Town of Somerset
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 4, 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 Crotty, seconded by Demulling to approve the agenda as provided. Motion carried.* Plourde announced the meeting is recording on Zoom.

Public Input: None.

Clerk and Treasurer's Report

- *Motion by Germain, seconded by Crotty to approve October 7, 2026, Town Board Meeting Minutes as provided. Motion carried. Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Demulling to approve the October Financial Report. Motion carried.*

Building Inspector's Report

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

Animal Control Officer's Report

- *Motion by Germain, seconded by Witzmann to approve the October Animal Control Officer Report. Motion carried.*

Fire/Rescue Commission Report

- The total calls for 2026 are 470 so far compared to 423 in 2025. Facility planning has moved forward with selection of a company to conduct the study. Approval will be considered by the Village Board at their November meeting. Plourde reported Wold was selected by the committee at a cost of $36,500.

- **Consider Approval of Town Payment Towards Strategic Plan:** Plourde asked Town Board members to review and stated the Town will have to consider the amount at a later meeting. *Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to table the decision of the contribution toward the strategic plan until there is better information on what percentage is for the Police Station and what percentage is for Fire Department. Motion carried.*

Parks, Rec, and Planning Commission Report: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- **Ty Dodge Auth Consulting-Wally & Ben Germain-CSM Crossing Plat Boundaries for Add-On Parcel to Lot #19 Gavin's Acres**: Ty Dodge explained the add-on of a parcel of land for Ben Germain purchasing from Wally Germain. Adding property onto a parcel already platted requires Town Board approval, otherwise the setbacks from the section lines apply. Section 14 and Section 23 land will be added to Lot #19 Gavin's Acres and re-platted into Lot #1 of a new CSM. *Motion by Demulling, seconded by Witzmann to approve the CSM Crossing Plat Boundaries for Add-On Parcel for Wally & Ben Germain as presented. Motion carried.*

- **Ty Dodge Auth Consulting/Thomas & Nicole Hicke Drainage Easement Modification Request Plat of North Bass Lake Estates 781-165th Ave., Lot #13:** Ty Dodge explained that where the drainage easement is shown on the plat is not where the water flows. Dodge requested an Affidavit of Correction to move the drainage easement on Lot #13 North Bass Lake Estates Plat. Shared driveway with Lot #14 has been installed and is paved. *Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Crotty to approve an Affidavit of Correction to move the drainage easement for Lot #13 Plat of North Bass Lake Estates, 781-165th Avenue (current owners Thomas & Nicole Hicke). Motion carried.*

- **205th Avenue Update and Consider Draw Request #6:** Plourde reported on the list of items that need completion. Discussion on driveway issues, ditch restoration, utilities/fiber optic depth, Carufel's fence, and signage. Discussion on issues remaining. Plourde stated he would rather hold off on the approval of the draw #6 final request until all issues are resolved. *Motion by Demulling, seconded by Witzmann to postpone the approval of the final/draw #6 request of $166,207.98. Motion carried.*

- **Acceptance of Town of Somerset's 2027 Budget & Tax Levy**: *Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Crotty to adopt the 2027 Budget and Town tax levy of $1,014,657 with a mill rate of 1.2112392 per $1,000 assessed valuation. Motion carried.*

- **Operator's Licenses for Kayla Winter & Garrett Peterson/St. Croix National Golf & Event Center:** *Motion by Germain, seconded by Crotty to approve Operator's Licenses for Kayla Winter & Garrett Peterson. Motion carried.*

Transportation & Facilities Committee

- Equipment Update-Single axle oil leak repair-no charge. One-ton oil pan is rusted. *Motion by Witzmann, seconded by Crotty to proceed with oil pan repair not to exceed $5,000 and obtain estimate on front end maintenance. Motion carried.*
- Boss-V plow to fit on GMC is available for sale for $3500. Consensus was to confirm that the plow will fit with consideration at next Town Board meeting.
- Roads Update 55th Street-Witzmann provided the Town attorney with the documents for review.
- Discussion on Hillside Estates mailboxes and upcoming plowing.
- Employee Handbook-Tabled.
- Work Session was scheduled for Wed., Nov. 11, 7 pm.
- Pavement Marking/Striping Estimate-Discussion on purchasing a machine. *Motion by Demulling, seconded by Witzmann to table the striping estimate at a cost of $4,850.00 from Seal King until next spring. Motion carried.*
- Cyclone Fence Quote for Pine Lake-Demulling stated the property owner indicated he may be willing to pay half. *Motion by Germain, seconded by Demulling to approve the quote from Cyclone Fence of $980.00 with the correction of Village to Town on estimate #1881 at Pine Lake and if homeowner does not agree to pay half, the Town will install and pay for it in the Spring. Motion carried.*
- Tractor Rim Painting & Truck Fender Repair Quotes-*Consensus to have Town Shop employees do the tractor rim painting in-house and the truck fenders* repair options *will be tabled until December meeting.*
- Witzmann reported on KnowB4 until 2028

Announcements & Adjourn

Parks Rec & Planning Commission Meeting, Wednesday, November 18, 7 pm

Motion by Germain, seconded by Witzmann to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Jeri Koester, Clerk