

Town of Somerset
2017 Public Budget Hearing, Special
Town Meeting of the Electors & November
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 2, 2016
(Not official until approved at next meeting)

7:30 pm - 2017 Public Budget Hearing

Chairman Schachtner called the 2017 Public Budget Hearing to order. Present: Demulling, Germain, Rauch, Plourde, Schachtner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Printed handouts of the proposed 2017 budget were presented, as well as a detailed review by Schachtner. No public comments. Motion by Bill Lawson, seconded by Lynn Cook to close the public budget hearing at 7:45 pm. Motion carried.

7:45 pm Special Town Meeting of the Electors

Chairman Schachtner called the Special Town Meeting of Electors to order.

- Approval of 2017 highway expenditures in the amount of \$639,830. Motion by Lynn Cook, seconded by Bill Lawson to approve the 2017 highway expenditures of \$639,830. Motion carried. 13 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- Adopt 2016 Town tax levy to be paid in 2017 in the amount of \$773,285. Motion by Lynn Cook, seconded by Wally Neumann to adopt the 2016 town tax levy of \$773,285. Motion carried. 13 yeas, 0 nays.
- Establish the compensation of the elected Town officials for the terms of office to begin April 2017 (no change). Motion by Bill Lawson, seconded by Wally Neumann to establish the compensation of the elected Town officials for the terms of office as presented. Motion carried. 13 yeas, 0 nays.
- To authorize the Town Board to hire Town officers as employees of the Town for part-time work (snowplowing) and set the hourly rate of pay. Motion by Lynn Cook, seconded by Rita Lawson to authorize the Town Board to hire Town officers as part time employees with the rate of pay set at \$20.00/hour with no benefits. Motion carried. 13 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Bill Lawson, seconded by Lynn Cook to adjourn the Special Town Meeting of Electors at 7:50 pm. Motion carried.

8:00 p.m. November Town Board Meeting

Chairman Schachtner called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Germain, Rauch, Demulling, Plourde and Schachtner. Schachtner announced the meeting is being recorded. Motion by Germain, seconded by Plourde to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public Input: None.

Clerk's & Treasurer's Report: Motion by Germain, seconded by Rauch to approve the October 5th meeting minutes. Motion carried. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Rauch to approve the October financial report. Motion carried.

Building Inspector Report: Motion by Rauch, seconded by Plourde to approve the October Building Inspector report as presented. Motion carried.

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

Fire/Rescue Commission Report: Plourde read Belisle's October report which consisted of 317 calls so far in 2016, compared to 342 calls in 2015. Belisle is working with grant writer regarding FEMA grant due November 18th. Fire Prevention Week was successful. Motion by Germain, seconded by Demulling to approve the Fire/Rescue Commission report. Motion carried.

Parks, Rec & Planning Commission Report-1 Lot CSM (11.394 Acres) & Road Upgrade Agreement for Rick & Nancy Flandrick off 162nd Ave./Landmark Surveying: Planning Commission has approved the request. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to approve the 1 Lot CSM off 162nd Ave. and Road Upgrade Agreement (recorded at County) for Richard & Nancy Flandrick. Motion carried. Park fee has been paid.

Old Business-ATVs on Town Roads: Marty Hauble reported on a recent event at Potting's Bar that was attended by many people where an active Somerset ATV Club was formed. Officers have been elected as well as two trail bosses. Bylaws were presented for review. Hauble stated more towns are opening up their roads for ATV use and the club's goal is to provide a safe and legal way to provide connectivity for ATVs. Also, the club will be providing trail signs without putting a burden on the Town. Hauble stated their intent was to request to open all the roads. Demulling suggested opening all town roads for a one-year trial basis. Speed limit at 35 mph is a preferred. Club would self-police. Next step would be a public hearing to get an input for or against at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, December 7th with possible consideration of an ATV ordinance adoption at the December 7th Town Board meeting.

New Business-Adoption of 2017 Budget: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to adopt the 2017 budget as presented. Motion carried.

Somerset Community Foundation Grant Opportunity \$350: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Rauch to accept the \$350.00 grant opportunity from Somerset Community Foundation for expenses toward the Pine Lake Beach Project. Motion carried.

Transportation & Facilities Committee Report: Schachtner reported on the last meeting with Monarch representatives. Road projects have been completed and equipment is being readied for winter snow plowing. Motion by Rauch, seconded by Demulling to approve the Transportation & Facilities Committee report. Motion carried.

Announcements & Adjourn: General Election, Tuesday, November 8th, Polls Open 7 a.m-8 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Jeri Koester, Clerk