

Town of Somerset
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 3, 2018
(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 Germain, seconded by Plourde to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Schachtner announced the meeting was being recorded.

Public Input: None.

Clerk's Report: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Rauch to approve the December 6, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Rauch, seconded by Demulling to approve the December Financial report. Motion carried.

Building Inspector's Report-Todd Dolan/All Croix Inspections-Consideration of Renewal of Building Inspector's Contract: 29 new homes for 2017. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to approve the December Building Inspector's report. Motion carried. Todd Dolan was present to discuss the changes in the renewal of the building inspector's contract. Additional charges for gas line inspection required by Xcel Energy. Plan review and administrative fees reflect the new software required by state in WI ACT 211. Turnaround time on permits discussed. Proposed contract is for two years. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Rauch to approve the contract with All Croix Inspections expiring 1-31-2020. Motion carried. Plourde, Rauch, Demulling and Schachtner voted yes. Germain abstained. Motion carried. The contract was signed.

Animal Control Officer Report: Motion by Germain, seconded by Demulling to approve the December Animal Control Officer's report. Motion carried.

Fire/Rescue Commission Report: Plourde read Belisle's report consisting of 20 calls for service in December. Total calls for this year are 345 compared to 363 for the same time last year. Plourde stated there is a problem with the push button keypad freezing and the outdoor light on east side of building. The Town will look into these repairs. Motion by Rauch, seconded by Germain to approve the Fire/Rescue Commission report. Motion carried.

Parks, Rec & Planning Commission Report-1 Lot CSM/James Rusch Surveying for Dan Baillargeon off 150th Ave.: Driveway location is noted on the CSM with 200' each side of proposed. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the 1 Lot CSM of 5.03 acres for Dan Baillargeon as presented. Motion carried. Park fees have been paid.

Old Business-Consideration of MSA Master Professional Services Agreement/Chuck Schwartz: Contract would state who could make commitments and a dollar limit from the Town. Communication by email and phone are no charge. Schwartz stated the agreement could be in place for if and when the Town needs assistance. No retainer fees. Rauch stated MSA has had a good working relationship with

the Hwy. 64 Coalition. Motion by Rauch, seconded by Plourde to approve signing a Master Professional Services Agreement with MSA. Motion carried. The contract was signed.

Kelly Walker, 708-205th Avenue-Accessory Shed Setback/No Issued Building Permit for Lean To & Notice of Violation Letter from St. Croix County: St. Croix County has sent a notice of violation dated December 22, 2017. The accessory shed has a lean to that was built without a building permit. The County's setback for an accessory building is 5' but the Town can be more restrictive and has a 10' setback on all structures. The July 5, 2017 Town Board meeting minutes were referenced. Back in July, the Town Board made a motion that Walker not use the shed as living quarters, the lean to posts and overhang on the east side must be removed and returned to the original structure and afterwards Walker could come back to the Town Board to request the approximately 2' variance he needs on the original structure due to it being within the Town's 10' setback. Discussion on the original shed structure being approximately 7'10" from the property line and now the lean to post footings are close to being right on the property line. The county has sent notice that the building permit application for a new home must be submitted to All Croix Inspections by Monday, February 25, 2018. After obtaining the new house building permit, Walker could apply for a temporary occupancy permit from the county. The neighboring landowner is not interested in a property swap. The lean to encroaches on the adjacent landowner's property and is within the Town's 10' setback. Schachtner reiterated the accessory shed cannot be used as a residence and the county's setback is 5' on an accessory building, but the Town has a 10' setback on all buildings/structures, therefore, a variance on the SE corner would need to be requested from the Town Board once the lean to has been removed back to the original structure. Walker proposed obtaining a variance for the original shed now and stated he would get his blueprints in to All Croix Inspections for the new house. Walker requested the 2' variance now, stating he would have the contractor remove the lean to during the house construction. The Town Board consensus was not to consider granting the 2' variance at this time and not until the lean to has been removed back to the original building, because it was built without a building permit and the original shed is within the Town's 10' setback but the lean to addition makes it even more non-conforming. The Town Board instructed Walker to remove the lean to back in July and nothing has been done. Walker's hardship is self-imposed due to the fact that he constructed the lean to without a building permit. No citations have been issued for building without a building permit yet. The Town Board consensus was if the lean to is not removed by March 1, the Town will have to pursue the issuance of a citation. Dolan confirmed the setback is measured from the overhang and not the face of the building. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Rauch to set a deadline of March 1, 2018 for the removal of the lean to back to the original structure and following the removal of the lean to, Walker can request a variance from the Town Board for the setback issue on the original shed. Motion carried.

New Business- Kelly Yule New Business at 1584-32nd St. (Formerly Animal Luv Inn) for Retail Gun Shop: Kelly & Heather Yule from Roberts were present to introduce themselves and discuss the retail gun shop they are starting at 1584-32nd Street called Blind Squirrel Gun Shop. Yule stated the gun shop is retail sales only, no shooting range. There is a lot of security in place. St. Croix County Sheriff, Scott Knudson, has been working with Yule. Yule is currently getting ATF licensing. St. Croix County is requiring paving of the parking lot. Yule is leasing the former Animal Luv Inn structure from the new owner for the retail gun shop. Early to mid-February is the timeframe for opening. Monday-Saturday 10am-7 pm is most likely the hours. The Town Board thanked the Yules for their attendance and wished them well on the new business.

Operator's License for Sadie Williamson-Jann: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Rauch to approve an Operator's License for Sadie Williamson-Jann. Motion carried.

Draw Town Board Supervisor Candidate Names for Placement on April Ballot: Four candidates have filed for two Town Board Supervisors seats; no primary necessary. The names were drawn in the following order for placement on the April 3, 2018 ballot: Tim Witzmann, Shane M. Demulling, Bill Lawson and Lenny Germain.

WI Towns Association-Consideration of Town Advocacy Council Dues for 2018: The purpose of the WI Towns Association TAC (Town Advocacy Council) is to lobby for the benefit of Towns, such as the increase in the general transportation aid and changes to Managed Forest Land as well as providing educational training and videos to benefit Towns. The 2018 membership dues based on population would be \$1,049.75. This is a separate fee from the annual WTA membership dues. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Rauch to approve membership dues for 2018 TAC in the amount of \$1,049.75. Motion carried.

Legal Cost Estimate in Regard to Eminent Domain Process & Appraisal Cost Estimate/Process from Doar, Drill & Skow: Timeframe, fees and procedures were reviewed. Discussion on MSA meeting on site. Schwartz will set something up with Schachtner sometime after January 15th.

Nortrax Stucchi Valves for Quick Hydraulic/New Loader Upgrade \$3977: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Rauch to approve the upgrade to the quick hydraulics/Stucchi Valves for the new loader from Nortrax at the cost of \$3,977.00. Motion carried.

Announcements: Special Election for Senate District 10, Tuesday, January 16th, 7am-8pm
WI Towns Assoc. Quarterly Meeting, Thursday, January 25, 6:30 pm Somerset Town Hall
Joint Mtg. at Village w/Fire Dept. Wednesday, January 31, 7 pm (Listening Session TBD)

Adjourn: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Jeri Koester, Clerk