

**Town of Somerset
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 5th, 2007**

These Minutes are unofficial until approved at January 2, 2008 meeting.

Chairman Schachtner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Germain, Gunderson, Plourde, Demulling and Schachtner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to approve the agenda. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Public Input: Mark Gherty introduced himself and announced that he is a candidate for Circuit Court Judge. A primary election will be held February 19, 2008.

Clerk's & Treasurer's Reports: Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Germain to approve the November 7th meeting minutes. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Plourde to approve the November Financial Report. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Building Inspector's Report: Discussion on inspections for houses that have been moved within or into the Town. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Plourde to approve the Building Inspector's Report.

Building Inspector's Contract for 2008: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to renew the Building Inspector's Contract with the Brian Wert Inspection Agency for 2008. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Animal Control Report: Motion by Germain, seconded by Gunderson to approve the Animal Control Report for November. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Fire/Rescue Report: Demulling read a report from Belisle. 23 calls for November, waiting for Knox Box Ordinance, 370 calls for the year, final equipment purchases being made, proposal for new brush truck to be presented at next joint meeting.

Parks & Rec Report: Gunderson reported on last two Parks & Rec meetings. Peeples brought draft of Park Plan and it was reviewed. Park Plan may be presented to the Town Board in January. Trails and connectivity of trails is being planned. Sale of St. Croix National was discussed.

New Business-Approval of Operator's License for Danielle Bean: Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Demulling to approve an operator's license for Danielle Bean. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Appointment of Election Inspectors for 2008-2009 and Set Rate of Pay: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to approve the list of election inspectors for 2008-2009 and increase the rate of pay from \$10.00 per hour to \$11.00 per hour, plus meals. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Approval of Picnic/Gathering License for Somerset Youth Athletic Association Ice Fishing Contest for February 23, 2008, North End of Bass Lake: Motion by Germain, seconded by Gunderson to approve a picnic/gathering license for Somerset Youth Athletic Association Ice Fishing Contest on February 23, 2008 at the north end of Bass Lake. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Move Contingency Funds of \$12,421 in 2008 Budget to Specific Account: Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Demulling to allocate \$6,000 from contingency funds in 2008 Budget to routine road Maintenance account and \$6,421 from contingency funds to machinery and equipment fund. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Planning Commission Report-Ruby Schiefelbein/Granberg Surveying-1 Lot CSM: Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Germain to approve the 1 lot CSM for Ruby Schiefelbein. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Dennis Benson/Prairie Estates on Pine Lake-Request for Special Exception Permit to Disturb more than 10,000 sq.ft. within 1,000 ft. of Pine Lake: Detailed plans were presented. Special exception permit is for road and ponds as shown on grading plans. Each individual lot may require their own special exception permit prior to obtaining a building permit if disturbing more than 10,000 sq. feet. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Demulling to approve the Special Exception Permit request by Dennis Benson for Prairie Estates on Pine Lake. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Subdivision Ordinance Draft Update: Rauch spoke about road construction for conventional design development. Ellen Denzer sent information regarding siting rural development to protect lakes and streams and decrease road costs, contemporary look at cul-de-sacs and dead end streets, impervious surfaces-an environmental indicator. Subdivision draft ordinance is almost complete.

Other Announcements: Schachtner announced one truck is out of use due to transmission problems. TRIP award was \$14,000 for 50th Street. Wisconsin Town's Association holding educational seminars if any board members are interested in attending.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Jeri Koester,
Clerk