

Town of Somerset
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 1, 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 Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Schachtner announced the meeting was being recorded.

Public Input: Bill Lawson reported 185 kids at the Haunted Old Town Hall and it was well attended.

Clerk's Report: Motion by Rauch, seconded by Germain to approve the October 4th meeting minutes. Motion carried. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Rauch to approve the October 11th special meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the October Financial Report. 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: Motion by Germain, seconded by Demulling, to approve the Animal Control Officer's report. Motion carried.

Fire/Rescue Commission Report: Plourde read Belisle's report consisting of 26 calls for service in October. Total calls for this year are 290 compared to 317 for the same time last year. SCBAs will be delivered the end of November. Fire Prevention Open House was very well attended. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Rauch to approve the Fire/Rescue Commission report. Motion carried. Motion by Germain, seconded by Plourde to approve the Town's portion of the 2018 Fire Rescue Budget of \$81,911. Motion carried.

Parks, Rec & Planning Commission Report-4 Lot Minor Concept Map for Dennis Benson end of 55th Street: Benson had previously created a preliminary plat of 9 lots but did not follow through with a final plat and is now presenting a concept map for a 4 lot minor subdivision with larger lots. Question on whether those four lots could be re-split. Concerns about access to the west and how that property and road connection could be made for future planning and to meet Town's ordinance requirements. East access has better terrain/slope and is not as big of a concern. No opinion from county on the dead-end cul-de-sac length. Zahler was advised he'd have to return to the Planning Commission. No action taken.

New Business – Hank's Bar/Josh Hansen Request to Amend Liquor License Premise Description to Include Outdoor Tent: Josh Hansen was not present. No action taken.

Act 52 Consideration of Ordinance 2017-02 Elimination of Treasurer's Bond: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to adopt Ordinance 2017-02 Elimination of Treasurer's Bond. Motion carried.

Consideration of Posting Meeting Minutes to Website and Discontinue Publishing in New

Richmond News: Motion by Rauch, seconded by Plourde to post meeting minutes on the Town's website and eliminate publishing in the newspaper effective January 1. Residents who don't have internet, may request a hard copy by mail or they can pick one up at the Town Hall. Motion carried. This information will go out with the tax bills.

Consideration of Discontinuing Tax Roll Booklet and Posting a Direct Link to St. Croix County's

Tax Info on Town Website and on Tax Inserts: The county will provide an alphabetical last name report with tax info that the Town can post on their website. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to discontinue the tax roll booklet and post a direct link on the Town's website. Any resident not having internet can view a hard copy of the printout at the Somerset Library, Somerset Senior Center & Town Clerk's office. Copies fees will apply to anyone requesting their own copy. Motion carried. This information will go out with tax bills.

Consideration of Resolution 2017-02 in Opposition to Senate Bill 387 & Assembly Bill 479:

Motion by Demulling, seconded Rauch to adopt Resolution 2017-02 in Opposition to Senate Bill 387 & Assembly Bill 479 and send copies to WI Towns Association, all county and state representatives. Motion carried.

Transportation & Facilities Committee Report-60th St. Project: All of the paperwork has been submitted for reimbursement of the grant money on the 60th St./Apple River Erosion Control Project.

Part Time Snow Plow Drivers: Don Dalton, Joe Nirmaier, Leon Voeltz- still looking for some qualified and available CDL snow plow drivers.

Approval of Kitchen Flooring Installation from Hetzel & Material from Menards: Motion by Germain, seconded by Rauch to approve installation from Hetzel Flooring for the kitchen at \$571.00 and purchasing 15 boxes of flooring from Menards. Motion carried.

Discontinue Maintenance of 165th Avenue Stub Due to Not a Town Road/No Road Aid: 2003 CSM was reviewed with Mark & Jean Hoffman present. Town Board consensus was to discontinue the maintenance on the 165th Avenue stub due to it not being a town road but a private easement and no road aid is being collected.

2018 Road Projects-160th Avenue & 40th Street: Both of these roads are on the Town's Road Work Official Plan. Demulling has spoken with the landowner on 160th Avenue regarding driveway relocation possibilities. 40th Street-motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to invite Herb Horton to the December Transportation & Facilities Committee or Town Board meeting (his choice). Motion carried.

Announcements & Adjourn: Public Budget Hearing & Special Town Meeting of Electors, Wednesday, November 15, 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Jeri Koester, Clerk