

Town of Somerset
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 7, 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 Witzmann, seconded by Germain to approve the agenda. Motion carried.* Plourde announced the meeting is on Zoom. There was no public input.

Clerk and Treasurer's Report: *Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Demulling to approve the September 2, 2026, Town Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Witzmann to approve the September Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.*

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

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

Fire/Rescue Commission Report: To date, the total number of calls is 424 compared to 372 for the same time last year. RFP and Strategic Plan in continued discussions with Village, Town, and Fire/Rescue Commission.

County Board District 2 Report from Dani Erickson: Erickson updated on the October County Board meeting.

School District of Somerset Presentation on Referendum November 3rd General Election: Dave Grambow, Rod Hawkins, Tricia Davis, Lorri Baillargeon and Dani Erickson were in attendance to discuss the operational referendum for 1.4 million dollars each year for five years on November 3rd ballot.

Parks, Rec, and Planning Commission Report: St. Croix AR-Mark McClenathan Auth Consulting 3 Lot CSM at 434-210th Avenue. The north 25 acres are in managed forest land, enrolled in 2020. Wittstock stated both a deed restriction and conservation could be bought out. Germain suggested rezoning to R1. *Motion by Germain, seconded by Witzmann to approve the 3 Lot CSM for St. Croix AR as presented. Motion carried.*

Old Business-Update from Jeff Reynolds on Road Projects/Engineering Report-60th Street: Plourde reported DNR grant funding is not available. Reynolds suggested the option of grouting and raising the culvert to the elevation on plan. Site meeting with DNR field personnel, Town Board members, property owners, and follow-up with DNR Stormwater group produced no results. There is no expectation of any future grant funding. Discussed path forward to determine most economical solution and repair method. Crotty suggested legal opinion on options. *Motion by Crotty, seconded by Demulling to obtain a legal opinion on 60th Street water*

issue and the grant applications and accompanying plans. Motion carried. Demulling will contact Dan Fedderly.

205th Avenue-Review/Consideration to Pay Draw #5: Demulling requested confirmation that the shoulder is 2' on entire roadway, check Viebrock area for drainage, is there a warranty on grass/erosion control, and clarify if the Town is responsible for maintaining the pavement markings. *Motion by Demulling, seconded Witzmann to approve the Draw #5 payment request of \$496,920.56 with Plourde confirming with Scott Whitsett. Motion carried.*

New Business-Review/Consideration to Approve Quote for Ron Baillargeon's Driveway on 205th Avenue: *Motion by Demulling, seconded by Witzmann to approve the quote from Kusz Contracting for \$14,100 to construct a driveway for Ron Baillargeon on 205th Avenue that was omitted on the original plans. Motion carried.* Plourde will request a report on additional items not included in the original plans.

80th St. Intersection: Reynolds reviewed historical ADT data, tee intersection design, and area topography. Waiting for updated Village of Somerset subdevelopment plans with traffic flow and estimated ADT prior to making a recommendation.

72nd St. Extension: Reynolds reported he completed base course aggregate thickness verification with owners and coordination with Auth Engineering regarding minor subdivision submittal requirements.

Consideration to Adopt Ordinance Amendment #2026-01 Fire Protection Special Charges-Timeframe for Billing & Appeal/Hardship Process: *Motion by Demulling, seconded by Witzmann to adopt Ordinance #2026-01. Motion carried.*

Transportation & Facilities Committee-Equipment Update & Equipment-Sale of 2005 Sterling: *Motion by Crotty, seconded by Witzmann to accept the sale price minus the plow equipment for 2005 Sterling to Schmit Paving for \$21,500. Motion carried.* Demulling reported on Triple Tire information regarding a harness for truck #771. Demulling reported on the single axle oil leak and conflicting opinions. More information to follow the inspection. Demulling will review the estimate with Plourde. Town Board consensus was to repair.

Roads Update: Demulling discussed fence at Pine Lake. Owner wants the fence fixed and shortened to 16'. Concrete pad marking and lining of parking spots and crosswalk was discussed. Demulling reported on trees on 57th Street and landowner consents on removal. Endwall at 1653-85th Street on south side needs to be put back on-Plourde will inform.

55th Street: Witzmann reported on information obtained from St. Croix County, estimated paving costs, legal issues about the first section deeded as private easement and second section is dedicated to the Town. Witzmann asked Board's approval for a turnaround on 55th Street and legal opinion on first section. Witzmann discussed cul-de-sac design and Town will need to have discussion with Terry Cook. *Motion by Crotty, seconded by Demulling to authorize Witzmann to contact attorney to review the documents and obtain a legal opinion on the first*

section of 55th Street ownership and a permanent public easement for the construction of a cul-de-sac. Motion carried.

Yard Waste/Debris Disposal Options-Discussion & Consideration: *Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Demulling to contract with City of New Richmond to use the compost site for yard waste disposal for residents. Motion carried. Demulling, Witzmann, Plourde, Crotty voted yes; Germain voted no. Motion carried. 4:1.*

Town Hall Facilities Update: Garage door and furnace annual inspection.

Road Certification Report: Scheduled for October 12.

Budget Recommendations-Performance Reviews: Budget recommendations on road projects.

Part Time Help-Snowplowing: Demulling reported the Town has several drivers lined up.

Announcements: Parks, Rec & Planning Commission Meeting-October 21, 7 pm
WI Towns Association, St. Croix Co. Hwy. Shop, Thursday, October 22, 6:30 pm
Transportation & Facilities Committee Meeting-Cancel November due to Election Day.

Adjourn: *Motion by Crotty, seconded by Witzmann to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Motion carried.*

Jeri Koester,
Clerk