

Town of Somerset
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 5, 2025
(Not official until approved at next meeting.)

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

Public Input: None.

Clerk and Treasurer's Report: *Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to approve the January 8, 2025, Town Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to approve the January Financial Report. Motion carried.*

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

Animal Control Officer's Report: *No invoiced calls for January.*

Fire/Rescue Commission Report: Plourde read the Fire Rescue Commission Report for the month of January. The total calls for January were 48 compared to 47 calls for the same time last year. Tim Stickfort was awarded member of the year. One structure fire at a residence in the Town.

Parnell Prairie Preserve-Consideration of Reservation/Fee for Park Shelter Usage: *Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to have the Parnell Prairie Preserve open to reservations on Hey Gov/Hey Reserve with a \$50/day fee. Motion carried.*

Consideration of a Flagpole & Electrical Service at Parnell Prairie Preserve: Postponed until March.

Parks, Rec, and Planning Commission Report: None.

New Business-Discussion and Consideration of Contract for Town Engineer Master Contract Services with Jewell Assoc./Scott Whitsett: *Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to approve the Jewell Associates Professional Services Master Agreement with expiration date December 31, 2025. Motion carried.*

Consider Request to Release Letter of Credit for White Pine Ridge: *Motion by Germain, seconded by Demulling to release the Letter of Credit for White Pine Ridge as there are no issues and the LOC expires March 31, 2025. Motion carried.*

Consider Approval of Metro Sales 5-Yr Ricoh Copier Agreement: *Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to approve the 5-Year Lease with Metro Sales Inc./Ricoh IM C2510 for approximately \$208.09/month with variable color copy charge fees each month. Motion carried.*

St. Croix Co. Community Development's Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to Chapter 15-General Zoning Ordinance (Public Hearing 2/20/25 @ 5 pm/Government Center): Schachtner announced there is a Public Hearing on February 20th at 5 pm at St. Croix County Government Center for anyone who wants to attend or give comments on the proposed Chapter 15 General Zoning Ordinance Amendments.

Transportation & Facilities Committee-205th Avenue Road Project-Progress Update & Issues-Decision on Performing Soil Borings: Scott Whitsett/Jewell Associates participated by speakerphone. Jewell is negotiating buying right-of-way based on the current design. Whitsett discussed cost savings measures. Discussed posting the speed limits on vertical hills. Whitsett requested MSA email the plan to have independent review for cost-savings measures. Town Board consensus was to not perform the soil borings.

Equipment Update: No issues.

Roads Update-Consideration to Advertise for Sealed Bids/Hot Oil & Cold Emulsion Oil Sealcoating and Miles or Roadway or Use St. Croix County Hwy. Dept. Cold Emulsion Oil for Sealcoating Town Roads: *Motion by Demulling, seconded Plourde by to advertise for sealed bids for hot oil and cold oil/emulsion (separate bids for comparison) for sealcoating on approximately 10 miles of Town road. Motion carried.*

Consider New Flagpole at Town Hall: Discussion on placement and number of flagpoles. *Motion by Germain, seconded by Plourde to postpone until March. Motion carried.*

Front Concrete Repair Options & Pricing: *Motion by Germain, seconded by Demulling to approve the lowest bidder, Stuntz Concrete LLC for concrete replacement with slight revision in width and for flagpoles for \$49,225. Motion carried.*

Gutter by Front Door Extension-DJ Gutters: Front Town Hall \$150 gutter extension and back Town Hall \$561 gutter. No objections.

Consideration of Motion Lights Installation in Fire Hall: Discussion on hard-wiring a 24-hour light in pick-up bay and big bay. No objections.

Wolter, Inc. – Generac Generator Equipment Consider Options: Purchase and installation of a generator for Town Hall side was discussed. Postponed until March.

Announcements:

Spring Primary Election, Tuesday, Feb. 18, Polls open 7 am – 8 pm

Announcements & Adjourn: Meeting *adjourned at 8:30 p.m.*

Jeri Koester,
Clerk