

Town of Somerset
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 4, 2026
(Not official until approved at next meeting.)

Chair Plourde called the Town Board meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Present were Demulling, Witzmann, Germain, Crotty, and Plourde. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. *Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Crotty to approve the agenda. Motion carried.*

Public Input

- None.

Clerk and Treasurer's Report

- *Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Demulling to approve the January 7, 2026, Minutes. Motion carried. Motion by Germain, seconded by Demulling to approve the January Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.*

Building Inspector's Report

- *Motion by Germain, seconded by Crotty to approve the January Building Inspector's Report. Motion carried.*

Animal Control Officer's Report

- *Motion by Demulling, seconded by Witzmann to approve the January Animal Control Officer Report. Motion carried.*

Fire/Rescue Commission Report

- Plourde read the January Report. The total calls for 2026 are 47 so far compared to 48 in 2025.

Parks, Rec, and Planning Commission Report

- Conditional Use Permit-Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp-Construction of a 2-Car Garage, Addition of Two Modern Bathroom Facilities onto Existing Cabins in Riverway District at 186 Andersen Scout Camp Trail- Planning Commission recommended approval. Board of Adjustment Hearing at St. Croix County has been held and application was approved. Germain inquired about the driveway access. David Denn stated they are still reviewing the driveway. *Motion by Germain, seconded by Witzmann to recommend approval of the Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp LLC Conditional Use Permit with the driveway location as an ingress or move the driveway to another location. Motion carried.*

Old Business

- Michael Baratto/Eugene & Angela Baratto-Consider Quote on Fence Installation on 205th Avenue: *Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to table until March meeting to confirm the length of the fence that is on the quote for re-installation. Motion carried.*
- Land Division, 2 Variance Requests, Clarification on Commercial Access off Hillcrest Drive
4 Lot CSM B & R Properties, LLC/Real Land Surveying at 712-170th Avenue
Lot #1=18.36 acres accessing off 80' wide shared/joint driveway maintenance agreement
Lot #2=12.49 acres new driveway access off 170th Avenue
Lot #3=10.60 acres new driveway access off 170th Avenue
Lot #4=49.93 acres off 80' wide shared joint driveway maintenance agreement

Clarification on Access off Hillcrest Drive for Commercial Area on Lot #4-There is no deeded access off Hillcrest Drive to the commercial area. Kaufman stated the revised CSM shows dotted line for access on Lot #4 to commercial area. Germain replied when the Eatery was approved to be attached to the Hideaway, the Town required a driveway from the Eatery be built down to the existing driveways of the Hideaway. Demulling questioned if roads can go through floodplains. Kaufman stated he is considering moving the commercial area on Lot #4 and he is meeting with St. Croix County staff. Demulling stated if the dam by River's Edge ever fails, it would be catastrophic for that property. Discussion on Town's commercial standard for roads requiring blacktop. Plourde stated the driveways for Lots #2 & #3 need to be permitted and installed off 170th Avenue prior to recording the CSM. DNR requires permits for working within the floodplain. Town requires joint driveway maintenance agreement recorded with Lots #1 & #4.

Two Variances requested for Lot #4: Width to Depth ratio and two residences (already existing). Demulling concerned with holding tanks on Lot #4 being in the floodplain.

Motion by Demulling, seconded by Witzmann to approve the 4 Lot CSM with the two variances for Lot #4 and the joint driveway maintenance agreement for Lots #1 & #4 (recorded), driveways for Lots #2 & #3 permitted and installed off 170th Avenue prior to recording CSM. Motion carried.

- 60th Street Update-Plourde is scheduling a meeting with Jeff Reynolds and Bill Lawson regarding the easement. Lawson stated he has a 3,000' conservation easement along the river. The drainage easement would have to be out of the conservation easement.
- Town Stormwater Requirements for Minor Subdivisions-Witzmann provided a copy of Town of St. Joseph's ordinance. Witzmann will follow up with Wisconsin Towns Association.
- 205th Ave. TRID Project-General Obligation Loan-Motion by Germain, seconded by Witzmann to obtain a General Obligation Loan from First National Bank of New Richmond for 205th Avenue TRID Project. Motion carried.

New Business

- Sunnylink Quote-Motion by Crotty, seconded by Plourde to approve Huntress at \$102.42/mo. Motion carried.

Transportation & Facilities Committee

- TV for Town Office-Witzmann installed the old TV from the Town Hall for committee meeting use.
- Disposal/WI Surplus Listing of Town Property-Motion by Crotty, seconded by Witzmann to approve list of items for disposal on WI Surplus. Motion carried.
- GeoTab for Equipment Maintenance-Witzmann stated the road crew does not need vehicle maintenance.
- Sealcoating-Approximately 10 miles. Consensus was hot oil and to advertise for sealed bids in March.
- Update to Road Maintenance Employee Handbook-Next month.
- Update to Emergency Operations Plan-Next month.

Announcements & Adjourn

- Primary Election-County Board Dist. 2, Tuesday, Feb. 17, 7am-8pm (Only Wards 3-6 Town Voting)
- Parks, Rec & PC Meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 18, 7 pm
- Motion by Germain, seconded by Demulling to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Jeri Koester, Clerk