

Somerset Fire/Rescue Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday July 15th, 2026
8:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall
748 Hwy. 35
(Unofficial until approved at next meeting)

Call to order:

Doug Plourde called the meeting to order at 8:03 pm.

Roll call:

A quorum was established with the following members present Doug Plourde, Travis Belisle, Jason Crotty, Byron Patterson, Tabatha Hansen, Tim OBrien, and Aaron Morrison. Absent: Chris Dubak

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

This was tabled until next meeting.

Budget Report: 2026 2nd Qtr. review and approval of budget

Travis Belisle walked through the report.

Motion by Byron Patterson, seconded by Tim Obrien. Motion carried.

Membership update:

Travis reported that the three new hires have all given their notice. He also shared that four members will be joining at the end of the month.

Old Business:

Review/Approval of municipality percentages and renewal of Fire Hall lease

Doug Plourde presented the 2026 Fire/Rescue Financial Split Agreement, the 2026 Town of Somerset and Fire/Rescue Department Fire Hall Lease Agreement, and historical Somerset Fire Rescue Percentage split calculations. Discussion occurred.

The approval was tabled and will be on the joint meeting agenda on July 29, 2026.

Review, recommend to proceed with RFP/RFQ and presentation for joint meeting

Travis Belisle gave highlights of the draft RFP/RFQ as prepared for the Village of Somerset. Discussion of commission members and recommend the presentation at the upcoming joint meeting.

Discuss new fire department truck committee members

Discussion on fire department staff doing the exploration work and report back to the commission with their recommendations for consideration.

New Business:

Review/ Approve Special calls ordinance

This was tabled until the joint meeting.

Discussion on available grants

Travis Belisle shared that the following grant applications were submitted. Firehouse Subs or fire extinguisher training system, FEMA for new structural fire helmets, and WI DNR for new brush fire helmets. Currently waiting for response on these three.

Update on Department Activities:

Ice cream social on Sunday, July 19, 2026

Adjourn:

Motion by Tim Obrien, seconded by Aaron Morrison to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Next Meeting: Joint Meeting Wednesday July 29th at 7:00pm at Town Hall