

Town of Somerset
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 4, 2017
(Not official until approved at next meeting.)

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

Public Input: Lynn Cook asked who the County Board representative for his district. Schachtner responded Ryan Sicard is Cook's representative for District 1.

Clerk's Report: Motion by Rauch, seconded by Plourde to approve the September meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report-Temporary Limited Easement Legal Fee Consideration/60th St.: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Rauch to approve the September financial report. Motion carried. Legal bill from Heywood, Cari & Anderson for permanent limited easement on 60th Street totaled \$760.00. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to approve splitting the bill in half with Bill Lawson for the permanent limited easement/recording fees related to the 60th St. reconstruction project. Motion carried.

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

Animal Control Officer Report: No animal calls for the month of September.

Fire/Rescue Commission Report-Generator Repairs: Plourde read Belisle's report consisting of 22 calls for service in September. Total calls for this year are 264 compared to 298 for the same time last year. Fire prevention at schools on October 10 and open house at fire station evening of October 12. Requesting 55% payment of generator repairs, Village to pay 45% of the cost – total cost of repair was \$541.99. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to approve 55% of the generator repair costs and the Fire/Rescue Commission report. Motion carried. Joint meeting at Town Hall on Wednesday, October 25th at 7:30 pm.

Parks, Rec & Planning Commission Report- Land Division: Tamarah Williams (Langford Estate) Zach Fagan-AC/a 2 Lot CSM 165th Ave. (Lot #1=5.086 acres; Lot #2=5.533 acres): Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to approve the 2 Lot CSM for Tamarah Williams/Langford Estate pending receipt of the outstanding park fee balance of \$750.00. Motion carried.

Conditional Use Permit: Zach Fagan-AC/a Amendment of CUP for Action Battery, 484 County Road VV. Expansion of current facility to include the construction of a 23,685 sq.ft. building with loading docks, additional parking, fire lane, site utilities, septic area and associated storm water management areas. The site expansion will be constructed in an existing open area southwest of the existing facility: Discussion on reservoir and sprinkler system, septic system sized to 18 employees. No objections from any adjacent property owners. Motion by Demulling, seconded by

Germain to recommend approval for the Amendment to the Conditional Use Permit for Action Battery, 484 County Road VV for expansion of their current facility as presented in detailed design plans. Motion carried.

Request for Funds from Park Savings Account to St. Croix Bicycle & Pedestrian Trails Coalition for Preliminary Design of Landing Hill Trail: Tim Witzmann stated a sub-committee was created to look at the Landing Hill area to see what side of the Hwy. 64 corridor is best suited for the bike trail connection to the Somerset/New Richmond area. Warren White, engineer, walked the area with Witzmann and White has put together a proposal for a preliminary plan to make a recommendation as to what side of Hwy. 64 is best for the trail and associated costs. An engineered plan and estimated project costs would be necessary before applying for any grants. White's preliminary engineering plan would cost \$3500. The Coalition is fundraising for the expense. Motion by Rauch, seconded by Germain to contribute \$500 out of the Park Fund Savings account to the St. Croix Bike & Pedestrian Trail Coalition for a preliminary engineering study by Warren White. Motion carried.

New Business – Hank's Bar/Josh Hansen Request to Serve Alcohol in Outdoor Tent for Grand Opening Friday, October 13: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to approve Hank's Bar to serve alcohol in an outdoor tent on Friday, October 13 for their Grand Opening as a one-time special event amendment to their liquor license. Motion carried.

Consideration of an Operator's License for Richard Harris (Hank's Bar): Motion by Rauch, seconded by Plourde to approve an Operator's License for Richard Harris. Motion carried.

Transportation & Facilities Committee Report-60th St. Project: Schachtner reported the project is almost complete. Rip rap, matting, seeding and end culverts need to be finished.

Consideration to Lower Speed Limit on 150th Ave. from County Rd. V West: Committee approved lowering to 45 mph due to dead end road and the overpass bridge already being posted at 35 mph. Motion by Rauch, seconded by Demulling to approve lowering the speed limit on 150th Ave. from County Road V West to 45 mph. Motion carried.

Prioritize TRI D Grant Applications/200th Ave. & 205th Ave.: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to give priority to 205th Ave. for the TRI D grant application. Motion carried.

Equipment/Nortrax 5 Yr. Trade In Quote: \$26,872 would be the cost to trade in the 2013 JD 524K loader and upgrade to a 2017 JD524K-II loader with warranty coverage. Motion by Germain, seconded by Rauch to approve the trade in of the 2013 JD loader and the purchase of a 2017 JD loader with Nortrax as submitted in the proposal with out of pocket cost \$26,872. Motion carried.

Announcements & Adjourn: Board of Review & Special Mtg., Wednesday, Oct. 11, 7-9 pm
Joint Mtg. at Town Hall, Wednesday, Oct. 25, 7:30 pm; Budget workday, Thursday, Oct. 26, 9 am
WTA Meeting at Town of Richmond, Thursday, Oct. 26, 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Jeri Koester, Clerk