

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET
September 11, 2024

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

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

Present via Zoom: Donnie Kern, Chris Dubak, Mike Kappers and Ryan Sicard

Motion by Krohn, second by Garn to move item 6a and 5b in front of item 2 and motion carried.

New Business

Somerset Champions Hometown Heros Flag:

- JoAnn Hardegger spoke on behalf of the Somerset Champions regarding a Hometown Heros Welcome Flag.
- There are 39 poles that can accommodate a flag. Would like to have them up Memorial Day through Veteran's Day.
- Cost is \$140.00 for an 18'x36" with mounting brackets.
- Would like to open this up to the community to sponsor a flag. The flag would be guaranteed to be displayed for 3 years, then given to the family. The warranty is also 3 years.
- Public Works would need to install them with a bucket truck.
- Kern asked if they were looking for a monetary donation from the Village? Hardegger said she would like to go through the American Legion first.

Motion by Kern, second by Krohn to recommend to the Village Board use of the poles for Somerset Champions Hometown Heros Flag starting next year and motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Ball Field Use – Impact Sports Academy West:

- Brady Peterson from the SYBA said the association is growing significantly in size.
- SYBA is concerned about field time.
- Peterson said they are happy to work with ISA but strongly urges the committee to have the association take precedence.
- Garn asked how many more fields do we need? Peterson said 2.
- Peterson said New Richmond ran into scheduling conflicts when ISA had scheduled field use. ISA confirmed there were 6 conflicts and ISA changed their schedule. ISA said they are not looking at taking any of the associations time. They are looking for the opportunity to use the fields and pay to use them if they aren't being used.
- Peterson would like to work with Sean from ISA & Neil, the Parks Coordinator to come up with a plan. They will come back next month, hopefully with a plan.
- Krohn said you guys really highlighted a need for more ballfields.

Minutes

Committee reviewed the August 14, 2024 Public Works minutes. *Motion by Krohn, second by Garn to approve the August 14, 2024 Public Works meeting minutes and motion carried.*

Public Comment

No public comment

Project Updates

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

- We are still waiting for the bridge hangers.
- Village Park task order possibly coming next month to review removal of the stairs.
- River Hills North – letter was sent to residents on Aspen Dr, wanted to have everyone aware of what was going on.

Unfinished Business

Outdated Ordinances – Title 11 Chapter 6; Tabled Items: 11-6-2 & 11-6-3(l), Title 6, Chapter 4 - Tabled Items: 6-4-3(a) & (b), 6-4-5(a), Title 6, Chapter 2 – Streets and Sidewalks, Title 12, Chapter 12 – Parks and Recreation: Handouts were provided.

- Discussion amongst the committee.
- Title 11, Chapter 6. Public Nuisances
 - Proposed Changes
 - Keep 11-6-2
 - Remove: “or within one (1) mile therefrom” from Sec.11-6-3(l)

Motion by Garn, second by Krohn to recommend the amendments of Title 11, Chapter 6 as presented and motion carried.

- Title 6, Chapter 4. Trees and Shrubs
 - Krohn proposed new language for this ordinance.

Motion by Kern, second by Krohn to table Title 6, Chapter 4. Trees and Shrubs with amendments forwarded to the Village attorney for his recommendations to ensure there is no violations or his opinions on those changes prior to us making changes and motion carried.

- Title 6, Chapter 2. Streets and Sidewalks
 - Table Sec. 6-2-2(b)(2)
 - Remove “A fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) shall be charged for such permit.” from Sec. 6-2-2(c)

Motion by Garn, second by Krohn to table Sec. 6-2-2 and motion carried. Motion by Kern, second by Krohn to remove “A fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) shall be charged for such permit.” from Sec. 6-2-2(c) and motion carried.

- Title 12, Chapter 1. Parks and Recreation
 - Replace missiles with objects in Sec. 12-1-1(b)(4)
 - Remove Sec. 12-1-1(15) and renumber accordingly.
 - Table Sec. 12-1-5. Reservation Policy

Motion by Garn, second by Krohn to recommend replacing missiles with objects in Sec. 12-1-1(b)(4) and motion carried. Motion by Krohn, second by Garn to recommend removing Sec. 12-1-1(15) and renumber accordingly and motion carried. Motion by Krohn, second by Garn to table Sec. 12-1-5 and motion carried.

Sewer Rate Study: A handout was provided.

- We are in year 2 of our 3 year sewer rate increase. This was approved by the Village Board on July 18, 2023. This will take place on October 16, 2024.

Motion by Krohn, second by Garn to recommend to the Village Board the Sewer Rate Study and motion carried.

Water System Evaluation: A handout was provided previously.

- No questions or comments from the committee for Schwartz.

Village Park Upgrades: A report was provided via email.

- Krohn suggested after the discussion earlier, we need to look at more ballfields.

Motion by Garn, second by Krohn to recommend to the Village Board a work session of the whole board for agenda items 5e and 5f to discuss Village Park Upgrades and motion carried.

Items Previously Recommended for Parks for Budgeting Purposes:

- Discussed with previous agenda item, Village Park Upgrades.

New Business

2025 Budget/Capital Outlay:

- Gunther stated this is to review. We will look at this next month.

5 Year Plan: A handout was provided.

- Gunther stated this is to review. We will look at this next month.

TID 5 Storm Water Regional Pond Task Order: A task order was provided.

- Schwartz said they would like to get the bid package out mid-October.

Motion by Krohn, second by Garn to recommend to the Village Board the TID 5 Storm Water Regional Task Order to MSA Professional Services, Inc in the amount of \$22,500.00 and motion carried.

Street Use Permit – Somerset School Homecoming Parade: A handout was provided.

Motion by Kern, second by Krohn to recommend to the Village Board the Street Use Permit – Somerset School Homecoming Parade and motion carried.

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 – Tabled items

Adjourn

Motion by Garn, seconded by Krohn to adjourn and motion carried. The Public Works Committee meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.