

Town of Somerset
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 1, 2026
(Not official until approved at next meeting.)

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

Public Input

- None.

Clerk and Treasurer's Report

- *Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to approve the Friday, March 20th Special Town Board Meeting Minutes for 205th Ave. Motion carried. Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Demulling to approve the March 4th Town Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried. Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Crotty to approve the March Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.*

Building Inspector's Report

- *Motion by Germain, seconded by Witzmann to approve the March Building Inspector's Report. Motion carried.* Witzmann commented he received data from Melissa Cook at All Croix Inspections and the final inspection bonds have really helped in finalizing the permits.

Animal Control Officer's Report

- *Motion by Crotty, seconded by Demulling to approve the March Animal Control Officer's Report. Motion carried.*

Fire/Rescue Commission Report

- The total calls for 2025 are 114 calls so far compared to 120 in 2025. Strategic Plan will be presented at April Joint Meeting. Updating Software and consolidating programs.

Parks, Rec, and Planning Commission Report

- 2 Lot CSM for Dustin Geisness & Stephanie Caress at 493 Polk-St. Croix Road, Parcel #032-1008-20-000 Mark McClenathan/Auth Consulting, Lot #1=3.000 acres, Lot #2=4.003 acres- Discussion on existing well on Lot #1-Plourde stated the documentation shows it can be used. McClenathan stated if it is not used, state requires it to be better capped. *Motion by Demulling, seconded by Witzmann to approve the 2 Lot CSM for Geisness/Caress at 493 Polk-St. Croix Road pending driveway installation. Motion carried. Germain abstained.*

New Business

- Consider Accepting Bid & Awarding Hot Oil Sealcoating of Town Roads Contract- Witzmann stated Transportation & Facilities Committee opened and reviewed the bids with attendance by reps from Fahrner Asphalt & Scott Construction. Witzmann stated Fahrner Asphalt was the low bidder for the hot oil specs at \$191,913.44 with Scott Construction bidding \$198,049.00. Witzmann stated committee discussed eliminating one road from the bid and the contractors stated they did not have an issue with that. 164th Avenue/Wagner Estates was suggested to be removed from the bid. Witzmann will review the budget, and more information will be provided next month to the Transportation & Facilities Committee and the Town Board on whether to eliminate 164th Avenue. *Motion by Demulling, seconded by Crotty to*

accept and award the bid for hot oil sealcoating of Town Roads to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers for \$191,913.44. Motion carried.

- JoAnn Hardegger-Annual Ditch Clean Up & Encouraging Participation-Discussion on April 25 activities with suggestion of Town creating a team or help by promoting the event. *Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Demulling, to donate \$200 to Somerset Champions for the annual ditch clean up event. Motion carried.*
- Spring Project List-Ditch Clean-Up-Discussion on creating a turnaround for plow on Oak Ridge Lane. Crotty reported on physical inspection and all lawns are manicured, but putting in a turnaround would not affect the watershed. There is possible borrow site adjacent for fill. The work to remain in the road right-of-way. Crotty will contact adjacent landowner to discuss the fill. Plourde requested a plan for the snowplow damage. Demulling discussed hiring Tom Landry to repair. Witzmann will follow up on Scout Camp Road repairs from the damage deposit received from the logging company. Plourde requested looking at corner of 170th Avenue and 56th St. ditch and culvert. Demulling reminded that Crotty is the direct supervisor of the Road Crew as of April 1 for six months.
- Approve Operator's Licenses for St. Croix National Golf & Event Center-not received.
- Update on Collaborative Meeting at Town of St. Joseph & Building Code Violations Enforcement-Witzmann updated on the collaborative meeting at Town of St. Joseph. Witzmann reported on how St. Joseph administers their own zoning, the building code violation enforcement and pending issues. Building code enforcement is responsibility of the Town. Discussion/no action.

Old Business

- 60th Street Update-DNR Grants-Plourde read update from Jeff Reynolds pertaining to the WI DNR grant applications. The Municipal Flood Control Grant application was submitted and is ranking in the middle of all eleven applicants. There is a good chance of receiving grant funding. The Stormwater Grant will be submitted in case funding is not granted. Plourde stated Lawson's have committed to allowing the stormwater easement to be on their property. Plourde stated no monies being paid for the easement and no property being purchased.
- 205th Avenue Update-Grubbing will begin Monday, April 6. All concerned residents and complaints contact person is Scott Whitsett/Jewell. General issue calls to be referred to Nikko Miller.
- Discussion on Stormwater Requirements for Minor Subdivisions by Town-Next month.

Transportation & Facilities Committee

- Equipment Update-Tractor repairs have been done with discussion on charges being more than anticipated. Witzmann requested the Town Board member supervising the road crew review repair bills and authorize specific repairs. Plourde requested Crotty inquire into the invoice. Witzmann advised Crotty to inquire about what the original quote was and what additional work was ordered. *Motion by Germain, seconded by Witzmann to approve the tractor repairs \$16,264.82 based upon Crotty's final approval. Motion carried.*
- Roads Update-Some potholes, sweeping the Town roads.
- Draft Emergency Operations Plan-Crotty stated it is in process.

- Rivard Stone Quote on Blocks to Raise Town Hall Rock Sign-*Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Demulling to accept the quote from Rivard Stone to raise the Town Hall Rock Sign not to exceed \$700. Motion carried.* Crotty will coordinate.

Announcements & Adjourn

- Spring Election-Tuesday, April 7, Polls Open 7 am-8 pm
- Parks, Rec & PC Meeting-Wed., April 15, 7 pm
- Fire Rescue Commission Meeting-Wed., April 15, 8 pm
- Open Book, Friday, April 17, 10am-12noon
- Annual Town Meeting, Tuesday, April 21, 7 pm
- Jt. Town, Village, Fire Dept. Meeting-Wed., April. 22, 7 pm at Village Hall
- WTA Mtg.-Thurs., April 23, 6:30 pm at SCC Hwy. Dept.
- Board of Review, Monday, April 27, 5pm-7pm

Motion by Germain, seconded by Witzmann to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Jeri Koester, Clerk