

**Town of Somerset
Public Hearing & Town Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 3, 2007**

These Minutes are unofficial until approved at November 7th meeting.

6:30 p.m. – Public Hearing: Chairman Schachtner called the public hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Germain, Gunderson, Plourde, Demulling, Schachtner, and Suzanne Peeples (engineer). The purpose of the public hearing was to consider a proposed public facilities needs assessment for the adoption of an impact fee ordinance. Peeples presented the following figures for the proposed impact fee: \$1,123.44 roads, \$377.16 fire protection, \$423.88 parks and recreation, \$581.90 salt shed and other transportation for a total impact fee of \$2,506.37. With no further public comments, Schachtner announced that the impact fee ordinance will be considered at the November 7th meeting. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Demulling to adjourn. Motion carried. Public hearing closed at 6:48 p.m.

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

Clerk's & Treasurer's Report: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the September Minutes. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to approve the September Financial Report. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Building Inspector's Report: Discussion on Putz and Bailey not obtaining permits for project and putting the charges on the tax bill. Wert will send both parties a final notice. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to approve the September Building Inspector's Report. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Animal Control Report: Board agreed dog owners should be responsible for dogs running loose and dry run charges. Koester will discuss issue with Animal Control-Kathi Pelnar regarding charges to inquire what other municipalities are doing. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Demulling to approve the September Animal Control Report. Motion carried. All members voted.

Parks & Rec Committee: September 7th meeting-committee drove around and looked at current park assets. October 1st meeting-committee discussed Stewardship Grant application and fee proposal from Peeples of \$1,800.00 for assistance with writing grant. Larry Rauch stated Town has Comprehensive Plan in place with vision for Town.

Fire/Rescue Commission Report: Demulling read September report from Belisle. 29 calls, 22 members on roster, 2008 proposed budget and Knox Box ordinance on joint meeting agenda. Another letter from Belisle regarding need for additional light switches in truck bay. Schachtner is obtaining a price on light switches. Belisle requested locked access to Fire Dept. from new Town Hall office. Much discussion on keys and various doors. Board consensus was to turn the lock around on the door leading into the bay, which will secure the area. Fire Dept. members should be accessing the building from the other side, due to their equipment being stored in that area.

New Business-Robert & Gail deNeui-Request for Driveway Permit off of Twin Springs Road:

Private roadway is in litigation in St. Croix County Court. Schachtner has spoken with County Zoning regarding this issue and they have stated 150' separation from centerline, because private roadway may be upgraded to a town road. County questioned when subdivision was put in, were all the lots designed to use private road as access rather than off of Twin Springs road. Schachtner asked why deNeui's don't use driveway they have off of private road, as it provides them an access. Gail deNeui stated if court determines road has to be upgraded, they cannot afford it and therefore they want access off of Twin Springs Road. Schachtner has discussed the issue with County and the possibility of an intersection requires the 150' separation, so now a physical measurement has to be done to determine if the sight line is safe. No action taken.

Valley Custom Cabinets Estimate for Cabinets/Desk: Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Plourde to postpone. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Operator's License for Christine Handy: Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Germain to approve the Operator's License for Christine Handy. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Planning Commission Report-Tom Reinke/Request to Move House from 1665 Hwy. 65, New Richmond to Stonewood Development-84th Street: Reinke has gotten permission from Stonewood developers, utility companies, and Town of Richmond to move house by end of October. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to approve the moving of the house from 1665 Hwy. 65, New Richmond to Lot #11, Stonewood development off of 84th Street requiring a building permit from Wert, house to be set on a permanent foundation, with well and sewer installed, within 120 days of today's date. Reinke must call Town for a final inspection prior to return of \$5,000 bond. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Dennis Benson/GGG Engineering/Johnson & Scofield Surveying-Concept map for 10 Lots (Benson Estates) at 2300-55th Street: Board reviewed concept map and had no objections to the plat. No action taken.

Repeal Planning Commission Ordinance 1997-02: Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Demulling to repeal Planning Commission Ordinance 1997-02. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Adopt Planning Commission Ordinance 2007-02: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Gunderson to adopt Planning Commission Ordinance 2007-02. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Adoption of this ordinance puts the Town into compliance with the State Statutes.

Rauch reported he is setting up a meeting with the County to discuss new Town subdivision ordinance. Discussion on roads, amount of land to set aside, minimum lot size, shared septic systems and wells within conservation design.

Other Announcements: Schachtner reminded Board of joint meeting with Village and Fire/Rescue Commission on October 8th and budget work night with auditor on October 10th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Jeri Koester,
Clerk