

Regular Meeting of the Village of Somerset Board of Trustees
Village Hall, 110 Spring Street Somerset, WI 54025 | Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Village President, Mike Kappers called the Regular to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Mike Kappers, Chris Moreno, Brandon Krohn, Caleb Garn, Chris Dubak, Donnie Kern, and Josh Hecht (via Zoom).

Public Comment

- Brad Nemec - Concerts on school nights

Scheduled concerts on school nights not in compliance with Interim Conditional Use Permit - Somerset Amphitheater

- Adam Bracht & EJ Lallier - Live Nation
 - Met with PD and Sherrif regarding traffic
 - Venue sponsored shuttle service
 - Historical data - 2023 season - 0 911 complaints re: noise on concert dates
 - Bridge open this year will help traffic flow
 - Improvements from show 1 to show 4
 - Plan for 2024/Positive Impacts
 - Jobs - as young as 15 years old
 - Non-profit organization benefits (church, sports groups, etc)
 - NPOs paid higher rate than hired staff
 - Local vendors for rentals as much as possible
 - Economic impact - sales tax, gas stations, grocery stores
 - Economic impact study currently in works - will be shared with Village when completed
 - Traffic plan reviewed with Police Chief
- Kern - everything reviewed - traffic plan reviewed regarding specific school dates and impact on end of school day traffic
 - Live Nation doesn't dictate PD personnel
 - Time frame between end of day? School ends at 3:30 p.m., gates open at 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- Shannon Donnelly - Somerset Schools
 - District wants to ensure traffic impacts won't impact busses or walkers/bikers
 - Can collaborate to make it work, but wouldn't want it to be the norm
 - School won't be canceled
 - Kern asked if a 1 time exemption is supported by the district. Donnelly - yes.
- Garn - how did this happen?
 - Large company, booking wasn't aware of ICUP
- Chief Trepczyk
 - Traffic improvements - consider using county roads
 - In favor of parking lots opening early to get concertgoers on concert grounds
 - Parking permits for Village residents
- Travis Belisle - Fire/Rescue
 - Proactive plan for weather incidents
 - Additional fire/EMS services available outside of concerts sites
- Kern - ICUP has stipulations for a reason, would making exception set precedent for future?

- *Motion by Kappers, second by Moreno to approve exception to allow Live Nation to hold concerts on school days. Dubak clarified that the exemption only applies to the current dates/headliners. Motion carried unanimously.*

Adjourn

- *Motion by Garn, second by Krohn to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.*

Tasia Berger, Village Clerk