

**Town of Somerset**  
**Town Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, August 1, 2018**  
(Not official until approved at next meeting.)

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

**Public Input:** Rita Lawson presented a redesigned sketch of the plans for the vacant buildings on Main Street with parking area for the Somerset Library. Lynn Cook asked for more copies to be available at the meetings. Lynn Cook stated survey medallion on 40<sup>th</sup> Street needs to be put back up. Schachtner stated he would contact the County surveyor. Cook inquired about the membership numbers for the St. Croix Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and questioned about the Phase 2 Engineering costs and what benefits the Town gets from it. Schachtner responded the Phase 2 study will give the Town a design standard with associated costs to move forward with grant applications.

**Clerk's Report:** *Motion by Rauch, seconded by Plourde to approve the July 11, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carried.*

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

**Building Inspector's Report:** Two new homes and numerous sheds/decks/alterations permits for July.

**Animal Control Officer Report:** One animal call.

**Fire/Rescue Commission Report:** Plourde read Belisle's report consisting of 44 calls for service in July. The total calls for this year are 233 compared to 217 for the same time last year. Fundraising money has been used to purchase a third gas detector to calibrate and test detectors as well as a new logo sign for the front of the station that will be lighted. Plourde has requested a picture of what the new logo/sign will look like.

*Motion by Plourde, seconded by Rauch to approve the Building Inspector, Animal Control & Fire/Rescue Commission reports. Motion carried.*

**Consideration of Town Logo Design-Ian Davies:** Discussion on key ideas and words to incorporate into a logo. Davies asked Town Board members to email him ideas and he will put together a timeframe.

**Tyler Tronnes-Concerns over 1584-32<sup>nd</sup> Street Property (formerly Animal Luv Inn) Tax Error/Legal Description/Map Error/WI DOT Deed from 1978:** Tronnes was not present.

**Parks, Rec & Planning Commission-Doug Zahler/ACA 2 Lot CSM for Steve & Barb Meyer off 192<sup>nd</sup> Avenue & 42<sup>nd</sup> Street:** *Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the 2 Lot CSM for Steve & Barb Meyers as presented. Motion carried. Park fee has been paid.*

**Joel Anez/Landmark Surveying-2 Lot CSM & 1 Outlot for Russell & Jacqueline Patrick off 61<sup>st</sup> Street & Accompanying Covenant Regarding Town Road Agreement:** Review and discussion of the 2 Lot CSM off 61<sup>st</sup> Street & 1 Lot Outlot for Russell & Jacqueline Patrick with the Covenant Regarding Town Road Easement to be filed with the CSMs stating the creation of a third lot will require a Town road to be constructed at the developer/owner's expense. The Town will not pay for any future road extension. The Outlot will be deeded to Cletus Belle Isle by adding it onto his parcel. Anez questioned driveway separation of 200' for the driveway. Anez was informed he needs to inquire with St. Croix County on the driveway separation, as the County and Town both require 200'. *Motion by Rauch, seconded by Demulling to approve the 2 Lot CSM & 1 Outlot along with the Covenant Regarding Town Road for 61<sup>st</sup> Street pending the driveway location either meets the 200' separation or a variance is granted from St. Croix County. Motion carried. Park fees have been paid.*

**Old Business-Phase 2 Engineering Study/Landing Hill Bicycle & Pedestrian Path-Contract with Warren White & Payment:** Schachtner reported Ellen Denzer strongly advised the Town should sign the Phase 2 engineering contract with Warren White rather than the St. Croix Bicycle & Pedestrian Trail Coalition. The Town has approved \$7,500 out of the park savings fund from development fees for this study and St. Croix County has committed \$7,500 from the mitigation fund. St. Croix County will make reimbursement for the \$7,500 they approved and allocated. Therefore, Schachtner recommended the Town sign the contract and make a direct payment to Warren White, instead of the Coalition. The engineering contract will be available at the September meeting.

**New Business: Consideration of Resolution 2018-01 Transportation Funding:** WI Towns Association has requested all Towns consider passage of this resolution for support of Just Fix It & Transportation funding to be submitted to the Governor and State Legislators. The resolution addresses the unmet transportation needs and calls on state legislators to prioritize and pass a sustainable funding package. *Motion by Plourde, seconded by Tim Witzmann to adopt Resolution 2018-01 A Resolution in Support of Just Fix It & Transportation Funding. Motion carried. The Clerk will send copies of the Resolution to the Governor, State Legislators, and WI Towns Association.*

**Consideration of Resolution 2018-02 in Support of St. Croix County's Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan:** St. Croix County's Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan was developed to serve as a guide for further development of bike and ped facilities in the County and as a strategy to enhance opportunities for biking and walking. The network of facilities, when constructed, will create an integral system of bikeable and walkable corridors connecting people to key destinations in and outside the County. The St. Croix County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan addresses and incorporates local municipal bicycle and pedestrian plans future needs for purposes of regional needs and state/local grants. *Motion by Demulling, seconded by Witzmann to adopt Resolution 2018-02 in Support of the St. Croix County Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan as a guide for the further development of bicycle and pedestrian facilities in the Town of Somerset. The Clerk will send a copy of this Resolution to St. Croix County Community Development and St. Croix Bicycle & Pedestrian Trail Coalition. Motion carried.*

**Transportation and Facilities Committee Report-Road Projects 40<sup>th</sup> Street & 160<sup>th</sup>**

**Avenue/Sealcoating Change:** 40<sup>th</sup> Street has been completed. A culvert should be put in on the hill. The road right-of-way has been seeded with erosion control matting. The County will mill 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue with gravel being hauled on the roadway prior to grinding. Scott Construction will be seal coating Town roads within the next two weeks. Wally Neumann met with Scott and they discussed swapping 46<sup>th</sup> St. with another road but after a site visit, Scott suggested AMZ on 46<sup>th</sup> Street this year and leaving the seal coating road list as is.

**Local Road Improvement Project Agreement (LRIP) for 200<sup>th</sup> Avenue Resurfacing:** The Town has been awarded \$16,109.76 in LRIP from the State for new pavement on 200<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Schachtner stated the work does not have to be completed or submitted for six years. Discussion on putting in turn lane on the right heading into Somerset. *Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Rauch to sign the LRIP Agreement for \$16,109.76 for 200<sup>th</sup> Street Resurfacing. Motion carried.*

**River Hills 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition Plat (Village) & Jurisdiction of 80<sup>th</sup> Street:** This section of 80<sup>th</sup> Street that serves access to River Hills does not have any land/parcels on either side of this section that are the Town of Somerset's jurisdiction and is completely bordered by the Village of Somerset & Town of Star Prairie's parcels. River Hills 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition will create additional traffic and use of 80<sup>th</sup> Street by the connection of a new Village roadway. The Town informed the Village at the joint meeting that the Village should assume jurisdiction of this portion of 80<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Announcements:** Primary Election, Tuesday, August 14, Polls Open 7 am – 8 pm

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Jeri Koester, Clerk