

Town of Somerset
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 4, 2025
(Not official until approved at next meeting.)

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

Public Input: Joan Detloff, Somerset Memorial Scholarship Committee, requested permission to put the shed that Wittstock Builders is donating for the raffle on the Town property during Pea Soup Days. Consensus of the Town Board is that it is permissible. Steve Kaufmann stated he decided to take a break from renewing the Campground License in the Town for the 2025-2026 season, but he would like to wait and see what the Village's development is like prior to pursuing the campground this year. Kaufman stated he and a business partner have purchased the Hideaway property, and the goal is to build a few homes and look to the Town Board for the rest of the property's options.

Clerk and Treasurer's Report: *Motion by Germain, seconded by Crotty to approve May 7, 2025, Town Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried. Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Demulling to approve the May Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.*

Building Inspector's Report: Review of report with four new homes and other permits. *Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Germain to approve the May Building Inspector's Report. Motion carried.*

Also, discussion and review of current issues: Kelly Walker 708-205th Avenue unpermitted dwelling, David Schiller-2268-50th Steet storage container and unpermitted dwelling, Christopher Mick-389 Rice Lake Road interior renovations with no permit, Possum Lodge Renovations at 2159 Hwy. 35-porch no permit. *Motion by Germain, seconded by Witzmann to approve contacting the Town Attorney for legal assistance with non-compliance issues. Motion carried. Witzmann will be the Town Board member contacting Town attorney.*

Animal Control Officer's Report: *Motion by Demulling, seconded by Crotty to approve May Animal Control Officer's Report. Motion carried.*

Fire/Rescue Commission Report: Witzmann read the Fire Rescue Commission Report for May. To date, the total are 194 calls compared to 211 calls for the same time last year. Working on Pea Soup Days Pancake Breakfast this weekend. One proposal was received regarding the comprehensive planning project. Gary Barger and Matt Nelson have retired after many years of service.

Parks, Rec, and Planning Commission Report- Hillside Estates/St. Croix AR Wittstock/Doug Zahler Final Plat 19 Lot Major Subdivision off 70th Street & Developer's Agreement: 300' Shoreland Zone from OHWM must be added to the Final Plat. Discussion on Lot #12 being 165th Avenue. Discussion. Consensus was to leave as 74th Street for now. *Motion by Plourde, seconded by Witzmann to table the Hillside Estates Final Plat, Developer's Agreement, and Letter of Credit consideration and move to a special meeting on Wednesday, June 18, 6:30 pm. Motion carried.*

Scott Peterson-Concept-2 Lot CSM 40th Street-Plourde stated this concept was presented to the Town's Planning Commission. Generally, a concept does not go to Town Board. Witzmann stated concern as a Town Board member why we are entertaining a concept when the map has not been through the Town's Planning Commission. Germain stated that this being a minor subdivision, this has the right to have Town Board review as a concept. Zahler presented four concepts-A, B, C, D. Concept A-building a short cul-de-sac for a public

road. Concept B-building a Town road all the way to the east property line, Concept C-building a proposed Town Road that goes back as far as the existing 66' easement serving four lots. Discussion about not having enough land to currently divide Lot #2. Concept D- showing the 66' easement and having a private road serving three lots. Does not fit Town ordinance but is most favorable to Scott Peterson. Demulling suggested purchasing Berger's easement rights and coming in off 40th Street. Witzmann stated he was attending the Plan Commission for park issues, and he recalled the consensus was to build the road to the end of the existing easement or comes off 40th Street. Demulling asked Peterson if his goal is to get two lots because it would be easier to put in a shared driveway off 40th Street to get two lots. Peterson stated he is looking for the waiver to Town ordinance to allow his plan and not destroy forestry and landscape. Discussion on deed restricting the ten acres. Witzmann asked if a stormwater pond would be required. Zahler stated yes that would be required. Demulling stated he does not think it should go to the end of the property line, concept B. Plourde stated Concept C & a CSM with a shared driveway off 40th Street was the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Demulling stated there is not enough hardship here because Peterson can put a shared driveway off 40th Street or sliding the cul-de-sac down. Zahler questioned why add 400' to the road. Plourde stated option one is to move the cul-de-sac down per Demulling's request past Lot #1 or come off 40th Street with a single or a shared driveway on the south side. Germain suggested Concept A with a short cul-de-sac and deed restrict the back six acres. No action taken.

Concerts: June 20, July 11, August 15 & 16-Discussion on Traffic Route: EJ L'Allier was present to discuss the concert traffic and route. For the big concert on August 15 & 16, ending at 11 pm, there will be extra sheriff patrol at all the main intersections from County Road I to County Road VV, discussion of a sheriff at the railroad crossing at 38th Street at no cost to the Town. No parking barrels in front of Parnell Prairie Preserve and clean up the ditch afterwards. No signs out because concert goers use their GPS/phones. EJ stated a follow-up meeting at the end of the concert season will be organized.

Parnell Prairie Preserve-Discuss, Review & Consideration of Awarding Paving Quote for Parking Lot Paving Extension-Two paving bids were submitted and opened at the Transportation & Facilities Committee meeting. Kusz Contracting \$19,664 and Allied Blacktop Company \$19,368. Review and discussion of bids. Plourde has confirmed that Allied has the correct mix and it is from Monarch. Germain contacted the DNR, and they advised us to hold off as permits may be required. *Motion by Demulling, seconded by Witzmann to accept the bid from Allied Blacktop Company for 19,368.00 paid out of the Park Fund, pending DNR approval. Motion carried. Certificate of Liability Insurance will be submitted.*

Parnell Prairie Preserve Mowing Map/Obligations-Discussion & Consideration of Lawn Mower-Witzmann stated the Transportation & Facilities Committee suggested scheduling a meeting out at the park on Wednesday, June 12 at 2:30 pm with Witzmann & Demulling. Mowing of the Town comes out of the Park Fund and if there is the opportunity to have sponsors or have the Village contribute to the mowing, because it is more than what was anticipated. Curran stated he could stake the area, and the disc golf course trails could be mowed less.

Accept Larry Rauch's Resignation from Parks, Rec & Planning Commission & Consider Replacement Process to Fill Remainder of Current Term (1 Year)-Plourde stated Larry Rauch has resigned his position from the Parks, Rec & Planning Commission and has served the Town for many years. Rauch's term has one more year left, therefore, someone will need to be appointed to fill that term until April 2026. Plourde suggested any interested residents submit a resume or statement of interest prior July 1st Town Board meeting.

60th Street Update: Jeff Reynolds acknowledged the Town owns the stormwater pond through a limited easement, but if development/building houses on the three lots were to occur, the pond will not be sufficient. Reynolds asked if there is any guidance on the 48-acre watershed as it all ends up heading from County Road I to the northwest corner. Reynolds advised one option is to remove the outlet from the existing pond and

capping the area to prevent draining. More discussion. Demulling questioned if the DNR needs to be brought into this issue if we reroute the water. Reynolds stated there would be DNR permitting required. Plourde stated Town needs to get estimated costs behind the three options and directed Reynolds to contact the DNR to see which proposal is viable with them.

205th Avenue Project Update-Plourde has had communication between Jewell & MSA, and the acquisition and design of the driveways need to be confirmed. Witzmann and Plourde will meet on June 6th with Jewell & MSA. Plourde stated the Town Board agreed to stay with the MSA plans for elevations but proceed as far as possible, going to 60th Street there is a dip so it may be advisable to go to Viebrock's driveway for the reconstruction. Jewell presented cost estimates for three options. Reconstructing whole road length-breaker run was omitted originally, \$2.474 million MSA estimated \$1.8 Million. Going up to 60th Street with the numbers modified is \$1.553 Town obligation is \$657,000. Plourde stated if the sealed bids come in favorably up to Viebrock's driveway, but if the prices came in favorably there would be the option of phase 2 to go all the way to County Road I. The Town would have to make a request to the DOT to shorten the length of the road after the sealed bids are opened. Scott Whitsett, Jeff Reynolds, Chuck Schwartz, Bob Uelmen, Tim Witzmann and Doug Plourde

Computers Update-Computers have arrived and Sunnylink will configure.

New Business – Fred Meyers Second Driveway off 150th Avenue-Consider Waiver to Town Ordinance-Demulling stated this issue has been going on for years. Hardship is driving over his septic system. The driveway off 150th Avenue meets the site distance, and the shed meets the setbacks. *Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to approve a second driveway off 150th Avenue for Fred Meyers, pending he apply for a driveway permit. Motion carried.*

Joel Roetzer 759-205th Ave.-Request for Variance to Town Ordinance 34-378 f(c) to Reduce Side Setback from 10' to 5' from the Foundation for Addition to Garage-Roetzer was in attendance to discuss the need for a side setback variance from 10' to 5' for the addition to his garage at 759-205th Avenue. Roetzer provided a signed letter from the adjacent property owners, Amanda & Matthew Wolfe, who do not oppose the side setback reduction. *Motion by Germain, seconded by Witzmann to approve the 5' side setback waiver (reduce from 10' to 5') for Joel Roetzer at 759-205th Avenue for an addition to his current garage. Motion carried.*

Clifford Hentz 1624-83rd St.-Request for Variance to Town Ordinance 34-378 f(c) to Reduce Side Setback from 10' to NE Corner 2' Variance & NW Corner 5' Variance for New Shed Construction-Hentz was in attendance to request a variance on the side setback for a new construction shed. Heintz submitted plans and stated he wanted to angle his shed with his home, so the request is 2' on the NE corner and 5' on the NW corner. Hentz submitted a statement from adjacent property owners who support his variance request. *Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Crotty to approve the 2' Variance on the NE Corner and the 5' Variance on the NW Corner for a new shed building permit at 1624-83rd Street/Clifford Hentz. Motion carried.*

Consideration of Approval of 2025-2026 Liquor, Operator, Tobacco, and Junkyard License Renewals-Listing of License Applications, Agents and Operators was reviewed. *Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Crotty to approve the 2025-2026 Liquor License Renewals & Agents, Operator Licenses, Tobacco/Cigarette Licenses, and Junkyard-Salvage Yard Licenses. Motion carried. Separate list attached at the end of the Minutes.*

Transportation & Facilities Committee-Town Hall Front Concrete-Review & Consider Scope of Work & Construction Timeline on Front Concrete & Option-Quotes from Stuntz Concrete-Review & Consider Options/Approval: Review of the segment quotes from Stuntz Concrete and the comparison spreadsheet. Discussion. Demulling suggested sawcutting a water line to the rock sign. Tear out on Thursday, pour concrete on Friday-Fire Dept. & Senior Center to be pre-notified. Original approval \$49,225. New quote for additional

two sections added into the project is \$60,340.00 and increases by \$11,115.00. *Motion by Germain, seconded by Crotty to approve the quote of \$60,340.00 for the entire front/all segments of the Town building from Stuntz Concrete. Motion carried.*

Equipment Update-Dagelmann Sale Update & Transmission Repair Issue-Dagelmann sold for \$8125 on Wisconsin Surplus. Warranty reimbursement from transmission repair last year was received. Transmission XY shifter is under warranty and will be covered but not the labor charges.

Roads-Quotes on End wall/Culvert Replacement for 232nd Avenue-*Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Crotty to approve the quote on the culvert replacements on 232nd Avenue from All Excavating for \$3000 with the end walls purchased by the Town from St. Croix County Hwy. Dept., 2-36" for \$1,320 and 1-48" for \$1,512.00. Motion carried.*

Summer Work Hours-Review 1 Month Trial-*Motion by Crotty, seconded by Germain to continue with the 4 days/10-hour work week until October 6th. Motion carried.*

Office of the Commissioner of Railroads-Final Decision on 85th Street Crossing-Town's Obligations-Discussion. Town will send the four property owners in the quadrant of the 85th St. Railroad Crossing a letter regarding the Order for brush removal per the paperwork received from the Office of the Commissioner of the Railroad.

St. Croix County Hwy. Dept. Report on Identified Local 6-20 Foot Structures (Culverts) 205th/230th Avenues-Town has two-one on 205th Avenue and one on 230th Avenue.

3 MSA Invoices-Update-Plourde reviewed the three outstanding invoices and will discuss with MSA.

Announcements:

Transportation & Facilities Committee Meeting Rescheduled to Tues., July 8, 1 pm

Town Board Meeting Rescheduled to Wednesday, July 9, 7 pm

Adjourn: *Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.*

Jeri Koester,
Clerk

Town of Somerset

2025-2026 License Application Renewals

CLASS “B” Beer and “CLASS B” Liquor Combination Retail License for the Sale of Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor:

1. Phaneuf-Vanasse American Legion Post III, Joshua J. Svejcar, Agent
2. T-Buckets Bar & Grill, Trade Name: T-Buckets Hometown Bar, Traci Jean Libersky, Agent
3. St. Croix National Golf & Event Center, Lauren J. Irvine, Agent
4. JWV Enterprise LLC, Trade Name: Doboy’s Bar and Grill, Jeramy W. Viebrock, Agent
5. Not Justa Bar & Café Inc., Barbara A. Meyer, Agent

Cigarette/Tobacco Licenses:

1. St. Croix National Golf & Event Center, Lauren J. Irvine, Agent
2. T-Buckets Bar & Grill LLC, Traci Jean Libersky, Agent

Salvage/Junkyard License:

1. Brand Buggy LLC, DBA: Genesis Recycling/Brand Buggy

Operator (Bartender) Licenses:

Phaneuff-Vanasse American Legion Post III

1. Earl Clayton Fatheree
2. Kathryn E. Thompson
3. Madasyn C. Kelly
4. Karie Ann Magnuson
5. Delores K. Christensen
6. Annette Lyn Meath
7. Stacy Lynn Hohler
8. Joshua John Svejcar
9. Timothy Jerome Hanson
10. Lori Ann Skwarek
11. Brian Joseph Crombie
12. Brooke Marie Dahlin
13. Lori Marie Larson
14. Heather Latrice Radtke
15. Brenda Kae Baillargeon

St. Croix National Golf & Event Center

1. Lauren J. Irvine
2. Mackenzie A. White
3. Carson Michael Edward Jordan
4. Marissa Ashley Lindskog
5. Averie Lynn Martin
6. Caitlin Ochtera
7. Brie Louise Daulton
8. Emma G. Handrahan
9. Heather Jo Signalness
10. Addison Eleanor Aune
11. Lauren Walters
12. Emma O’Neil
13. Nichole M. Forrest
14. Isabella Jensen
15. Addisen McGeehan

T-Buckets Bar & Grill LLC, Trade Name: T-Buckets Hometown Bar

1. Marissa Lynn Libersky
2. Tanna Virginia Nolan
3. Brian Allen Bailey
4. Lynnette Lea Johnson
5. Abby Lynn Holt
6. Maggie Jean Sullivan
7. Crystal Nicole Annis
8. Keenan R. Price

JWV Enterprise LLC, Trade Name: Doboy's Bar and Grill

1. Quinton A. Lynn-Marr
2. Denae Elise Saltness
3. Lisa Ann Peterson
4. Tim A. Martinson
5. Charlene A. Young

Not Justa Bar-N-Café' Inc.

1. Cassandra Lynn Hoke
2. Gwynneth Irene Bruce
3. Paula S. Blum
4. Gina Lathe
5. Sadie Williamson-Jann
6. Charlie Cox
7. Paula Schachtner
8. Mackenzie Hoffman York
9. Alixandra A. Sather