

**Town of Somerset
2007 Public Budget Hearing,
Special Town Meeting of the Electors &
November Town Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 1, 2006**

2007 Public Budget Hearing: Chairman Schachtner called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. Town Board members present: Demulling, Gunderson, Germain, Plourde, and Schachtner. Town auditor, Steve Scheidler, presented the budget. No questions or comments by residents. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Gunderson to close the public budget hearing. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Hearing closed at 7:17 p.m.

Special Town Meeting of the Electors: Chairman Schachtner called the special meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. All present.

- Approval of 2007 total highway expenditures: Motion by Larry Rauch, seconded by Lynn Cook to approve \$648,065 total highway expenditures for 2007. Motion carried. All residents voted in favor; none opposed.
- Approval of 2006 Town tax levy to be paid in 2007: Motion by Lynn Cook, seconded by Tom Roy to approve the 2006 Town Tax of 2 mills (\$2.014 per \$1,000 of valuation). Motion carried. All residents voted in favor; none opposed.
- Establish compensation of elected Town officials for terms beginning in April 2007: Motion by Dave Durand, seconded by Tom Roy to approve a total of \$43,333 as compensation for elected Town officials for terms beginning in April 2007. Motion carried. All residents voted in favor; none opposed.
- Authorization for Town Board to hire Town Officers as part-time help (snow removal) and set hourly rate: Motion by Lynn Cook, seconded by Larry Rauch to authorize the Town Board to hire Town Officers as part-time help and set the hourly rate at \$22.24/per hour without benefits. Motion carried. All residents voted in favor; none opposed.

Motion by Lynn Cook, seconded by Larry Rauch to adjourn. Special Town Meeting of the Electors adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

November Town Board Meeting: Chairman Schachtner called the November Town Board meeting to order at 7:26 p.m. Present: Plourde, Demulling, Gunderson, Germain and Schachtner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Demulling to approve the agenda. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Public Input: Tom Germain presented a letter from the DOT regarding driveway access off of Hwy. 35. Lynn Cook stated concerns over the re-evaluation process.

Clerk's & Treasurer's Reports: Motion by Germain, seconded by Demulling to approve the October 4th Minutes. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Gunderson to approve the October Financial Report. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Building Inspector's Report: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to approve the October Building Inspector's Report. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Fire/Rescue Commission Report: Demulling read a report from Travis Belisle updating the department's activities. Discussion on an outdoor streetlight and building leak.

Parks & Rec Committee: Have not met in November yet.

Old Business-Website: Ruth Steiner is almost finished with website. She requested Town Board check site for errors or omissions.

New Business-Acceptance of 2007 Budget: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to accept the 2007 Budget as presented. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Roger LaMirande-Fence Along 85th Street: John LaMirande, representing Roger LaMirande, requested a picket fence along 85th Street due to the steep slope. Board will obtain prices for different styles of fences for consideration at November 9th special meeting.

Operator's License for Cassie Hatella: Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Demulling to approve an Operator's License for Cassie Hatella, as she has completed the Responsible Beverage Server's Course. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Letter from Town of Kinnickinnic Regarding County's Setbacks: Board reviewed the letter from Town of Kinnickinnic Chair, Mary Murphy, regarding County Zoning Ordinance requirements on setbacks. Town Board agreed setbacks should be the same for all lots. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Demulling to send a letter to Kinnickinnic supporting a 50' setback on all lots, not just vacant lots. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Realignment of 192nd Avenue and County Road I: Schachtner has been contacted by County Highway Department regarding planned improvement to 192nd and County Road I intersection next year. County has applied for a grant for the project, as safety is a concern.

Planning Commission Report-Humphrey Engineering/Collova-Final Plat of The NE Angle (20 lots): Board consensus was proposed road should be numbered "237th Avenue" instead of "236th Avenue" as it is not straight. Motion by Germain, seconded by Gunderson to approve the final plat of The NE Angle with park fees to be paid at final plat signing. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Larry Rauch presented draft of the Subdivision Ordinance the Planning Commission is working on.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Jeri Koester, Clerk