

**Town of Somerset  
Public Budget Hearing,  
Special Town Meeting of Electors &  
November Town Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, November 4, 2009**

**Public Budget Hearing:** Chairman Schachtner called the Public Budget Hearing to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Germain, Rauch, Plourde, Demulling, Schachtner and auditor, Steve Scheidler. Presentation of the proposed 2010 budget with details of revenues and expenditures. Town mill rate would remain the same for 2010, with no increase of Town tax. Motion by Donald Kern, seconded by Lynn Cook to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried.

**Special Town Meeting of the Electors:** Chairman Schachtner called the Special Town Meeting of the Electors to order. Present were Lynn Cook, Miles Wittig, Donald Kern, Patricia Morris, Keith Langness.

- **Approval of the total highway expenditures for 2010 of \$689,710:** Motion by Donald Kern, seconded by Lynn Cook to approve \$689,710 as the total 2010 highway expenditures. Motion carried.
- **Adoption of 2009 Town Tax Levy of \$717,566 to be paid in 2010:** Motion by Donald Kern, seconded by Patricia Morris to approve adoption of the 2009 Town tax levy of \$717,566. Motion carried.
- **Establish compensation of elected Town officials for the terms of office to begin in April 2010:** Motion by Donald Kern, seconded by Lynn Cook to establish the compensation of the elected Town officials for terms of office to begin April 2010, at the current rate with no increase, as set in the budget. Motion carried.
- **Authorize the Town Board to hire Town Officers as employees of the Town and set the hourly rate:** Motion by Lynn Cook, seconded by Donald Kern to hire Town Officers as employees of the Town (part time/snow removal) and set the hourly rate at \$23.71/per hour with no benefits. Motion carried.

Motion by Donald Kern, seconded by Lynn Cook to adjourn the Special Town Meeting of the Electors. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

**November Town Board Meeting:** Chairman Schachtner called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Germain, Rauch, Plourde, Demulling and Schachtner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Motion by Germain, seconded by Rauch to approve the agenda. Motion carried. No public input.

**Clerk's & Treasurer's Reports:** Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the October 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Rauch, seconded by Demulling to approve the October Financial Report. Motion carried.

**Building Inspector's Report:** Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to approve the October Building Inspector's Report. Motion carried.

**Animal Control Report:** Discussion on animal control issue involving cats on 50<sup>th</sup> St. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Rauch to approve the October Animal Control Report. Motion carried.

**Fire/Rescue Commission Report:** Demulling read a report from Belisle. 303 total run calls for 2009 compared to 307 for 2008. Open House was successful. Five firefighters attended National Fire Academy. Motion by Germain, seconded by Rauch to approve the Fire/Rescue Commission Report for October. Motion carried.

**Parks & Rec Committee Report:** Paul Boerger is working on proposed names for the park. Pine Lake dry hydrant needs to be winterized.

**Transportation & Facilities Committee Report:** Schachtner reported on October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Committee worked on new truck purchase, mailbox policy and TRIP application.

**TRIP Application-Consideration of Project:** Motion by Plourde, seconded by Rauch to submit hot asphalt pavement for 45<sup>th</sup> St. on the TRIP Application. Motion carried.

**Mailbox Policy:** Discussion on adding a maximum post size of 4 X 4 for wood posts and a maximum height 48". Mailbox Policy postponed until December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

**Consideration of Equipment Pricing:** Still working on obtaining equipment pricing from dealers. Discussion on review and consideration at a special Town Board meeting or a Transportation & Facilities Committee meeting in November. Consensus was to have a Transportation & Facilities Committee meeting to review prices of equipment and consider purchase order in November. Plourde stated he'd like to see the specifications list.

**New Business-2009 Budget Transfer of \$30,000 from Town Hall Capital Outlay to Major Road Projects Account:** Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the 2009 budget transfer of \$30,000 from Town Hall Capital Outlay to Major Road Projects Account. Motion carried.

**Adoption of 2010 Budget:** Motion by Germain, seconded by Rauch to adopt the 2010 Budget as presented. Motion carried.

**Approval of Special Charges for 2009 Tax Roll:** Dan Gareis, 1924-80<sup>th</sup> Street special charge of \$74.30 for WI DNR for unpaid invoice regarding yield tax assessed for a timber harvest conducted on managed forest lands parcel #032-1071-40-000; Monea Johnson 1584-32<sup>nd</sup> St. special charge of \$108.00 for Brian Wert Inspection Agency on behalf of the Town of Somerset for no deck building permit fee on parcel #032-2062-30-000; Steven Meyers, 481 County Road V V special charge of \$198.00 for no building permit on electrical service for Brian Wert Inspection Agency on behalf of the Town of Somerset parcel #032-2017-70-000. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to approve special charges to the tax roll for Dan Gareis, Monea Johnson and Steven D. Meyers as noted above. Motion carried.

**Town of St. Joseph Request for Agreement of Special Charge for 2009 Tax Roll for Animal Pickup:** Motion by Germain, seconded by Rauch to deny the request for agreement of a special charge for the 2009 tax roll between Town of St. Joseph and Town of Somerset for an animal pick up fee. Motion carried.

**County/Town Ordinance Violations-** Town Board to notify all landowners by mail and pursue enforcement on the following issues. **Keith Langness-1794-50<sup>th</sup> St. -** Mobile construction trailer on lot, not set back far enough from road setback requirement as it sits 63' from center of road, driveway is not legal as it is the second driveway per residential lot and is only 100' from the landowner's current driveway, no permits obtained, unit is on wheels and has some type of bathroom facility. Langness stated the trailer was for storage only. Board reviewed the Town's ordinance specifically Section 2 (c). Discussion on possible living quarters. Langness stated no one would be occupying it. Plourde stressed the Town must go by their current ordinance, specifically Section 2, and Langness has to comply with the Town's ordinance or remove it. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Rauch that the Keith Langness mobile home construction trailer at 1794-50<sup>th</sup> St. must be removed within 30 days or comply with the Town's mobile home ordinance dated 1970, by returning to the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting with compliance plans and request for permit. Motion carried. **Martha Geenen-725 Hwy. 35-Unpermitted Business:** St. Croix County Zoning is following up on this violation. **Thomas Reinke-1574-84<sup>th</sup> St. plastic culvert:** Town ordinance allows for galvanized steel culverts only. **Julie Armstead-2147-62<sup>nd</sup> St.:** Decorative rock in road right-of-way which Town previously sent a letter March 7, 2005 asking for removal. Rock sits 4.5' off edge of 62<sup>nd</sup> Street. **Leon Reiman, 1537 Oak Ridge Lane:** Decorative rock in road right-of-way sitting 3' from edge of road. Letter had earlier been sent July 24, 2003 for removal and no action has been taken. **Emilio Rodriguez, 823-160<sup>th</sup> Ave.,** St. Croix County Zoning is investigating the violation of storage of junk/unlicensed vehicles. Also noted, **John Francis, 2357 Delong Rd:** Seven trees in road right-of-way 9' – 16' from edge of road.

**Managed Forest Law Withdrawal by Village & DNR-Complaint Filed by Town:** A complaint has been filed against the DNR and Village of Somerset regarding the Managed Forest Law withdrawal fee on land annexed into the Village and withdrawn from the Managed Forest DNR Program by the Village of Somerset.

**Planning Commission Report-Paul & Karen, Roland, Linda & Joseph Jahnke- 3 Lot CSM:** Discussion on payment of \$400.00 per lot park fee. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to approve the 3 Lot CSM for the Jahnke's as presented, noting the \$400.00 per lot park fee has been paid. Motion carried.

**Codification of Ordinances:** General Code quote is \$7,500; MuniCode quote is \$8,800 – base line quotes which could increase up to 50%.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Jeri Koester,  
Clerk

