

**Town of Somerset  
Town Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, December 3, 2008**

Chairman Schachtner called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Present were Demulling, Plourde, Germain, Gunderson and Schachtner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Randy Rosburg commented road crew should look at 55<sup>th</sup> Street cul-de-sac extension before snowfall. Miles Wittig inquired about cattle/fence issue. Schachtner stated the landowner was warned that if the cattle get out one more time, the fence repair will be ordered. Wittig asked if a Highway 35/64 directional sign be placed at the corner of 38<sup>th</sup> Street and 172<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Board agreed a sign would help direct traffic.

**Clerk's & Treasurer's Reports:** Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Plourde to approve the November 11<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Minutes. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to approve the November Treasurer's Report. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

**Animal Control Report:** Discussion on four dogs picked up by Sergeant Kappers, three of which were returned to a Village resident. The Village resident has been invoiced for the animal control charges. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Gunderson to approve the November Animal Report as provided. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

**Building Inspector's Report-Consideration of Contract Renewal:** Motion by Germain, seconded by Demulling to approve the Building Inspector's Report. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Schachtner inquired if Wert had any information on the Cosgrove issue. Wert suggested sending a letter to County Zoning. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Gunderson to approve the Building Inspector's Contract with the Brian Wert Inspection Agency for January 1 – December 31, 2009. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

**Fire/Rescue Commission Report:** Demulling report year run total at 327, new truck is ordered, website being implemented and announcement from FEMA regarding grant for generator.

**Parks & Rec Committee:** Lengthy discussion regarding park fund allocation to athletic/recreation groups. Park & Rec Committee's recommendation is that the park fund be used to support maintaining and creating physical facilities in the Town. Athletic association donations to be distributed to all teams, on a per capita basis, and the funds distributed be a line item in the Town budget. Committee is working on narrative for maps for website, contacting West Wisconsin Land Trust regarding land they own for possible walking trails and producing a brochure to go with Town parks map.

**Somerset Youth Hockey Donation:** Motion by Germain, seconded by Demulling to donate \$3,000.00 to Somerset Youth Hockey to be distributed out of the Park Fund. Motion carried. Germain, Demulling, Plourde and Schachtner voted yes. Gunderson voted no.

**Brad Nemec-Presentation and Request to Donate Funds to Soccer Fields and Green Space:** Approximately 350 kids playing soccer in the community. Plans presented for three new soccer fields on school property. Donations to be used for fencing, scoreboard, seed, mulch and bleachers. Board consensus was to send this donation request to the Park & Rec Committee for their recommendation. January agenda item.

**Transportation & Facilities Committee Report:** Schachtner reported on December meeting regarding 2009 road projects and employee policy/accumulated sick hours.

**Old Business-Resolution 2008-04 Vacating Roadbed of Old State Highway. 35/64:** Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Germain to pass Resolution 2008-04 Vacating Roadbed of Old Hwy. 35/64. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

**Randy Rosburg-Proposal of School District Building a Driveway across Town Land to Access Martell Street:** Land is owned by Somerset School District and would be a school district driveway from Somerset Meadows to elementary school. Board consensus was school district should consider annexing the land into the Village and comply with Village requirements for zoning/access.

**Planning Commission Report-Paul (39), Joseph (40) & Roland Jahnke (40) -Request to Rezone 119 +/- acres from Ag. to Ag./Residential:** The rezonement request is to settle an estate and division of parcels within the Jahnke family. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to recommend approval of the rezonement for Paul Jahnke's (39 acres +/-) parcel as described in the rezoning application submitted to County and approval of Joseph Jahnke's (40 acres +/-) parcel as described in the rezoning application submitted to County, and Roland Jahnke's (40 acres +/-) parcel as described in the rezoning application submitted to County-citing WSS 91.77 being met. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

**Approval of Picnic/Gathering Class "B" License for Somerset Youth Athletic Association Ice Fishing Contest/North Side of Bass Lake on February 21, 2009:** Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to approve an Picnic/Gathering Class "B" License for Somerset Youth Athletic Association Ice Fishing Contest on February 21, 2009 (back up date of February 28, 2009) with the notation that a licensed operator from the Town be on the premises at all times. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Koester will check into question of vendor samples being distributed.

**Approval of Operator's License for Bradley Goulet:** Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Plourde to approve an Operator's License for Bradley Goulet, as he has completed the Responsible Beverage Server's Course. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

**Discussion on Assessing Contract for Revaluation and Maintenance:** Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to accept the three-year assessment contract between Chimney Rock Appraisal and Town of Somerset, with the payment schedule of Option II, and the notation that all electronic files are the property of the Town. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

**Estimate from Gaylen Schilling Construction-Metal Roofing on Salt Shed:** Motion by Germain, seconded by Gunderson to postponed until January. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

**Consideration of Posting a Special Weight Limit on Apple River Lane:** Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to post a special weight limit and steep grade sign at the top of Apple River Lane. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

**Consideration of Payment for Website Maintenance and Support to Ruth Steiner:** Motion by Plourde, seconded by Gunderson to approve payment of \$500.00 to Ruth Steiner for website maintenance and support to be paid in January. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

**Request to Refund taxes to AP Kosciak for Tax Roll Error 2005, 2006, 2007:** Motion by Demulling, seconded by Gunderson to approve the refund of taxes for AP Kosciak for 2005 (\$560.32), 2006 (\$575.04) and 2007 (\$617.80) as the parcel #032-2011-30-000 was annexed to the Village and was double taxed due to an error at the County. The Town will charge back the refunded taxes to the Dept. of Revenue. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

**Consideration of Joining WI Regional Orthophotography Consortium for Mapping Data:** Consensus is Board is interested in obtaining more information and attending the meeting tentatively scheduled for January.

**Consideration of Compensation to Clerk for Extra Hours Worked:** Motion by Demulling, seconded by Gunderson to approve payment to Koester of \$1,250.00 for compensation for extra hours worked due to the complications created by Irwin's revaluation and \$1,250 for compensation for extra hours worked for the election. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

**Water Testing at Town Hall:** Water testing program in conjunction with St. Croix County UW Extension office for Town of Somerset and Star Prairie residents to be held at Somerset Town Hall January 30/31 (bottle pick up), February 2 (bottle return) and March 12 (results seminar). Board consensus was to put a flyer in the tax bills.

**Planning Commission Report:** Koester to contact Alisha Atkin-Cosgrove to get information on comprehensive plan review grant money.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 pm.

Jeri Koester,  
Clerk