

Town of Somerset
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 6, 2018
(Not official until approved at next meeting.)

Chairman Schachtner called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Witzmann, Rauch, Demulling and Schachtner. Absent: Plourde. Schachtner announced the meeting is being recorded. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Demulling to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Demulling suggested moving consideration of awarding the road project contracts up on the agenda. Motion by Rauch, seconded by Demulling to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Public Input: Bill Lawson announced there will be tour of Archie's/Ben's Bar Saturday from 1-5 pm. Items inside will be for sale. Rita Lawson gave an update of the student's community service project day and their work at the Old Town Hall.

Clerk's Report: Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Rauch to approve the May 2, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

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

Building Inspector's Report: Motion by Rauch, seconded by Witzmann to approve the May Building Inspector's report. Motion carried.

Animal Control Officer Report: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Witzmann to approve the May Animal Control Officer report. Motion carried.

Transportation & Facilities Consideration of Approval of Awarding Contract(s) for Road Construction Projects of 40th Street and 160th Avenue: Two sealed bids for each project were received. Bids were opened June 5.

- 40th Street Project: All Excavating \$52,500 and Miller Excavating \$67,675.
- 160th Avenue Project: All Excavating \$72,300 and Miller Excavating \$ 93,390

Transportation & Facilities Committee reviewed both bids and made a recommendation to accept the bids from All Excavating for both projects with the Town paving 1.5" of asphalt on 160th Avenue this year and 1.5" in 2019. 40th Street will remain gravel. Schachtner asked Tom Belisle what his projected start date would be and which project he'd like to start first. Belisle stated he'd like to start with 40th Street and could begin within a week. Schachtner stated 160th Avenue needs to be milled and that has to be coordinated with the County. Lynn Cook requested a postponement of the vote until Plourde could be present. Cook stated the bottom half of 40th is problematic and questioned why only the top half is being reconstructed. Schachtner stated the engineer has determined the bottom half does not need reconstruction. After the top half is reconstructed the road could be ready to connect the blacktop sections by paving the currently gravel section. Greg Mondry stated the most dangerous problem is when the school bus and garbage truck meet; the road is unsafe. Cook stated his opposition to the road

project. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Rauch to award the 160th Avenue Project for \$72,300 and the 40th Street Project for \$52,500 to All Excavating. Motion carried.

Fire/Rescue Commission Report: Schachtner read Belisle's report consisting of 40 calls for service in May. The total calls for this year are 154 compared to 136 for the same time last year. Working on Pea Soup Days fundraising and raffle. Northern Invasion Concert had no issues. Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Rauch to approve the Fire/Rescue Commission report. Motion carried.

Parks, Rec & Planning Commission-Pine Cliff Partnership/Mike Hartman-Doug Zahler/ACA 6 Lot Major Subdivision Concept Map-Pine Cliff Third Addition: Mike Hartman and Doug Zahler presented the concept map for Pine Cliff Third Addition. This major subdivision plat does not require the construction of any roads as the lots are in-fill and access existing roads. The Town Board was presented with the proposed next phase that shows a connection being made to Whispering Pines. The future road connection is something the Town strongly desires to allow another outlet. Much discussion on a bike/walk path to be put in between lots # 5 & #6 to gain connectivity to River Hawk Ridge, as requested by the Plan Commission. Hartman had concerns over the path being private to Pine Cliff and after discussion with the Town Board, the consensus was that the path should be dedicated to the Town as a 10' easement with 6' paved and 2' shoulders that is open to the public. Town Board had no objections to the concept map.

Old Business: None.

New Business-St. Croix Bike & Pedestrian Trail Coalition-Warren White/Engineer-Presentation & Consideration of Next Phase-Landing Hill Bike Path: Warren White, Civil Engineer from St. Croix Falls, gave a 4-page summary of a 22-page power point on Phase One of Landing Hill Segment for Bicycle & Pedestrian Trail Route along State Hwy. 64 and County Road V to VV. White looked at four alternatives and estimated costs were presented with each alternative. White stated the Town needs to consider 12' trails or 16' wide trails. WIDOT requires fencing. Discussion on the large sections of retaining walls and concerns over cost and maintenance. White will meet with retaining wall contractors to see how much a square foot the 1100 ft. of retaining wall will cost. Discussion on using current roads to access through the Town and connect with County Road I into the Village and 160th Avenue to New Richmond. Review of a highlighted Town map from January 2017. White will return to July 11th Town Board meeting with more input. No action taken.

Consideration of Approval of Liquor, Operator, Tobacco, Tubing, Concessions and Junkyard-Salvage yard License Renewals: Motion by Rauch, seconded by Witzmann to approve the following list of licenses as presented with approved premise descriptions. Motion carried.

CLASS "B" Beer and "CLASS B" Liquor Combination Licenses:

- *T-Buckets Bar & Grill, Traci J. Libersky, Agent.* Premise description: Liquor storage in basement, under the counter, at the bar, walk-in cooler, inside the bar, patio, parking lot and inside the garage.
- *St. Croix National Golf & Event Center, Brian Beauchamp, Agent.* Premise description: clubhouse, grill, lower level cage, beverage carts, event center/halfway house.
- *Phanueff – Vanasse American Legion Post III, Earl Fatheree, Agent.* Premise description: bar, reception hall and garage.

- *Not Justa Bar & Cafe' Inc. Agent: Barbara Meyer.* Premise description: Within building confines, including currently attached fenced in patio.
- *County Line Bar LLC, Trade Name: Hank's Bar, Josh Hansen, Agent.* Premise description: wood structure building w/full basement.
- **RESERVE Class "B" Liquor License:** Hideaway LLC, Mike Kappers, Agent. Premise description: Fenced in areas around Riverfront Bar and Concession area at Eatery.
- **Concessions License:** Hideaway LLC
- **Tubing/Camping License:** Hideaway LLC
- **Operator's Licenses:** Earl Fatheree, Kathryn Thompson, Brenda Jacobs, Annette Meath, Kari Magnuson, Andrea L. Thomas, Delores Christensen, Robert Neuenfeldt, Stacy Lynn Hohler, Lea Ann Jondal, Bradley Allen Goulet, Lori Ann Skwarek, Mark Richard Dvorak, Drew M. Kelly, Jennifer Lynn Bednar, Jamie Meyer, Terra Weyer, Svetlana Faragher, Catina Lunceford, Paula Schachtner, Nicole Potter, Heather Frederickson, Garret M. Lokken, Brandon Barclay, Nicholas Botelho, Lauren Botelho, Thor J. Linnerooth, Abby Holt, Nicholas J. Hilpisch, Savanna Becthold, Lynn Johnson, Teresa Kelly, Maggie Libersky, Kathy Fuller, Monica Casey, Victoria Messer, Breanna Krohn, Sadie Williamson-Jann, Rebecca Lindblom, Erin Johnson.
- **Tobacco Licenses:** Phaneuff-Vanasse American Legion Post III, T-Buckets Bar & Grill, St. Croix National Golf & Event Center
- **Salvageyard/Junkyard License:** Brand Buggy LLC, DBA: Somerset Auto Salvage

St. Croix National Golf & Event Center/Kristine Botelho-Request for Small Event Permit for July 27, 5-10 pm County Music Concert & BBQ: Kristine Botelho was present to discuss the small event permit that she would like to obtain for St. Croix National Golf to hold a 250 guest County Music Concert w/BBQ outside on July 27, from 5-10 pm. Fireworks Forever will allow overflow parking and the Golf Course has their maintenance building area for parking as well. Portable toilets will be on site w/handicapped facilities provided. Botelho stated there is liability insurance. A tent will be provided over the band equipment and stage. Discussion on fencing the grassy area along the parking lot or providing security to keep the alcohol confined. Motion by Witzmann, seconded by to approve a Small Event Permit for St. Croix National to hold the County Music Concert on July 27, from 5-10 pm with the condition the parking lot be fenced or secured to keep alcohol contained to the grounds. Motion carried.

Town Board Appointments to Committee by Chair: Schachtner appointed Demulling & Witzmann to Transportation & Facilities Committee, Rauch to Parks, Rec & Planning Commission and Plourde to the Fire/Rescue Commission.

Transportation and Facilities Committee Report (continued): Consideration of Approval of Painting Old Town Hall & Fire Dept Offices/Meeting Room: Witzmann met with contractors Hurd Maintenance and M & K Painting. M & K did not submit any price quotes. Transportation & Facilities

Committee reviewed both projects and made a recommendation to accept the proposal from Hurd Maintenance for the painting of the Fire Dept. and to wait another year on the painting of the Old Town Hall. Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Demulling to accept the painting bid from Hurd Maintenance for the Fire Dept. at \$1,918. Motion carried. Hurd to coordinate with the Fire Dept. on the paint colors and project date.

Consideration of Approval of HVAC Upgrades and /or Furnace in Fire Hall: Witzmann met with All Seasons Heating & Air to discuss the Fire Dept. HVAC and replacement of one furnace/heater in the Fire Dept. bay and a mini split to help with the air conditioning. Transportation & Facilities Committee discussed and recommended approval of the proposal of \$4,079 (not including electrical wiring) of a mini split and garage heater replacement. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Witzmann to approve All Seasons Heating & Air's proposal of \$4,079 for Fire Dept. HVAC upgrades. Motion carried.

Announcements: Tire & Appliance Recycling Event, Sat., June 16th, 8 am – 1 pm
July Town Board Meeting, Wednesday, July 11th, 8 pm (due to 4th of July)
July Transportation & Facilities Committee Meeting, Tuesday, July 10th, 9 am

Adjourn: Motion by Rauch, seconded by Witzmann to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Jeri Koester, Clerk