

Regular Meeting of the Village of Somerset Board of Trustees
Village Hall, 110 Spring Street Somerset, WI 54025 | Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Village President, Mike Kappers called the Regular to order at 6:01 p.m. Present were Mike Kappers, Caleb Garn, Donnie Kern, Chris Dubak, Chris Moreno, Ryan Sicard and Brandon Krohn. Also present at Village Hall - Village Attorney, Paul Mahler and Director of Public Works, Bob Gunther.

Public Comment

- Tony Feuerhelm, Building Inspector - building inspector fees
- Marcus Berger - Aspen Dr - drainage
- John Montpetit - 710 Spring - building inspector
- Rodney Ring - 220 Main St - underage drinking on the Apple River

Approval of Agenda

Kern asked to pull item 5.B (Bills) from the consent agenda to consider separately. Garn asked to pull item E.1 (Building Inspector Fees) from the consent agenda to consider separately. Krohn asked to pull item C.1 (Flock Cameras) from the consent agenda to consider separately.

Consent Agenda

- *Motion by Kern, second by Garn to approve the Consent Agenda including the following:*
 - *Minutes of March 19, 2024*
 - *Spring Street and Main Street Change Order #1*
 - *Spring Street and Main Street Change Order #2*
 - *Spring Street and Main Street Pay App #4*
 - *Safety Training Proposal*
 - *Concrete Quote Maintenance Shop*
 - *Concrete Quote Larry Forrest Park*
 - *Building Inspector Fee Schedule*
 - *Vendor Village Rental Agreement*
 - *Fire/Rescue Report*

Item 5.B. Village, Water and Sewer Bills

- Kern inquired about a \$15,000 payment for Williams and an \$11,000 payment for Gateway street damage deposit
 - Gunther - Williams payment was for easement access. Gateway street damage deposit is returned to Gateway once build is complete.
- *Motion by Kern, second by Krohn to approve Village, Water and Sewer Bills. Motion carried unanimously.*

Item 5.C.i. Purchase of one fixed and one portable automated license plate reader from Flock Safety in an amount not to exceed \$7,150.00

- Krohn - concerned it is a private company that could sell data, data security, won't prevent crime but can catch criminals after the fact
- Jonathan Paz - rep from Flock Safety presented
- Kern - privacy agreement in contract? Yes. How does system determine stolen vehicle based on plate - state or local database? National list.

- Garn - how long has Flock Safety been in business? 2017. Customer/client retention? Unsure. Has Flock Safety ever been hacked? No. Who is the #1 competitor? Axon. How many municipalities share data with other municipalities? Unsure.
- Kappers - Chief Trepczyk stated Hudson and New Richmond use this system
- Sgt. Farrell spoke on Flock System
- Garn asked where the camera would go. Farrell - Main St bridge possibly - will not be a secretive location.
- Dubak - Chief Trepczyk is developing a policy. Sicard would like to be looped in on policies.
- Kern asked about turnaround time to be up and running. Approx. 2 months.
- *Motion by Kern, second by Dubak to approve as recommended by Public Safety. Motion carried 6-1 (Krohn - nay).*

5.E.i Building Inspector Fees

- Kern asked if fees can be maintained outside of an ordinance. Mahler said yes, the board can adopt a fee schedule by resolution.
- Garn asked who was complaining about a high fee schedule.
- Dubak - Western WI Inspection Agency (WWIA) has good reviews on Google and lower prices.
- Sicard - in favor of fee schedule outside of ordinance but needs more information to act on it.
- Krohn asked what the board is approving - adopting WWIA fee schedule but keep Tony as building inspector?
- *Motion by Kroh, second by Moreno to table this to the May meeting. Motion carried 6-1 (Kern - nay).*

New Business

- **Discussion/Possible Approval - Street Use Permit and Parade Route - Pea Soup Days**
 - *Motion by Sicard, second by Garn to approve the Street Use Permit and Parade Route as presented and motion carried unanimously.*
- **Discussion/Possible Approval - Aspen Drive Drainage Plan and Timeline**
 - Grading plan wasn't followed.
 - Kern asked what it will take to remedy. There is a designed plan to remedy issue.
 - *Motion by Kern, second by Krohn to approve use of line of credit to remedy no later than May 21st.*
- **Discussion/Possible Approval - Use of Village-owned property - Somerset Champions Council**
 - *Motion by Krohn, second by Dubak to approve use of Village-owned property and motion carried unanimously.*
 - Kern asked about insurance. Champions do not carry insurance. Mahler said Village liability insurance would cover. Participants could sign a waiver, but waivers aren't 100%.
- **Discussion/Possible Approval - TAP Grant Proposal**
 - *Motion by Sicard, second by Krohn to approve TAP Grant Proposal not to exceed quoted amount and motion carried unanimously.*
- **Discussion/Possible Approval - Pine Vale Addendum**
 - *Motion by Kern, second by Garn to approve the Pine Vale Addendum as presented and motion carried unanimously.*
- **Discussion/Possible Approval - Village Website - Town Web and HeyGov Proposal**

- Not moving forward with HeyGov portion at this time
- *Motion by Kappers, second by Sicard to approve Town Web proposal as presented and motion carried 6-1 (Krohn - nay).*
- **Discussion/Possible Approval - Appointments**
 - Sicard appointed to Public Safety and Board of Review
 - Kern appointed to Emergency Government
 - Dubak appointed to Plan Commission
 - Library appointments as presented
 - *Motion by Kern, second by Garn to approve appointments as stated and motion carried unanimously.*
- **Discussion/Possible Approval - Summer Office Hours**
 - Memo provided by Tasia
 - *Motion by Krohn, second by Garn to approve summer office hours as presented and motion carried unanimously.*
 - Mahler noted that Amery recently switched to similar hours and it has been positive.

Unfinished Business

- **Discussion - ISG/Ehlers Presentation Follow-up**
 - Table to May

Closed Session

- *Motion by Kappers, second by Kern to move into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) Considering the employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. - Lieutenant promotion - job description and employment agreement. Roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.*

Reconvene to Open Session

- *Motion by Kern, second by Krohn to reconvene to open session. Motion carried unanimously.*
- *Motion by Garn, second by Moreno to promote Sgt. John Farrell to Lieutenant per the terms provided. Roll call vote - all in favor - motion carried.*

Adjourn

- *Motion by Dubak, second by Garn to adjourn and motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.*

Tasia Berger, Village Clerk