

Regular Meeting of the Village of Somerset Board of Trustees
Village Hall, 110 Spring Street Somerset, WI 54025 | Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Village President, Mike Kappers called the Regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mike Kappers, Caleb Garn, Chris Moreno, Ryan Sicard, Donnie Kern, and Chris Dubak at the Village Hall. Brandon Krohn was present via Zoom. Also present at Village Hall - Village Attorney, Paul Mahler and Director of Public Works, Bob Gunther. Building Inspector, Tony Feuerhelm, was also present via Zoom.

Public Comment

- None

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Kern, second by Moreno to approve the agenda with amendment to move item #6 to item #5 and motion carried.

Positive Recognition

The board recognized Dave Bracht, Travis Belisle, Denise Gauper and John Gauper for their work on Pea Soup Days 2024.

Presentation

Max Franklin from Placer Ai presented information about their services.

Consent Agenda

- *Motion by Kern, second by Moreno to approve the Consent Agenda including the following:*
 - *Minutes of May 21, 2024*
 - *Village, Water and Sewer Bills*
 - *Public Safety Committee meeting dates changed to July 1, 2024 and August 5, 2024, if needed*
 - *Wastewater Treatment Facilities Improvements Change Order #7*
 - *Retaining Wall Repair - Main Street, Spring Street and Depot Street*
 - *Table Skirt Purchase - up to \$100.00*
 - *Fire/Rescue Report*

New Business

- **Discussion/Possible Approval - Placer Ai Proposal**
 - *Motion by Sicard, second by Moreno to approve Placer Ai Proposal. Motion carried 6-1.*
 - *Kern asked which budget will cover this expense - Economic Development*
 - *Sicard suggested Gunther create a policy regarding access to software*
- **Discussion - CORP Survey**
 - Final draft, once approved, will be posted on website
 - Gunther suggested priority listing work through Public Works committee, then the board
 - Move back to Public Works for more work - not time sensitive
 - Does not need to be included in needs assessment/impact fees
- **Discussion/Possible Approval - Model Ordinance - Utility Easements**

- Kern stated this came from Public Works because of utility work by NW Communications and includes model ordinance and permit application
- *Motion by Kern, second by Garn to adopt ordinance language and ROW permit with modification of change to \$1,000,000 and motion carried unanimously.*
- **Discussion/Possible Approval - Resolution 2024-02: Hazard Mitigation Plan**
 - *Motion by Kappers, second by Garn to approve Resolution 2024-02: Hazard Mitigation Plan and motion carried unanimously.*
- **Discussion/Possible Approval - Resolution 2024-03: Compliance Maintenance Annual Report**
 - *Motion by Kappers, second by Dubak to approve Resolution 2024-03: Compliance Maintenance Annual Report and motion carried unanimously.*
- **Discussion/Possible Approval - July Committee Meetings**
 - No action was taken
 - Meetings will occur as scheduled, if needed
- **Discussion/Possible Approval - Resolution 2024-04: July Meeting Date**
 - *Motion by Sicard, second by Garn to approve Resolution 2024-04: July Meeting Date and motion carried unanimously. July Village Board meeting will be held on July 15, 2024.*
- **Discussion/Possible Approval - Ordinance 13-1-23 - General Site Standards, Plan for Action**
 - Tony state Capstone informed him landscaping cannot be completed yet due to how saturated the ground is due to rain
 - Krohn suggested giving some leeway by next board meeting and consider updating language to reflect later date than May 1
 - *Motion by Sicard, second by Garn to direct the developer they have until July 15 to complete landscaping and to review ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.*
- **Discussion/Possible Approval - Class “B” Beer License Application - Edgy Eats; Beer Garden Permit - Edgy Eats; and Agent Appointment - Alisa Kaufman**
 - *Motion by Sicard, second by Moreno to approve and motion carried unanimously.*
- **Discussion/Possible Approval - Village Seal and Flags on Wall**
 - Table to July
- **Discussion/Possible Approval - Election of President Pro Tem**
 - *Motion by Krohn to nominate Sicard as President Pro Tem, second by Garn*
 - Kern asked why there needs to be a change
 - *Roll call vote - Moreno, Garn, Krohn, Sicard - aye; Kern, Dubak, Kappers - nay. Motion carried 4-3.*
- **Discussion/Possible Approval - Board, Committee and Commission Application**
 - *Motion by Kern, second by Garn to approve Board, Committee and Commission Application and motion carried unanimously.*

Unfinished Business

- **Discussion/Possible Approval - Ordinance Amendment Title 2 - Government and Administration - Chapters 1-5**
 - Kern as concerns - has legal counsel reviewed?
 - Mahler stated some changes are OK, some are not
 - *Motion by Kern, second by Kappers to table until next election. Garn asked for a date. Kern amended his motion to table until December 2024. Motion carried 5-2.*

- **Discussion/Possible Approval - General Sam's Beer Garden Application**
 - *Motion by Kern, second by Garn to approve the General Sam's Beer Garden Application and motion carried unanimously.*
 - Kappers state PD recommends updating application prior to application period.
- **Discussion/Possible Approval - Committee Appointments**
 - Weed Commissioner - Mark Moser
 - *Motion by Kern, second by Dubak and motion carried unanimously.*
 - Plan Commission - Dan Vanasse and Jessica Plourde
 - *Motion by Sicard, second by Moreno and motion carried 6-1.*
 - Krohn would like to see Cathy Ness on Plan Commission
 - Board of Zoning Appeals - Shawn Weisen, Michelle Beauvais, Dan Vanasse, Dave Wolner, and Laine Belter
 - Mahler recommends checking Weisen settlement agreement before making appointment
 - *Motion by Sicard, second by Dubak to approve Beauvais, Vanasse, Wolner, and Belter and motion carried 6-1.*
 - *Motion by Kern, second by Garn to approve Tabatha Kwak and Brenda Forrest as alternates and motion carried unanimously.*
 - Economic Development Committee
 - *Motion by Dubak, second by Krohn to approve as presented and motion carried 6-0 (Sicard - abstain)*
 - Mike Kappers, Chris Dubak, Chris Fergason, Dave Bracht, Jim Boo, Rick Lundell, and Ken Lehman. Alternate - Jessica Plourde.
 - Police Review Board
 - *Motion by Kern, second by Garn to approve Brenda Forrest replacing Michelle Beauvais and motion carried unanimously.*
 - Housing Program Committee
 - Laine Belter, Michelle Beauvais, Dan Vanasse, and Cathy Ness
 - *Motion by Kern, second by Dubak to approve Belter, Beauvais, Vanasse, and Ness and motion carried unanimously.*
 - St. Croix Bike & Pedestrian Trails Coalition Member
 - Rob Semplinski
 - *Motion by Kappers, second by Krohn to approve Rob Semplinski and motion carried unanimously.*
 - Fire/Rescue Village Reps
 - Mike Kappers, Chris Dubak, and Dave Wolner
 - *Motion by Garn, second by Sicard to approve Kappers, Dubak and Wolner and motion carried unanimously.*
- **Discussion/Possible Approval - Update of Landowner Complaints in River Hills Development from May Meeting**
 - *Motion by Kappers, second by Dubak to bring in third party engineer if residents do not agree to Carlson McCain plan and authorize Gunther to hire third party engineer. Motion carried unanimously.*
 - Keep on future Public Works and Village Board agendas until resolved.

Closed Session

- *Motion by Kappers, second by Sicard to convene to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session-Capital Investments Group and pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories of or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data or involved in such problems or investigations-Village Attorney. Roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Krohn did not stay for closed session.*

Reconvene to Open Session

- *Motion by Kern, second by Moreno to reconvene to open session. Motion carried unanimously.*

Adjourn

- *Motion by Garn, second by Kern to adjourn and motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.*

Tasia Berger, Village Clerk