

Regular Meeting of the Village of Somerset Board of Trustees
Village Hall, 110 Spring Street Somerset, WI 54025 | Monday, July 15, 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, Brandon Krohn and Chris Dubak at the Village Hall. Donnie Kern 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

- Nancy Vanasse - Museum at old Town Hall
- Cathy Ness - Charles Lane - Village Seal & Flags
- Brady Penfield - River Falls - Local State Assembly Candidate

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Sicard, second by Krohn to approve the agenda and motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

- *Motion by Garn, second by Krohn to approve the Consent Agenda including the following:*
 - *Minutes of June 18, 2024 and June 26, 2024*
 - *Village, Water and Sewer Bills*
 - *Temporary Class "B" Beer License Application - Apple River Cruizers*
 - *Site Plan: Main Street/Peterson Lot*
 - *Fire/Rescue Report*

New Business

- **Discussion/Possible Approval - Authorizing Ehlers to update the 2016 Village Management Plan**
 - Village historically worked with Ehlers on financial management plan to plan for future bonds, etc.
 - Krohn asked if this will cover the cost of Ehlers for specific future projects.
 - Kern asked about the annual fee the Village already pays Ehlers for their work
 - Board would like to see the current or last FMP to compare to proposal
 - *Motion by Sicard, second by Garn to table to August Village Board meeting and motion carried unanimously.*
- **Discussion/Possible Approval - Buckthorn and underbrush clearing in Village Park**
 - Goats for rocky area, mechanical clearing for other areas
 - In Parks budget
 - *Motion by Kern, second by Garn to approve \$1300 one-time expense for goats and to review budget for mechanical clearing during budget review and motion carried unanimously.*
- **Discussion/Possible Approval - Impact Fee Needs Study**
 - Water storage needs study near completion. Report to be reviewed at August Public Works meeting
 - Kern asked if Impact Fees will be voted on next month
 - Discussion regarding process for impact fees - 30 day waiting period, public hearing?
- **Discussion - Village Lot Use**

- *Motion by Kappers, second by Krohn to table to August Finance/Personnel for further discussion and motion carried unanimously.*
- **Discussion/Possible Approval - Regular Office Hours**
 - *Motion by Krohn, second by Duback to approve regular office hours for September 1-May 31st to be Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m. - Noon and motion carried unanimously.*
 - Clarification that Village Hall will be open outside of those hours as required by state statute for election related timelines.
- **Discussion - One year update with video from Somerset Champions**
 - Cathy Ness and Kym Dunleap shared an update from Somerset Champions
- **Discussion/Possible Approval - Authorizing paid leave for Village President**
 - No action taken
- **Discussion/Possible Approval - Request Village President to take voluntary paid leave of absence**
 - No action taken
- **Discussion/Possible Approval - Ordinance 13-1-140 and Ordinance 15-1-4**
 - Public hearing and Class 2 notice required
 - *Motion by Sicard, second by Garn to have Attorney Mahler review and motion carried unanimously*

Unfinished Business

- **Discussion/Possible Approval - Village Seal and Flags**
 - *Motion by Krohn, second by Sicard, to table to August Village Board meeting and motion carried unanimously.*
- **Discussion/Possible Approval - Update on landowner complaints in River Hills/Aspen Dr drainage**
 - Village storm water engineer and developer's engineer are working through plan and an update is expected this week

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. Roll call vote carried unanimously.*

Reconvene to Open Session

- *Motion by Krohn, second by Garn to reconvene to open session. Motion carried unanimously.*
- *Motion by Sicard, second by Kern to authorize execution of Capital Investments developer's agreement and purchase agreement and motion carried unanimously.*

Adjourn

- *Motion by Garn, second by Kern to adjourn and motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.*

Tasia Berger, Village Clerk