Town of Somerset
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 6, 2023
(Not official until approved at next meeting.)

Chairman Schachtner called the Town Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Demulling, Germain, Witzmann, Plourde and Schachtner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. *Motion by Germain, seconded by Plourde to approve the agenda with the purchase of the new dump truck moved up under Parks, Rec & Planning Commission report. Motion carried.*

Public Input: None.

Clerk and Treasurer's Report: *Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Plourde to approve the November 1st Public Budget & Special Town Meeting of the Electors Meeting Minutes. Motion carried. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to approve the November 1st Town Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried. Motion by Germain, seconded by Plourde to approve the November Financial Report. Motion carried.*

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

Animal Control Officer's Report: *Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Germain to approve the November Animal Control Officer's Report. Motion carried.*

Fire/Rescue Commission Report: Plourde read the Fire Rescue Commission Report for the month of November. The total runs this year are 408 compared to 412 for the same time last year. Ford Lightning pick up was delivered-working on graphics and lighting.

Parks, Rec and Planning Commission Report- Thomas Warman-Ed Flanum Northland Surveying-1 Lot CSM @ 1602 County Road I: *Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the 1 Lot CSM for Thomas Warman at 1602 County Road I. The driveway is already installed. Park fee has been paid.*

Old Business: None.

New Business- Discuss/Consider Pricing & Options of Ordering a New Dump: Quotes were obtained from Western Star and International. Wade Malecha, River States Truck & Trailer, was present to review their proposal. Discussion on extended warranty and options which can be added up until the time of delivery. Standard warranty-Cummins 2 yr./250,000 miles, transmission-Allison 2 yr./unlimited miles warranty, truck chassis four varying as listed. Extended warranties cover the 2 years included to with purchase and not 5 years beyond the initial 2 years. Discussion on towing and if included. Trade in $25,000 offered on Sterling but consensus was it will not be traded as it is needed for the plowing season before the new truck arrives. The Town Board will consider listing on WI Surplus Auction after the new truck arrives and if it is decided to sell the Sterling. Transportation & Facilities Committee recommended purchase of Western Star. *Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Demulling to approve the purchase and order a tri axle dump truck from Western Star at a cost of $177,973 (locked in) with the decision on the extended warranties to be discussed at a later date. Motion carried.* The quotes on the equipment will be presented at a later date-still working on obtaining those.

Appointment of Election Inspectors for a 2-Year Term (1/1/24-12/31/25) & Set Rate of Pay: *Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Plourde to approve the appointment of Election Inspectors for a Two-Year Term beginning 1/1/24 and expiring 12/31/25 from the nomination lists submitted by the Democratic Party & Republican Party of St. Croix County: SCC Democratic Party Nominees & Appointees: Deborah Wolf-Alternate Chief Election Inspector Reappointment by Clerk, Dale Wikre, Janet Mondry, Todd Sauers, Carol Sauers, Myrna Plourde, SCC Republican Party Nominees & Appointees: Elaine Sinn-Chief Election Inspector*

Reappointment by Clerk, Brenda Coalwell, Wendy Demulling, Jennifer Dewall, Jeff Harmon, Marin Hansch, Lisa Lind, Ashley Knefelkamp, Candace Neumann, Charles Neumann and Melanie Richert. Motion carried.

Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to set the hourly rate of pay at $25 per hour for Election Inspectors and $30 per hour for Chief and Alternate Chief Election Inspectors and provide meals. Motion carried.

Review/Approval of Agreement and Scope of Work for Zoning Consultant: Witzmann discussed review of current ordinances, possible deed restriction assistance, assistance with zoning enforcement review and letters. *Motion by Germain, seconded by Witzmann to approve the use of a zoning consultant on an hourly basis/not an employee for part time zoning consultant in 2024 with $6000 budgeted. Motion carried.*

WI DOT Agreement Regarding 80th Street with Town of Star Prairie: *Motion by Demulling, seconded by to Witzmann approve the WI DOT Agreement with Town of Star Prairie for 80th Street WISLR segments. Motion carried. Schachtner signed the agreement and map.*

Review of Status of St. Croix County Board of Supervisors Meeting on 12/5/23 Regarding 4.7 Acres Rezoning from C1 Commercial to C3 Commercial for Mike Kappers/Hideaway Property: No action taken at this time. SCC Board of Supervisors decided not to appeal Judge Nordstrand's decision.

Transportation & Facilities Committee-Road Projects & Equipment: Mowing to continue and hauling trap rock for seal coating.

Announcements & Adjourn: *Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.*

Jeri Koester, Clerk