

Town of Somerset
Town Board Special Meeting Minutes
Friday, March 20, 2026
(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, Plourde, Scott Whitsett/Jewell, Nikko Miller, and Travis Ostby/Total Excavating.

205th Avenue Preconstruction Meeting

- Clearing trees: Whitsett stated trees need to be cleared by April 15. Miller stated will start April 6.
- Construction start date is May 4th. Materials from Belisle pit and debris to Belisle pit. Hauling gravel end of May, 7-8 days. As of right now, all the borrow is coming out of Belisle pit. Whitsett discussed yardage on bid and unclassified excavation is on-site excavation. Whitsett stated easiest way is to re-run the sections through the corridor and utilize truck tickets to verify values. Nikko Miller will be using GPS.
- Mailboxes & Road Access-Miller will contact Somerset post office regarding mailbox placement. Roads are only open to residents that live on that road. When road is shutdown for culverts, Whitsett requested Miller notify EMS. Garbage service access will be maintained as much as possible. Miller will coordinate with school district bus service and maintain communication with Safeway.
- Work Schedule-Whitsett requested a preliminary schedule from Miller. Miller will send next week. Project will start at County Road I and moving East. End of July-paving, weather permitting. Whitsett will reach out to Lindsay to provide all email contacts/phone numbers to send a schedule out to residents. Monday-Friday work; no Saturday work planned. 3" pavement/Town Ordinance prior to amendment. Test roll density was discussed. Whitsett will review contract for setting stakes and if it was not a part of the contract, he will have to adjust it. Setting stakes by Jewell and do not overstate.
- Helget's retaining wall- Retaining wall is on private property and Helget's will take control of maintenance. Plourde stated the Town does not want any maintenance responsibility. TLE was reviewed. Miller questioned metal railing on the top of the retaining wall. Whitsett stated a metal railing is attached to the block and it is a liability to the Town until TLE is dissolved. Miller will reach out to Helget and will discuss with Helget and Whitsett.
- Phone Calls/Issues-All concerned residents contact person is Scott Whitsett at Jewell for issues. Total/Nikko Miller will manage general questions.
- Discussion on financial draws. Whitsett stated pay application comes to Jewell/himself and pay requests. Whitsett will submit those to the Town Chair/Clerk. Plourde stated he would like Town Board approval prior to payment. Starting at April meeting-agenda states 205th Avenue and pay requests be a monthly agenda item under 205th Avenue. Whitsett requested pay requests be submitted to him one week in advance of Town Board meeting to allow for review.
- Silt Fence-Crotty requested communication on silt fence maintenance in case of a blow out and asked if restoration is maintained if there is a dry fall. Demulling requested the silt fence be removed when project is finished. Miller stated there needs to be established growth before signing off of vegetation.
- . Crotty requested video documentation of the area before and after the reconstruction.

Adjourn

Motion by Crotty, seconded by Witzmann to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Jeri Koester, Clerk