

**Town of Somerset
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 6, 2016**

Chairman Schachtner called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Rauch, Demulling, Germain, Plourde and Schachtner. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the agenda. Motion carried. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Schachtner announced the meeting was being recorded. Public input-Donna Burger, candidate for St. Croix County District Attorney, introduced herself. Burger stated she has been practicing law for 13 years and encouraged everyone to get out and vote for her at the primary on August 9th and the general election on November 8. Rita Lawson gave an update on the Rural School Sign Project still in progress. Lawson stated the project is taking a little longer than previously anticipated but she is hoping it can be completed before college starts. Rita Lawson also reported that the Somerset Library Board has selected an architectural firm to design a new library addition, building on the land they currently own.

Clerk's & Treasurer's Report: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to approve the June 1st & June 27th meeting minutes. Motion carried. Motion by Rauch, seconded by Demulling to approve the June financial report. Motion carried.

Building Inspector Report: Motion by Germain, seconded by Plourde to approve the June Building Inspector report as provided. Motion carried.

Animal Control Report: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Rauch to approve the June Animal Control report. Motion carried.

Fire/Rescue Commission Report: Plourde read Belisle's June report consisting of 30 calls for service. The total calls are 158 for 2016 compared with 184 for the same time in 2015. Pea Soup Days fundraising netted around \$10,000 to be used toward non-budgetary equipment purchases. Motion by Rauch, seconded by Demulling to approve the Fire/Rescue Commission report. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Report-Robert Belisle/Landmark Surveying-Joel Anez 1 Lot CSM off 220th Ave.: Planning Commission recommended approval. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to approve the 1 Lot CSM for Robert Belisle as presented. Motion carried. Park fee has been paid.

Garret & Jennifer Belisle/Northland Surveying-Ed Flanum 4 Lot CSM off 170th Ave.: Flanum presented the 4 lot CSM with two shared driveways coming off of 170th Avenue. Planning Commission recommended approval. Flanum was advised that driveway permits would need to be obtained from the Town and the shared driveways are required to be stubbed in after County approval of the CSM. Lot 1 is subject to a 50' setback on the west side. Motion by Rauch, seconded by Plourde to approve the 4 Lot CSM for Garret & Jennifer Belisle with the stipulation that the shared driveways be stubbed in to the road right-of-way within 60 days of the county's final approval. Motion carried. Park fees have been paid.

Old Business-Appointment to Committees by Chair: Schachtner appointed Douglas Plourde to Fire/Rescue Commission; Demulling, Germain and Schachtner to Transportation & Facilities Committee, Sherrill Schottler and Jeri Koester to Parks, Rec & Planning Commission (one vacancy remains; interested residents should contact the Town Hall at 715-247-3470).

ATV/UTV Use on Town Roads: Demulling stated there is a lot of interest from community members to start a club. Demulling is checking with Polaris and Yamaha for contributions toward signs. More information to follow.

New Business-Consideration of Operator Licenses for Megan Monette, Nicole Potter & Lori Ann Skwarek: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to approve Operator's Licenses for Megan Monette, Nicole Potter & Lori Ann Skwarek. Motion carried.

Consideration of Approval of Assessor's Contract: Review of assessing contract/agreement over ten years with fixed annual cost of \$22,400 which includes annual assessment maintenance, full revaluation, market update, 15 specifications and early termination payment clause. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve a 10 year assessment contract beginning in 2017 and ending in 2026 with Chimney Rock Appraisal-Barrett Brenner, 358 Mirror Drive, Mondovi with fixed annual payments of \$22,400. Motion carried.

St. Croix Bike & Trails Coalition-Approval of Resolution 2016-01 Hwy. 64 Corridor Trail Committee Charter & Appointment of Town of Somerset Representative: Representative would have no authority to spend Town funds but desired individual would be someone who is knowledgeable about bike/ped trails, can attend meetings, can keep the Town and community updated. Town resident Tim Witzmann would be willing to be the representative. Motion by Demulling, seconded Rauch by to appoint Tim Witzmann as the Town of Somerset Hwy. 64 Corridor Trail Coalition representative. Motion carried. Motion by Germain, seconded by Rauch to approve Resolution 2016-01 Hwy. 64 Corridor Trail Committee Charter as presented. Motion carried.

Transportation & Facilities Committee Report-Monarch Paving-Old Town Hall Painting, Pine Lake Project-Purchase of Park Bench/Picnic Tables, Road Projects, Equipment, Culvert Inventory, TMDL Grant Engineering & Application: Schachtner will obtain some painting estimates for the Old Town Hall next month. Pine Lake-aquatic plants have been removed in accordance with the DNR permit that was obtained. Discussion on picnic tables and memorial bench. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve Schachtner and Germain to purchase the park tables/bench and installation at Pine Lake with up to \$5,000 coming out of the Park Fund Savings. Motion carried. Road projects have begun and nearby residents have been notified by mail of the road construction. Discussion on using heavy plastic culverts; won't rust out. Schachtner will check into this with St. Croix County Hwy. Dept. Rauch brought up the idea of inventorying all culverts and noting their conditions, if endwalls are present, size, any blocked or perched. Rauch volunteered to work on culvert inventory with the road crew this fall. August concert promoters will pay for two full time St. Croix County patrol officers on town roads for the route in and out of the north campground, with no charge to the Town. TMDL Sediment Reduction Grant engineering and application for 60th Street was discussed. Dan Fedderly has proposed preliminary engineering and application costs would be \$3,000-\$4,000. Rauch discussed the funding application that could be made to the Stormwater/Wastewater Coalition pending receipt of the DNR grant. Potentially, the project could be fully funded; the engineering and application fees would be non-reimbursable. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Rauch to proceed with the TMDL Sediment Reduction Grant for 60th Street and hire Dan Fedderly to do the preliminary engineering and application at a cost not to exceed \$4,000. Motion carried.

Announcements: Tuesday, July 12, 1:30 pm Pruden & Kelly Small Claims Court Hearing @ Hudson
Wednesday, July 27, 7 pm @ Village Hall-Joint meeting with Village & Fire/Rescue Commission
Thursday, July 28th, 6:30 pm WI Town's Assoc. Meeting @ Woodville Government Center

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Jeri Koester, Clerk