

Town of Somerset
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 8, 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, and Plourde. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. *Motion by Germain, seconded by Witzmann to approve the agenda. Motion carried.* Plourde announced the meeting is on Zoom.

Public Input: Larry Hecht requested the ability to comment on the 60th Street project that is on the agenda.

Clerk and Treasurer's Report: *Motion by Germain, seconded by Witzmann to approve June 3, 2026, Town Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried. Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Demulling to approve the June Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.*

Building Inspector's Report: *Motion by Germain, seconded by Demulling to approve the June Building Inspector's Report. Motion carried.*

Animal Control Officer's Report: *Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Crotty to approve the June Animal Control Officer Report. Motion carried.*

Fire/Rescue Commission Report: To date, the total calls are 292 compared to 228 for the same time last year. Update on membership was given. Joint meeting will include discussion on the Strategic Plan. Plourde announced there will be a Fire/Rescue Commission meeting at 8 pm on July 15. Much discussion on next steps.

County Board Dist. 2 Report from Dani Erickson: Report included information on Data Center Ordinance Update & amendments to Chapter 15 including self-storage units. Update on groundwater and nitrate monitoring, Ten-Mile Creek Project, and Lake Mallalieu drawdown.

Parks, Rec, and Planning Commission Report: Witzmann reported stumps need removal at Parnell Prairie Preserve and discussion on rental of stump grinder. No opposition to rental. Discussion on mowing Parnell Prairie-Plourde requested it be added to joint meeting agenda for July.

Old Business

60th Street Update-DNR Grant-Reynolds provided a response from DNR. Awards will be issued in the Fall. Crotty requested Jeff Reynolds attend meeting by Zoom for road project updates. Plourde stated Karter Zajicek is the engineer from Jewell assigned to 205th Avenue.

205th Avenue Project Update & Possible Draw #2 Request-Plourde updated on the work being done and a driveway issue for a new home. Reynolds will draw up a cost estimate for the driveway, which has no gravel. Draw #2 request approved by Scott Whitsett for \$185,129.42. *Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Crotty to approve Draw 2 request to Total Excavating & Grading LLC for \$185,129.42 for 205th Avenue project. Motion carried.*

Consider Resolution 2026-06 Affidavit & Covenant on Outbuilding/Shed Building Permits-*Motion by Plourde, seconded by Witzmann to adopt Resolution 2026-06 requiring affidavit & covenant on all accessory buildings, excluding garden sheds under 120 square feet. Motion carried. Crotty, Demulling, Witzmann and Plourde voted yes; Germain voted no. Motion carried 4:1.*

Listing/HeyGov page for St. Croix Co. Community Development on Zoning Violations-Review/Consider-Discussion by Witzmann on test page and process for tracking and reporting possible zoning violations to St. Croix County Community Development-*Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to approve posting a HeyGov page for St. Croix Co. Community Development for zoning violations. Motion carried.*

New Business

Updating Driveway Permit Application Form(s) and Process-Witzmann presented. Discussion and consensus of Town Board was to do a work session of the Transportation and Facilities Committee meeting and create a draft for the Town Board.

Transportation & Facilities Committee

Equipment Update-Sterling WI Surplus Auction-Reserve was not met and auction was declined. Discuss at August Transportation & Facilities Committee meeting.

Roads Update-Wild parsnip in road right-of-way was discussed and review of plant growth regulation program of twenty miles at 22' wide. *Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to approve twenty miles at 22' width not to exceed \$3,500 by 4-Control. Motion carried.* Jason Crotty left the meeting at 9:07 pm.

Announcements & Adjourn

Parks, Rec & PC Meeting, Wed., July 15, 7pm

Fire/Rescue Commission Meeting, Wed., July 15, 8 pm

Joint Town Board/Village Board/Fire Commission Meeting at Town Hall, July 29, 7 pm

WTA-St. Croix Co. Hwy. Shop, Thursday, July 23, 6:30 pm

Adjourn: *Motion by Germain, seconded by Demulling to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.*

Jeri Koester,
Clerk