday, Sept. 14th, polls open 7 am–8 pm and Bakke Norman Municipal Law Seminar Thursday, Sept. 23rd, 6 pm at WITC of which Town officers need to RSVP to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 pm.

Jeri Koester,
Clerk