

Town of Somerset
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 4, 2024
(Not official until approved at next meeting.)

Call to Order, Roll Call, Approval of Agenda: Chair Schachtner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Demulling, Germain, Witzmann, Plourde and Schachtner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. *Motion by Plourde, seconded by Witzmann to approve the agenda. Motion carried.*

Public Input: Amanda Mondor, 754-190th Avenue, spoke on her concerns regarding Pinevale development, realizing the subdivision is in the Village of Somerset, but it is affecting the adjacent landowners. Mondor requested to be put on the next meeting agenda. Schachtner advised the issue can be placed on the upcoming joint meeting scheduled at the Town Hall on January 22, 2025. Witzmann advised Mondor address the issues with the Village of Somerset prior to the joint meeting.

Clerk's & Treasurer's Reports: *Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from November 13th & Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes from November 13th. Motion carried. Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Germain to approve the November Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.*

Building Inspector Report: *Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Demulling to approve the November Building Inspector Report. Motion carried.* Witzmann stated Building Inspector has a question regarding 2268-50th Street. All Croix Inspections inquiring if an after-the-fact permit for the container is required to permit it as a shed. Discussion on whether the container is permanent or movable and anything over 120 sq. feet requires a permit. Consensus was if the container is going to stay permanently and it is over 120 sq. feet, it should be permitted otherwise it needs to be removed.

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

Fire/Rescue Commission Report: Plourde read the November report. 478 calls for 2024 compared to 408 calls last year. Report included information on tender sale, membership and training.

Parnell Prairie Preserve Update: Schachtner stated the projects are all completed for the year.

Parks, Rec & Plan Commission Report- Hillside Estates Major Subdivision CONCEPT Map of 20 Lots, 726-160th Avenue (formerly John Hilsen property) 78+ Acres, Parcels #032-2042-70-100, #032-2042-40-000, #032-2042-20-001, Owner: St. Croix AR, Developer/Agent: Al Wittstock: Town Board reviewed the concept map that was revised with the Plan Commission comments and putting in a future Town road access between Lots 14 & 15. St. Croix County Hwy. Commissioner's comments on the development access were presented. Discussion about building of future Town road accesses with gravel by Wittstock. Demulling is not in favor of building/graveling those future Town road accesses and suggested mowing instead. Verhoef asked if Lot 20 would be part of the Homeowner's Association due to access of 160th Avenue and why not consider it being a road. Wittstock stated Lot 20 could be parceled off in a 1 lot CSM and not be part of the Hillside Estates major plat. Ruth Steiner was concerned with the amount of lots in the subdivision and would like to see larger lot sizes. Wittstock stated St. Croix County's minimum lot size is 1.5 acres and if you get over 3 acres, it is a lot for homeowners to maintain. Wittstock stated the major plat will meet St. Croix County's plan. Schachtner stated the concerns regarding the building/graveling of the future Town road accesses between Lots 14 & 15 and Lots 17 & 18 can be decided later what is important is that the Town Board agree on the concept design for the lots and accesses so the developer can proceed. Town Board consensus is the concept map meets all Town specifications for design standards. Consensus was to submit concept map to Jewell Engineering for review. Wittstock stated the preliminary plans will not be brought in until February Planning Commission.

Old Business: None.

New Business-Consider Approving Driveway Permit off Andersen Scout Camp Road for Scot Hendricks:

Schachtner and Demulling physically inspected the property. The terrain prevents accessing the property from the current driveway serving the house for a shed. Hendricks would like to install a driveway from Andersen Scout Camp Road for a shed and also expressed interest in subdividing the lot in the future. Hendricks was advised if the property is ever subdivided, the driveway off Andersen Scout Camp Road goes with the new lot. Discussion. *Motion by Demulling, seconded by Witzmann to approve a waiver to Town Ordinance for a second driveway for Scott Hendricks, parcel#032-2070-10-051, due to the berm WI DOT built, the 12-acre lot size that can be subdivided and the terrain that limits access to a building site for a shed, with the condition Hendricks applies and obtains approval from St. Croix County for a waiver for second driveway and a Land Use Permit, if necessary, and the driveway permit off Andersen Scout Camp Road will be issued by the Town contingent upon an issued building permit for shed or further subdividing the property. Motion carried.*

Change January 1st Town Board Meeting Date: *Motion by Germain, seconded by Witzmann to move the Town Board meeting from January 1 to January 8, 2025. Motion carried.*

Somerset Historical Society Formation: December 11, 6:30 pm at Somerset Library will be the first meeting.

Consideration of Traffic Logix Cloud Renewal Pricing Options: Consensus was to not renew at this time.

Transportation & Facilities Committee -205th Avenue Road Project-Progress Update & Issues: Jewell Engineering is working on the temporary limited easements, fence and driveway issues.

Equipment-New Truck Update: New chassis has been received and is at Universal Truck Equipment. Decision will have to be made in January regarding the extended warranty.

Announcements: None.

Adjourn: *Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Plourde to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried.*

Jeri Koester,
Clerk