

**Town of Somerset**  
**Town Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, September 5, 2018**  
(Not official until approved at next meeting.)

Chairman Schachtner called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Rauch, Demulling, Plourde, Witzmann and Schachtner. Schachtner announced the meeting is being recorded. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. *Motion by Plourde, seconded by Witzmann to approve the agenda. Motion carried.*

**Public Input:** Kim Butler, Democratic candidate from Balsam Lake running for Assembly District 28, addressed the audience asking for their support. Butler spoke her past civic and community involvement, family and the issues she supports. Schachtner thanked Butler for her attendance. Lynn Cook asked if county surveyor will replace the survey pin. Schachtner stated the county has been contacted. Cook requested Building Inspector's report and was given a copy. Diane Neumann addressed the Town Board on tubers/traffic coming from Hideaway and for the intersection of County Road I & 170<sup>th</sup> Avenue to be signed with some type of directional sign to Hudson/Somerset or I 94/Hwy. 64. Transportation & Facilities Committee will review the request from Neumann at their next meeting and Town Board members will view the intersection on their own time. Bill Lawson stated the Somerset Library is moving along with the project and is 75% funded. They are hoping to go out for bid in January.

**Clerk's Report:** *Motion by Rauch, seconded by Plourde to approve the August 1, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carried.*

**Treasurer's Report:** *Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Rauch to approve the August Financial report. Motion carried.*

**Building Inspector's Report:** 5 new homes, one outbuilding, one pool, one garage.

**Animal Control Officer Report:** 6-month retainer fee and three animal calls (one after hours).

**Fire/Rescue Commission Report:** Plourde read Belisle's report consisting of 27 calls for service in August. The total calls for this year are 260 compared to 242 for the same time last year. October Open House and Apple River Splash are upcoming events. New sign will be installed soon.

*Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the Building Inspector, Animal Control & Fire/Rescue Commission reports. Motion carried.*

**Parks, Rec & Planning Commission-Jon & Renae Bell-Request for Conditional Use Permit for a Contractor's Storage Yard at 2094 State Road 35:** Jon Bell explained his plans and that he wants to put a row of pine trees along Hwy. 35 to screen/barricade. Bell stated most equipment is gone during the day. He has no plans for signage. Only cars parked out front are a couple employee personal vehicles. No burning and no excavating/mining. *Motion by Demulling, seconded by Witzmann to recommend approval for a Contractor's Storage Yard Conditional Use Permit for Jon & Renae Bell at*

2094 State Road 35 with the condition that there is no burning of brush and no further excavation.  
*Motion carried.*

**New Business: Joel Anez/Landmark Surveying Request for 110' Driveway Separation / 90'**

**Variance for Lot #2 of Russell & Jacqueline Patrick CSM:** St. Croix County Community Development has issued approval of the driveway location for Lot #2. *Motion by Rauch, seconded by Demulling to approve the 90' variance/110' driveway separation for Russell & Jacqueline Patrick on Lot #2. Motion carried.*

**Consideration of Operator's License for Sierra Thi-Lange Green:** *Motion by Rauch, seconded by Plourde to approve an Operator's License for Sierra Thi-Lange Green. Motion carried.*

**Delinquent 2017 Personal Property Taxes-Consider Legal Action:** Two delinquent parties-Randy Martell/Somerset Small Engine Repair & Don Roettger Home Improvements. Clerk has been billing monthly since February with no response. They were both notified of the agenda item for this meeting. Discussion on pursuing legal action through small claims court. *Motion by Plourde, seconded by Rauch to give the two parties 30 days to pay or the Town will proceed with small claims court filing. Motion carried.*

**Old Business-Phase 2 Engineering Study/Landing Hill Bicycle & Pedestrian Path-Consideration to Rescind Motion to Sign Contract with Warren White, Discussion on TAP Grant Procedures & Consideration of Allocation of \$7500 Funds Already Approved & WIS DOT Land Acquisition of Excess Road Right-of-Way:**

August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting with St. Croix Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition, WIS DOT, St. Croix County Hwy. Commissioner revealed that engineering Phase 2 before TAP grant application may not be in the best interest of the Town. Also, there is excess road right-of-way off the cul-de-sac of 32<sup>nd</sup> Street that the Town should try to purchase. The Town of Somerset is an adjacent landowner and Krecji could put in a request with WIS DOT for the Town to be considered in the purchase of the excess right-of-way. Discussion on the \$7,500 previously approved and earmarking it for future bike path needs. *Motion by Rauch, seconded by Demulling to rescind signing a Phase 2 Engineering Study with Warren White. Motion carried. Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Plourde to return the \$7500 to the Park fund but keep it allocated to the Bike Path Project. Motion carried. Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Rauch to work with Robbie Krecji, St. Croix County Hwy. Commission and WIS DOT to pursue the Town's purchase request of the excess WIS DOT road right-of-way at 32<sup>nd</sup> Street. Motion carried.*

**80<sup>th</sup> Street Jurisdiction-River Hills 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition Plat in Village/Discussion & Consideration of Requesting Postponement of Plat Approval & Jurisdictional Transfer of Portion of 80<sup>th</sup> Street:**

The Village of Somerset's Plan Commission will be considering the 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition of River Hills Plat on Thursday, Sept. 6. Schachtner stated that the 80<sup>th</sup> Street jurisdiction has been discussed in the past and recently at the last joint meeting. The Town of Somerset requires driveway permits to access the Town roads, including agricultural driveways and the River Hills 2<sup>nd</sup> Plat is showing a road access onto 80<sup>th</sup> Street. The Town owns no property on either side of 80<sup>th</sup> Street in this section and the River Hills 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition Plat will put additional traffic and impact on the roadway. The Town requested the Village to take over that portion of 80<sup>th</sup> Street when the original River Hills subdivision was put in. Suggestion on notifying Town of Star Prairie of the upcoming joint meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup> about 80<sup>th</sup> Street and Apple River Clean Up Committee. Rauch and Schachtner volunteered to attend the Village's Plan

Commission. *Motion by Demulling, seconded by Witzmann to request the Village of Somerset Plan Commission and Board postpone the approval of River Hills 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition Plat until the Jurisdictional Transfer of a Portion of 80<sup>th</sup> Street in the Town occur. Motion carried.*

**Transportation and Facilities Committee Report-160<sup>th</sup> Avenue:** Schachtner reported work on 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue is underway. Discussion on cutting hill by Boardman's driveway more than originally thought to make better sight lines. Demulling and Schachtner met on site and agreed with All Excavating the hill should come down 2' for improved site line. Fiber optic and utilities are in the ditch. Belisle quoted a cost of an extra \$5,000. *Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Rauch to approve a change order of \$5,000 for 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Motion carried.*

**Announcements:** Joint Meeting w/Village & Fire Rescue Commission Wed., Sept. 26, 7 pm Town Hall

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Jeri Koester, Clerk