

**Town of Somerset
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 1, 2008**

Chairman Schachtner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Germain, Plourde, Gunderson, Demulling and Schachtner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Plourde to approve the agenda. Motion carried. All members voted yes. No public input.

Clerk's & Treasurer's Reports: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to approve the September 3rd, 11th, 17th, 24th and 25th Minutes. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Germain to approve the September Financial Report. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Building Inspector Report-Consider Changing Resolution 2008-01: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the September Building Inspector's Report. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Discussion on Resolution 2008-01 amendment not requiring a permit for maintenance work. Board questioned why proposed amendment stated less than \$2,000 and did not include siding. Motion by Schachtner, seconded by Germain to postpone until November. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

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

Fire/Rescue Commission Report: 285 calls for the year, 2009 budget approved, ~~new~~ 2009 multi-purpose truck approved for purchase, open house and visit to schools in October, department appreciated Demulling's help in getting mile markers; ~~and~~ Jason Crotty will be returning [from Iraq](#).

Transportation & Facilities Committee Report: Schachtner, Germain and Demulling met to set goals and objections. Discussion on inspection of roof for hail damage.

Parks & Rec Committee Report: Gunderson reported on last meeting. Doug Hoskin/St. Croix National Golf & Event Center has shown interest in winter activities. Vision 64 discussed a trail on 80th Street underneath electrical lines/easement. Brad Nemec sent photos of Larry Forrest Memorial Park improvements. Comprehensive Park & Recreation Plan is available on website at www.townofsomerset-wi.org. Discussion on leaving proposed trails off of the maps and show existing trails with a notation to contact the Town Clerk for the proposed trail map.

Acquisition of Park Land/Concept Plans: Chris Strom, engineer, presented two concept maps on the parcels of land under consideration for park land. Both concept maps show a layout ~~that would~~ [that would](#) require the least amount of excavation for placement of fields. Earthwork on each ~~field is~~ [field is](#) almost identical ~~with 20,000~~ [with 20,000](#) – 25,000 cubic yards, striping topsoil and restoration on both pieces with a cost of approximately \$115,000 for each parcel. This cost does not include building fields. Gunderson will inquire with Suzanne People's as to the best way to proceed.

Old Business-Somerset Youth Hockey-Request for Assistance with Program: Much discussion on snow removal and monetary donation. Wiederin suggested a \$3,000 donation. Schachtner stated the Board will check into if park fees can be used for a donation, otherwise the ~~fundsdonation~~ would have to be worked into the 2009 budget. Next month's agenda item.

Project Lifesaver-Request for Donation: Demulling ~~suggested asked if~~ Fire/Rescue Department ~~could~~ make a donation out of their fundraising account, ~~if willing.~~ Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to donate \$500.00 ~~from the Town~~ and ~~askask~~ the Fire Department for a commitment of a matching donation out of their fundraising money ~~withand~~ the \$500.00 ~~will be~~ dispersed when the units are purchased. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Law Enforcement Agreement with County: Board consensus was approximately 50 hours for patrol ~~on Holiday weekends/summer weekends.~~ Schachtner will check with Sheriff on ~~hourly 2009~~ rates and Town will budget for this ~~expense~~ in 2009.

Dennis Fleischauer Fence Repairs: ~~Cattle still running at large.~~ Schachtner will contact a fencing company. Fence repairs will be made and assessed to the property owner.

New Business-Pine Lake Resident Petition: Dick Wettergreen presented a petition ~~regarding~~ on concerns on enhancing facility with dock ~~and~~ parking. ~~Petition listed in regard to~~ safety, usage control, ~~and m~~aintenance, ~~control, maintenane~~/refuse ~~control~~ and fund appropriation. Bill Hunt commented on kids using dock and it being an attractive nuisance; a liability for the Town. ~~Discussion on signage.~~ Board consensus was parking spots will get cars off the road, making the situation safer, and usage will not dramatically increase. Wettergreen requested Sheriff patrol ~~area~~ dedicated to Pine Lake Boat Landing. Discussion on lowering speed limit and signage. ~~All concerns will be addressed.~~

Pine Lake Boat Launch Bid Tabulation Summary: Strom discussed spreadsheet with three bids submitted. ~~and~~ Belisle Excavating ~~was~~ the low bidder at \$55,205.00, including dry hydrant. ~~Much deliberation about the e~~Extra \$2,200 submitted for 50' ~~long~~ dock gangway in place of 40' gangway. ~~Strom recommended the extra 10'.~~ Strom recommended awarding the contract to Belisle.

Consideration of Awarding Bid for Pine Lake Boat Launch: Motion by Germain, seconded by ~~Demulling~~ to award the bid for Pine Lake Boat Landing to Belisle Excavating, schedules A & B, for a total of \$55,205.00 (with a 40' gangway). Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Ordinance 2008-03 To Establish a Fee for Use of the Pine Lake Launching Facility: Referred to Planning Commission and Parks & Rec Committee for review and recommendation with consideration of adoption at the special meeting on October 23, at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Appoint Marin Hansch and Wendy Erickson as Election Inspectors: Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Germain to appoint Marin Hansch and Wendy Erickson as Election Inspectors. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Consideration of Changing November Town Board Meeting Due to General Election: Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Germain to change the November meeting to Tuesday, November 11, 7:00 p.m. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Approval of Operator's License for Lynn Johnson: Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Germain to approve an Operator's License for Lynn Johnson. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Discussion and Consideration of Codification of Ordinances: Plourde discussed codification process. Municode/Ellen Fox will provide a price based upon the number of pages and ordinances. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to pursue codifying Town ordinances in 2009. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Discussion on Budget Work/Scheduling Public Budget Hearing: Board consensus was to have a special meeting on October 23, 9:00 a.m. to work on the budget with the auditor. The public budget hearing is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Report: Rauch presented draft subdivision ordinance for review. Discussion on designated platted subdivisions [and](#) discharge of firearms. Proposed commercial zoning at [389-172nd Avenue](#) to be heard at October [r](#)15th Planning Commission meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Jeri Koester,
Clerk