

Town of Somerset
Special Town Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 11, 2008

Chairman Schachtner called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. Present were Demulling, Germain, Gunderson, Plourde and Schachtner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the assessor's original contract, amended contract faxed 9-09-08, faxed letter dated 9-10-08, postponement of open books scheduled for 9-12-08 and 9-18-08 and possible postponement of Board of Review on 10-09-08 & 10-10-08, discussion and consideration of 2008 assessment revaluation options and return of all Town records.

Original contract: Discussion and review of original contract dated 9-06-06.

Amended contract faxed from Bob Irwin on 9-09-08: Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Germain to deny the amended assessor's contract faxed and dated 9-09-08. Motion carried. All members voted yes. In addition, Schachtner stated he talked to Irwin on the phone 9-09-08 stating Town could not meet the Wed., 9-10-08, 10:00 a.m. deadline because the 24-hour posting notice for a legal meeting would not be possible, unable to have a quorum and the primary election was being held in Town Hall on 9-09-08.

Letter from Bob Irwin faxed 9-10-08: Discussion on letter faxed from Irwin on 9-10-08. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to postpone the open book dates scheduled on 9-12-08 and 9-18-08 to a later date. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Discussion and consideration of 2008 assessment reevaluation options. Returned to discussion on original contract dated 9-06-06.

Discussion and Consideration of Original Contracted Dated 9-06-06: After much discussion, Board consensus was Irwin violated sections #1, #2, & #3 of the original contract. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to terminate the Assessing Contract between Town of Somerset (dated 9-06-06) and Robert J. Irwin effective immediately, noting that he has been paid through 8-31-08 and a letter from the Town's attorney notifying Robert Irwin of his termination and return of all Town records. Motion carried. Roll call vote: Schachtner-yes, Gunderson-yes, Germain-yes, Plourde-yes, Demulling-yes.

2008 Assessment Options-Motion by Plourde, seconded by Gunderson to utilize the 2007 tax assessment values with new construction added/ag changes. A special meeting will be held on Wednesday, 9-24-08 to discuss this subject further.

Meeting adjourned 9:15 p.m.

Jeri Koester,
Clerk