

**Town of Somerset & Village of Somerset
with Somerset Fire/Rescue Commission
Joint Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 31st, 2018**

Village President Melvin called the meeting to order at 7 pm at the Village Hall. Present: John Melvin, Tony Lueck, Bartt Palmer, Ron Hill, and James Chandler for the Village. Ed Schachtner, Shane Demulling, Lenny Germain, Larry Rauch, and Douglas Plourde for the Town. Rita Lawson, Jon Mitchell, and Wally Neumann for the Fire/Rescue Commission. Travis Belisle, Fire Chief; Jason Crotty, Assistant Fire Chief; and Sarah Kobs, Secretary/Treasurer, from the Fire Department. Absent: Ryan Sicard, and Ali Peterson. Also Present: Bob Gunther, Village Public Works Director/Economic Development Director; Dave Schofield, MSA Representative; and Dave Wolner; Village Citizen Representative. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Germain, second by Lueck to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public Input:

No public input.

Minutes from Previous Joint Meeting:

The minutes were reviewed. *Motion by Palmer, second by Chandler to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2017 Joint Meeting. Motion carried.*

Fire/Rescue Financial Report:

The financial reports were reviewed. *Motion by Schachtner, second by Plourde to approve the 2016 Somerset Fire and Rescue Audit Report and the 2017 Somerset Fire and Rescue Year-End Budget. Motion carried.*

Old Business: None

New Business:

Schofield shared results from the Village's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) Public Input Survey. It showed the Village's three most popular parks are Larry Forrest Memorial Park, Veterans Memorial Park, and Village Park. The survey showed these are also the parks most in need of improvement. Citizens highly value walking and biking trails, and there was also quite a bit of interest in establishing a dog park.

Melvin and Gunther provided the Joint Committee with an overview of Ady Advantage (community branding). If this was undertaken as a joint venture it could prove beneficial to the Village and the Town, as well as the surrounding communities. It would be an excellent means of showcasing accomplishments. Schachtner mentioned the Rivers and Roads initiative could provide valuable information to Ady Advantage to add to their data.

Next Meeting Date:

The next joint meeting was set for April 25th, 2018 at 7 pm at the Town Hall.

It was requested that Village Staff provide early notification if the set meeting schedule changes.

Adjournment:

Motion by Melvin, second by Lueck to adjourn the joint meeting at 7:37 pm. Motion carried.

Chris Dubak, Office Assistant