

**Town of Somerset
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 6, 2010**

Chairman Schachtner called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Demulling, Germain, Plourde, Rauch and Schachtner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Approval of agenda: Motion by Germain, seconded by Plourde to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Public input: Rita Lawson stated the second graders recently toured the Historic Old Town Hall and the Haunted Hall event will be held Sunday, October 31 from 4:30 pm -7:00 pm.

Clerk's Report: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the September 1 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Rauch, seconded by Demulling to approve the payment of bills as presented. Motion carried.

Building Inspector's Report & Discussion on David Thompson & Neal Cosgrove Issues: Wert explained situation and stated David Thompson is working with county zoning to get a waiver to reduce the setback to 75'. Wert and Dan Sitz inspected the Cosgrove property. Cosgrove has an arched-metal shed that was built without a permit, along with the mobile home storage shed. Discussion on citation process. Next month's agenda item. Motion by Germain, seconded by Plourde to approve the September Building Inspector's Report. Motion carried.

Animal Control Report: None.

Fire/Rescue Commission Report & 2011 Budget: Plourde read the September report from Chief Belisle. 14 calls made for a much slower month than August. Total run volume for 2010 is 254 compared to 273 in 2009. A citizen has approached the department with a possible donation of a boat. October is Fire Prevention Month and visits will be made to the schools and daycare facilities. Open House at Fire Hall on October 9th. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to approve the Town's portion of the Fire/Rescue's budget of \$75,796 with the notation that if the 2% dues are greater than \$9,800 in 2011 the Town will reduce their portion of the second half payment of the contract. Motion carried.

Parks & Rec Committee Report-Pine Lake Dock Damage, Insurance Claim and Repair Estimates: Lawson will mow the fire break this fall. School is interested in bringing students out to property. Lawson has spoke with Chris Stein/St. Croix National Park Service concerning a lookout area for the High Bridge. Pine Lake-damage to dock estimates received were \$2,834.00 and claim filed with insurance company. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the Parks & Rec Committee Report. Motion carried.

Old Business-Schooby House at 882-174th Avenue Damaged by Fire: Wert will contact Paul Norcia of Norcia Insurance Consultants to inquire what progress is being made.

New Business-Consideration of Approving Somerset Senior Center Town Hall Use Contract for 2010-2011: Motion by Rauch, seconded by Plourde to approve the Somerset Senior Center Town Hall Use Contract for 2010-2011. Motion carried.

Consideration of Approving Tax Collection Agreement with St. Croix Co. for 2010 Tax Roll:

Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to prove the Tax Collection Agreement with St. Croix County for the 2010 Tax Roll. Motion carried.

Consideration of Approving Change of Agent for Patio Lounge of Somerset Inc. from

Maurice Leverty to Monea Johnson: Motion by Germain, seconded by Demulling to approve the change of agent from Maurice Leverty to Monea Johnson for Patio Lounge of Somerset Inc. Motion carried.

Discussion on Action Regarding Unpaid Delinquent Personal Property Taxes (2009 Tax Roll) for Craig Casperson, Belisle Excavating, Robert Goodman, Wildblue Comm. and Unpaid Animal Control Invoices for Edith Kludtke and Zachary Warnick:

Motion by Plourde, seconded by Rauch to write off Wildblue Comm. delinquent personal property bill of \$6.00 (interest/penalties) due to it already being paid to the state, Casperson & Goodman-if not paid by December 15th small claims court filing, Belisle-see legal opinion as to how to proceed, Kludtke & Warnick animal control charges-if not paid by November 1st will be put on tax roll as special charge. Motion carried. Demulling abstained.

2011 Budget & Public Budget Hearing Date: Motion by Germain, seconded by Demulling to set the Public Budget Hearing for Wed., Nov. 17, at 6:30 p.m.

Transportation & Facilities Committee Report-Road Projects, Equipment Update: 45th Street paving on October 12. IH 986 tractor being repaired. Pinska, Neumann and Steel to attend driver simulator training at County Highway Dept.

Planning Commission Report-Concept Map for Joann Montbriand/Landmark Surveying-

710-170th Avenue/3 Lots/123 Acres: Joel Anez presented 3 lot map of property which is zoned ag./residential. Each lot is over 35 acres and has more than 66' of road frontage. Discussion on three lots triggering a town road being constructed. Much discussion on easement, making sure that if a future town road goes in both parties know that a road must be built and the easement would allow a road to be constructed. Town requires park fee on any newly created, vacant lots. Therefore, this proposed concept map would require submittal of two \$400.00 park fees.

Apple Eatery/Mike Kappers-Request to rezone from Commercial to Commercial at 1742

Hillcrest Drive and to Remove Language in 1982 Ordinance Restrictions to Be Removed:

Hours, Fence, Riprap, Closing Time, Police Protection, Garage Facilities and Alcoholic

Beverages: Motion by Germain, seconded by Demulling to recommend the request to rezone from commercial to commercial and remove the language in 1982 ordinance restrictions as listed above. Motion carried.

Codification of Ordinances: Municode has released the manuscript proof. Addition of mobile home, large gathering, identity theft, nuisance, noxious weeds will be reviewed.

Announcements: General Election, November 2, Polls open 7 am – 8 pm

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Jeri Koester, Clerk