

**Town of Somerset
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 2, 2009**

Chairman Schachtner called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Germain, Demulling, Plourde, Rauch and Schachtner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Public input-Rita Lawson suggested framed picture in Town Hall have a label. Board had no problem with Lawson putting a label on the Apple River Bridge photo.

Clerk's & Treasurer's Reports: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to approve the November 4th Minutes. Motion carried. Motion by Rauch, seconded by Demulling to approve the November Financial Report as presented. Motion carried.

Building Inspector's Report & Renewal of Contract for Brian Wert Inspection Agency: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Rauch to approve the November Building Inspector's Report. Motion carried. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to approve renewal of a two-year contract between Brian Wert Inspection Agency and Town of Somerset, expiring December 31, 2011.

Animal Control Report: Motion by Germain, seconded by Rauch to approve the November Animal Control Report. Motion carried.

Fire/Rescue Commission Report: Demulling read a report from Belisle. 25 calls for November, 328 total for 2009. Ken Parent is retiring after 32 years.

Parks & Rec Committee Report: Germain reported next meeting December 7th. Shawn Schottler inspected joint property and felt project is a good candidate for prairie grass restoration-possible grant.

Transportation & Facilities Committee Report-Mailbox Policy: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to approve a new Mailbox Policy as provided. Motion carried. **Consideration of Truck Equipment Purchase:** Transportation Committee met with truck equipment dealers, and received six different quotes. After much discussion, Committee is making a recommendation to the Town Board to select Burke Truck to provide the Town's new truck equipment at an approximate cost of \$68,500.00-verify timeframe on honoring the contract and if equipment works for a different brand of truck other than International. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Rauch to approve the Burke Truck equipment as specified above. Motion carried. **Kitchen Ventilation:** Consensus was to have Brad Briggs install a ventilation fan. **90-Day Review for Brian Pinska:** Transportation & Facilities Committee approved hiring Brian Pinska as a full-time, permanent employee effective December 8, 2009. Motion by Rauch, seconded by Germain to approve the Transportation & Facilities Committee Report for November. Motion carried.

Old Business-Mobile Home Construction Trailer on 50th Street/Keith Langness: January agenda item.

Update on Town Violations/Letters Sent-Reinke, Francis, Armstead, Reiman: Francis has complied and cut the trees out of the road right-of-way. Thomas Reinke, Julie Armstead & Leon Reiman have not complied to date. January agenda item.

New Business-Appoint Election Inspectors for 2-Year Term: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to approve the submitted list of election inspectors for a two year term (expiring 12-31-2011) keeping rate of pay at \$11.00/hour plus meals. Motion carried.

Consider Switching from AnchorBank to First National Community Bank: Town Board reviewed the banking service proposal. Locally-owned, community based bank. Gary Knutson was present to discuss their services. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to switch funds from AnchorBank to First National Community Bank (general savings, park savings and checking account) effective January 1, 2010. Motion carried unanimously. The Board authorized Ed Schachtner and Jeri Koester to be signers on all accounts.

Consider Closing Out Wisconsin Local Government Investment Pool Funds-Savings & Park: Interest rate is .27% and First National Community Bank has offered an ongoing rate of 10 basis points above the LGIP interest rate. Motion by Germain, seconded by Rauch to close out the WI Local Government Investment Pool general savings and park fund, transferring to AnchorBank until December 31, 2009 and then to First National Community Bank effective January 1, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Payment to Ruth Steiner for Website Support: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Rauch to approve Ruth Steiner as the Town's official website support and make payment of \$500.00 in January 2010 for services. Motion carried.

Planning Commission-Codification of Ordinances: Consensus was layout of Municode was preferred over e360/General code. Plourde would like to sign contract in early 2010 to begin codifying all Town ordinances. January agenda item.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Jeri Koester,
Clerk