

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET  
June 12, 2024

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Donnie Kern called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present at the Village Hall: Brandon Krohn, Caleb Garn, Donnie Kern, Bob Gunther and Chuck Schwartz, MSA

Present via Zoom: Mike Kappers and Ryan Sicard

### **Minutes**

Committee reviewed the May 15 and May 28, 2024 Public Works minutes. *Motion by Garn, second by Krohn to approve the May 15 and May 28, 2024 Public Works meeting minutes and motion carried.*

### **Public Comment**

Nancy Vanasse – 190<sup>th</sup> Street – Included in the packet was a written statement from Nancy. She is concerned a dog park should be in the country and away from the Village.

Deb Kohler - 470 Forrest Drive – Dog Park results were 52% no and 45.8% yes. Went through some of the CORP survey results.

Adam Main – 456 Bruce Larson Way – Concern with Winesap Prairie. The developer is leaving things in limbo. No speed limit signs. There is a large amount of MN people looking for rocks, there isn't a dead-end sign. Bob Gunther said the agreement was signed yesterday. (they needed a temporary easement with the school)

Carrie Bauer – Somerset Hockey Association – Concerned about a dog park at Vet's Park. It would limit the area to have hockey camp.

Dave Wolner – Forrest Drive – Drainage Pond concern. Thinks the Village should be involved.

Sean Parnell - Star Prairie – Update from ISA – Spoke to both baseball and softball, no definitive plans in place.

### **Project Updates**

General Updates on Active Projects: A project update memo was provided.

- Water Storage Needs Study – The inspector will climb the tower in the next couple of weeks.
- Pine Vale – Starting utility work in the next month.
- River Hills – Have met with residents – trying to come up with a different plan to make sure everyone is happy.

### **Unfinished Business**

Outdated Ordinances – Title 11 Chapter 3; Tabled Item: 11-3-5, Title 11 Chapter 6; Tabled Items: 11-6-2 & 11-6-3(l), Title 6, Chapter 4 – Trees and Shrubs: Handouts were provided.

- Discussion amongst the committee.
- Title 11, Chapter 3. Offenses Against Property
  - Proposed Changes
  - Remove 11-3-5(c)(7) & 11-3-5(c)(11)

*Motion by Kern, second by Krohn to remove 11-3-5(c)(7) and 11-3-5(c)(11) from Title 11 Chapter 3; 11-3-5 and motion carried.*

- Title 11, Chapter 6. Public Nuisances

*Motion by Kern, second by Garn to table Title 11 Chapter 6 and motion carried.*

- Title 6, Chapter 4. Trees and Shrubs  
Gunther will check with UW Extension to see if they provide a service for municipalities regarding a Village Forester.
  - Proposed Changes
    - Adopt Krohn's proposed new language for Sec. 6-4-2(d), 6-4-2(e), 6-4-6(a), 6-4-10(a)
    - Remove Sec. 6-4-7(h)(11) and 6-4-7(h)(14)
    - Adopt Krohn's language after "Wis. Stats." in Sec. 6-4-11

*Motion by Kern, second by Garn to recommend the amendments of Title 6, Chapter 4 as presented Sec 4-2(d), 4-2(e), 6-4-6(a), 6-4-7(a), 6-4-7 elimination of (h)(11) and (14) and renumerate accordingly, 6-4-10(a) and 6-4-11 as amended and table Sec. 6-4-3(a) and (b) and 6-4-5(a) until next month and motion carried.*

*Motion by Kern, second by Krohn to move to item 5c on the agenda and motion carried.*

#### Spring Parks Improvements Update – Dog Park Location:

- Kern appreciates all the comments we are getting from the community. In regard to a dog park, if we could find space outside of town, that's where we would be looking.
- There are unanswered questions from the community that we need to answer as a committee, like how will we pay for it.
- Garn made a comment for the public that this committee doesn't have any interest in looking at any of the parks for a dog park, we have moved on from that as a possibility. Kern agreed with that statement. Gunther suggests looking at TID 5, it's vastly undeveloped. We could strategically place a dog park there. We could incorporate that at the time of conceptual master planning.

*Motion by Kern, second by Krohn to table discussion of the dog park with the understanding it won't be at any of our current village parks and motion carried.*

#### CORP Survey Results:

- Schwartz went over some of the results from the survey.

#### Ball Field Use – Impact Sports Academy West: A handout was provided.

- Kern spoke about Hudson's user fee schedule.

*Motion by Garn, second by Kern to table for further review and motion carried.*

#### Winesap Prairie Punch List Items:

- Kern has been approached by residents about the punch list items.
- The contractor will put up a dead-end sign.
- Gunther said we could put up some temporary speed limit signs.

#### **New Business**

##### Identity Theft Prevention Review: A report was provided.

- Document from the state to review annually. No changes this year.

##### Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Change Order #7: A change order was provided.

- Schwartz explained the change order was for quantity error.
- The total project only had a .8% increase.
- MSA was under for their observation services.

*Motion by Kern, second by Krohn to recommend to the Village Board the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Change Order #7 to Staab Construction Corporation in the amount of \$42,412.66 and motion carried.*

Retaining Wall Repair – Main Street, Spring Street and Depot Street: A quote was provided.

- Public Works will assist with removal.

*Motion by Kern, second by Krohn to recommend to the Village Board the Retaining Wall Repair – Main Street, Spring Street and Depot Street to SCV Landscaping, LLC in the amount of \$22,725.90 and motion carried.*

Model Ordinance – Utility Easements: A handout was provided.

- Gunther found what New Richmond has. Kern would like to adopt this information.
- In an emergency situation – waive the permit.

*Motion by Kern, second by Garn to recommend to the Village Board the Model Ordinance – Utility Easements and motion carried.*

Drainage Ponds:

- Kern said he was at the meeting at the school when they said the shelf was not there.
- Gunther said if it eroded, it would go to dead storage & not to Larry Forrest. If it was that dirty, it would clog up the pipe. If there is a bunch of sediment, then there needs to be a discussion with the school.
- Schwartz said the Village could update current ordinances. There are different requirements municipalities have to meet depending on size.

### **Public Works Department Report**

- An update memo was provided.

### **Public Works, Water, Sewer and Parks Bills**

- The committee reviewed the bills.

*Motion by Krohn, second by Garn to recommend to the Village Board approval of the Public Works, Water, Sewer and Parks Bills as presented and motion carried.*

### **Future Agenda Items**

- Outdated Ordinances – Next set & tabled items

### **Adjourn**

*Motion by Krohn, seconded by Garn to adjourn and the Public Works Committee meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.*