

Joint Meeting of the Village of Somerset and Town of Somerset
Village Hall, 110 Spring Street Somerset, WI 54025 | Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Village President, Ryan Sicard called the Regular Joint Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present from the Village was Chris Dubak, Brandon Krohn, Ryan Sicard, Chris Moreno, Donnie Kern and Jessica Plourde. Present from the Town were Doug Plourde, Jason Crotty, Lenny Germain, Shane Demulling, and Tim Witzmann. Present from the Fire/Rescue Commission were Dave Wolner, Wally Neumann and Rita Lawson. Present from the Fire Department were Sarah Kobs and Travis Belisle.

Approval of Agenda

- *Motion by Demulling, second by Moreno to approve the agenda and motion carried unanimously.*

Public Comment

- No public comment.

Minutes

- *Motion by Germain, second by Krohn to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2025 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.*

Financial Report

- *Motion by Witzmann, second by Kern to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried unanimously with abstention by Crotty, he is directly related to item.*

Old Business

- Pine Vale Storm Water Update
 - Kern, Moreno, Dubak, Gunther and Ryan Vanasse walked the site with MSA & Capstone. All agreed to wait one (1) year to make sure the system operates properly. Vanasse's property is listed in the punch list to make sure everything is ok.
 - Witzman asked if Mondor's encroachment issues were resolved? Larry said he wasn't invited to the meeting. Kern stated the issue they were meeting about was the runoff on Vanasse's property. The Village's position has been between Mondor & Capstone.
 - Sicard will arrange a meeting with Capstone and Mondor. Mondors are concerned about future development towards the North and how the water will be managed so Mondors aren't flooded out. Krohn said ultimately our hands are tied on stuff like that by the DNR.
 - Demulling asked Gunther about the Mondor property. Gunther stated the developer offered some solutions for the encroachment, but they weren't acceptable by the Mondors. They could counter the offer. Mondors are asking the Village to assist with communication. Gunther said he can't force the developer to put a fence in. Amanda Mondor said that was an initial starting point. Hoping that was part of a resolution for hunting, Village vs Township. The developer could have come back with we will pay for half. Nothing has been discussed, they have provided no solution to the problem. As far as the fence goes, Larry Mondor threw that out there because he thought it would be cheaper to put a fence up than to regrade that whole hill for the encroachment on his property and reimburse us for the trees. But if they would like to cut it back and regrade and reimburse us for the trees then that's fine. Mondor was

throwing it out there as an option. The developer has someone out there installing black chain link fencing, that would be fine with Mondors. Kern questioned how many trees? Amanda said they didn't do a tree evaluation on their own property before it was graded. Kern, how can they reimburse you for trees if you don't know how many were there? Mondors would like to have a meeting with Gunther and Capstone. Sicard said they would arrange something.

- Changes to Village Fire/Rescue Ordinance to match the Town of Somerset's Ordinance
 - Dubak worked with the town. The town and village should have the same ordinance for the insurance audit and so they don't lose out on \$50,000.00 funding.
 - Belisle stated there should be a Fire Commission Ordinance to "reference" state statute.

New Business

- Review Fire Department 5-Year Equipment Plan
 - Belisle said our share alone as of today's pricing new radios will be over \$316,000.00. That does not include licensing or fees. The state is lagging behind using VHF (analog) radios. In 2029 we won't be able to communicate with the county unless we have new 800MHZ radios. The DNR and or FEMA have grants available.
 - Keep the fire engine on your radar. It takes 3-4 years to get it once it's ordered. Demulling said we will need to figure out where the truck would be kept.
- Fire Department Comprehensive Plan Options
 - Belisle said with the growth of Somerset, we can't keep this up at this pace. The majority of calls is medical. If it's a structure fire - we need everyone.
 - By having a Comprehensive Plan it will help guide us in the future.
 - *Motion by Witzmann, second by Kern to move forward on the RFP Comprehensive Plan for Fire and Rescue Department and motion carried unanimously.*
- Right-of-Way along LaGrandeur Road
 - Gunther informed the members there would be no trail down 190th Street.
 - Germain questioned what kind of path? Gunther said it is non-motorized.
 - Witzmann suggested putting signs on either side of driveways.
- Parent Street/180th Avenue Road Transfer/Addresses
 - Witzmann said Jeri can get you all the information needed as she has talked to the DOT about the jurisdictional process.
 - Kern said they are trying to figure out through the state if there is an easier way by possibly incorporating current language and verbiage of the surveys without having to go through a secondary survey and that expense.
 - Witzmann said the process is pretty well defined. The town would have to have a meeting to actually turn over ownership of township property.
 - Sicard said the Village will continue to follow through with the legal requirements and surveying and complete the documents hopefully for processing as soon as they can be turned around.
 - Demulling wants to make sure the residents don't acquire any cost by taking over the road and having to change addresses from 180th to Parent Street.

- Need for Additional Sport Fields and Parks
 - Sicard & D. Plourde talked earlier. They would like to appoint a joint committee. 2 Village Board, 2 Town Board, 1 Village citizen and 1 town citizen.
 - Sicard will meet with Shannon Donnelly on Monday.
- New Appointed Fire/Rescue Commission Members
 - Sicard said this will be filled at the May Village Board Meeting.

Next meeting will be held at 7pm July 23rd at Town Hall.

Adjourn

- *Motion by Kern, second by Krohn to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.*