

**Town of Somerset**  
**Town Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, March 7, 2018**  
(Not official until approved at next meeting.)

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

**Public Input:** Rita Lawson reported the library has purchased the adjoining property, formerly MacDaddy's along Main Street. Lawson discussed the library's expansion plans and the upcoming fundraiser being held at St. Croix National Golf & Event Center on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Visit the library's website for detailed plans and all the current information. Jennifer Brajdich, resident off of 232<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, stated her concerns with an adjacent property at 614-232<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, where a rather large outbuilding was built and the property owner has said that he intends to move his landscaping business there. As of today, there is no business being conducted on the property. Brajdich was in contact with St. Croix County Community Development and they stated no permits have been issued but if the property owner were to use the property as a commercial business, he would have to apply for a permit for a contractor's storage yard. Brajdich was advised that if she sees a commercial business on the property she should forward the information to St. Croix County who enforces the zoning ordinance and land use regulations.

**Clerk's Report:** Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to approve the February 7, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to approve the February Financial report. Motion carried.

**Building Inspector's Report:** Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the February Building Inspector's report. Motion carried.

**Animal Control Officer Report:** Motion by Germain, seconded by Plourde to approve the 6 month retainer fee and February Animal Control Officer report. Motion carried.

**Fire/Rescue Commission Report:** Plourde read Belisle's report consisting of 30 calls for service in February. The total calls for this year are 60 compared to 57 for the same time last year. Motion by Germain, seconded by Demulling to approve the Fire/Rescue Commission report. Motion carried.

**Parks, Rec & Planning Commission-Bill Lawson/Doug Zahler ACA – 3 Lot CSM off 60<sup>th</sup> St.:** Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to approve the 3 Lot CSM for Bill Lawson off 60<sup>th</sup> Street as presented. Motion carried. Park fees have been paid.

**Mike Sager/Doug Zahler ACA – 1 Lot CSM off 37<sup>th</sup> St.:** Motion by Germain, seconded by Demulling to approve the 1 Lot CSM for Mike Sager off of 37<sup>th</sup> Street as presented. Motion carried. Park fee has been paid.

**Request to Match \$7,500 with Funds from St. Croix County to Approve Phase 2 of the Landing Hill Bicycle Path Study:** WI DOT has stated there could be a bike path on the East side of Hwy. 64 with a few conditions such as fencing. Demulling suggested the WI DOT provide a written statement for the permission for the bike trail in the road right-of-way. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to approve matching \$7,500 with St. Croix County for the Phase 2 Landing Hill Bicycle Path Study done by Warren White with the money coming out of the Town's Park Fund Savings. Motion carried.

**Old Business-Kelly Walker, 708-205<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Lean To Removal and Follow Up from January 3<sup>rd</sup> Town Board Meeting-Consideration of Abatement, Variance or Further Legal Action/Citation:** Schachtner reported the lean to is still attached to the accessory structure. Walker contacted Schachtner and asked for a one month extension. Walker was not present at the meeting. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to grant Kelly Walker until the next Town Board meeting on April 4 to remove the lean to back to the original structure with Demulling requesting the Town inquire with the WI Towns Association on whether it would be legal to place a hold on the issuance of a new building permit until the current accessory structure's lean to is removed. Motion carried. Kelly Stover stated he is concerned about the concrete, dog kennel and drain that is on his property as well.

**New Business – Somerset ATV Club/Annual Update:** Marty Hauble was present to give an update on the past 16 months of opening up the trails and having the town roads signed for the past year. Hauble reported on three issues-200<sup>th</sup> Avenue which was shut down for a time, 205<sup>th</sup> Avenue towards 80<sup>th</sup> Street, and a permanent road shut down on 210<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Hauble stated overall the year has gone well and the public has supported it for the most part. Recently a trail has been opened that goes through the Village of Somerset for a one-year trial. Hauble stated the group is giving away two scholarships this year and a safety class will be held in the near future for anyone 12 years of age and older. Discussion on Bill 382 recently passed by the Legislature. Schachtner stated the Town Board appreciates the fast reaction from the ATV Club on the few issues we did have.

**Presentation on Somerset Chamber of Commerce by Beckah Whitlock:** Whitlock, Director of the Somerset Chamber of Commerce, spoke on the Chamber being a catalyst for the community and businesses. Whitlock reported on movies in the Village, Easter Egg Hunt, Annual Gala and spoke on the Board of Directors. Funding comes from membership and investments with the lowest membership costing \$75. The Chamber is working on being the information and resource center for the community. The strategic plan is almost complete and the mission state: "Together we will promote, support and bridge business with community through economic development and opportunity."

**Set Board of Review Date/Time:** Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to set Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm-8:30 p.m. as the Board of Review date/time. Motion carried.

**Transportation & Facilities Committee Report-MSA/Chuck Schwartz-Consideration of Approving Bid for Road Borings of 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 40<sup>th</sup> Street Projects:** Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to hire PSI/Chippewa Falls at \$2,550 for road borings on 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 40<sup>th</sup> Street. Motion carried.

**Seal Coating Roads-Bid Ad and Consideration of Proposed Roads:** Motion by Germain, seconded by Demulling to approve approximately 10 miles of seal coating (as noted on the map reviewed) with

hot oil to be used and putting the bid notice in the newspaper with the bids to be opened at the next Transportation & Facilities Committee meeting on Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Announcements:** Spring Election, Tuesday, April 3. Polls open 7 am – 8 pm.

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

Jeri Koester, Clerk