

**Town of Somerset
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 3, 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 Demulling, seconded by Germain to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Public input: Bill Lawson commented he attended the Open Book and it was well organized. The assessors were prepared, knowledgeable and equitable. Joel & Renee Massey addressed the Board requesting paving of 40th Street. Schachtner stated that the Board would take their request under consideration. Rita Lawson reported the Haunted Town Hall was well attended. Rita Lawson also presented photos of the water tower by the Old Town Hall and is looking for more old photos of the Historic Town Hall.

Clerk's Report: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Rauch to approve the October 6th meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to approve the October Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

Building Inspector's Report & Discussion on David Thompson, Neal Cosgrove, Dennis

Fleischauer and Schoby Issues: Motion by Rauch, seconded by Germain to approve the October Building Inspector's Report. Motion carried. Thompson is working with the County on the variance/waiver for setback. County has sent a letter dated October 27th to Cosgrove regarding mobile home violation. Fleischauer and Schoby issues-ongoing.

Animal Control Report: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Rauch to approve the October Animal Control Report. Motion carried.

Fire/Rescue Commission Report/Boat Donation: Plourde read the report from Chief Belisle. October resulted in 20 calls; 274 calls so far this year. The Fire Dept. met and agreed to pay \$5,500 from fundraising account and accept the donation of the boat/motor from a resident. The equipment is valued at \$17,000. Some alterations will have to be done to the boat for radios, lights and signage.

Parks & Rec Committee Report-Parnell Prairie Preserve-Consideration of Matching Grant and Estimate: U.S. Fish & Wildlife grant received is \$2,000.00. They will not participate in a controlled burn this year. Committee will ask Fire Dept. to assist. Volunteer hours in lieu of payment for matching grant. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to accept the grant from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for \$2,000. Motion carried. Paul Boerger resigned from Committee; one vacancy.

Old Business-Animal Control Charges \$70.91 for Zachary Warnick-Steve Whitman resident at 2225-74th St. Requesting to Abolish Special Charge for 2010 Tax Roll: Whitman explained Warnick was visiting his residence when the boxer ran off and was shot by the arrow. The Town's animal control picked up the dog, which resulted in the \$70.91 charges. Warnick provided Whitman's address on the report, but did not reside there and the animal does not belong to Whitman. Motion by Rauch, seconded by Plourde to write off \$70.91 and not put it on the tax roll as a special charge for Steve Whitman as the charge was not related to his animal. Motion carried.

New Business-Consideration of Amending Patio Lounge of Somerset Inc's Liquor and Cigarette License Trade Name/DBA Name from Loch Ness Lounge to Papa B's Lounge: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Rauch to approve amending Patio Lounge of Somerset's Liquor & Cigarette License Trade Name from Loch Ness Lounge to Papa B's Lounge. Motion carried.

Consideration of Contacting Another Law Firm Concerning Unpaid Delinquent Personal Property Tax: Postponed.

Transportation & Facilities Committee Report: IH 986 tractor has been repaired. Next meeting is scheduled for November 30, 9:00 a.m. Discussion on striping a portion of 45th Street.

Planning Committee Report: No land divisions. Committee worked on new mobile home ordinance.

Codification of Ordinances: Plourde will forward noxious weeds, identity theft, large and small gathering ordinances and mobile home ordinance to MuniCode. Discussion on adult entertainment ordinance implementation.

Announcements: Board of Review-Wednesday, November 10th, 6-8 pm and Public Budget Hearing, Wednesday, November 17th, 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Jeri Koester,
Clerk