

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET
November 13, 2024

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

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

Present via Zoom: Donnie Kern, Chris Dubak (5:32) and Mike Kappers (5:38)

Minutes

Committee reviewed the October 9, 2024 Public Works minutes. *Motion by Krohn, second by Garn to approve the October 9, 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.

- Gunther updated the committee.
- Main Street Bridge brace was put in but needs to be refabricated to fit correctly.
- River Hills North drainage improvement is postponed until Spring.

Unfinished Business

Outdated Ordinances – Title 6 Chapter 4 - Tabled Items, Title 6, Chapter 2 – Streets and Sidewalks – Tabled Item: Sec. 6-2-2(b)(2), Title 12, Chapter 1 – Parks and Recreation – Tabled Item: Sec. 12-1-5 Reservation Policy: Handouts were provided.

- Discussion amongst the committee.
- Title 6, Chapter 4. Trees and Shrubs
 - Krohn would like to look at this again.
 - Kern suggested keeping in Sec. 6-4-7

Motion by Garn, second by Krohn to table Title 6, Chapter 4. Trees and Shrubs and motion carried.

- Title 6, Chapter 2. Streets and Sidewalks
 - Sec. 6-2-2(b)(2)

Motion by Garn, second by Krohn to adopt Title 6, Chapter 2. Streets and Sidewalks as written and motion carried.

- Title 12, Chapter 1. Parks and Recreation
 - Sec. 12-1-5. Reservation Policy

Motion by Kern, second by Garn to adopt Title 12, Chapter 1. Parks and Recreation Sec. 12-1-5 Reservation Policy with the addition of (l) and (m) from the previous ordinance and motion carried.

Ball Field Use – Impact Sports Academy West:

- Tabled

Timeline on Meetings with the Public on Village Park Improvements:

- Garn thinks we should set a meeting date. A special meeting to be held the end of February or early March. A subsequent meeting to be held in the park. Date TBD

New Business

TID 5 Lift Station and Utility Extension Bid Award: A handout was provided.

Motion by Krohn, second by Garn to recommend to the Village Board approval of the TID 5 Lift Station and Utility Extension Bid Award to the lowest bid from Haas Sons, Inc in the amount of \$869,605.50 and motion carried.

Self Watering Hanging Basket Proposal: A proposal was provided.

Motion by Garn, second by Krohn to recommend to the Village Board approval to purchase up to 20 of the Self Watering Hanging Baskets at \$29.85 each and motion carried.

Lot Use – Somerset Champions:

Motion by Kern, second by Krohn to recommend to the Village Board approval of the Lot Use – Somerset Champions and motion carried. Garn Abstained.

Participation in Wisconsin School Forest Program:

- Krohn met with Abigail Krause from the Department of Urban Forestry. He would like to get the committee's approval to contact Andy Tuttle at the forestry program.
- Krohn went into great detail of the benefits of this program ex. free saplings, management of the forests and down the road, we can look at grants.
- Krohn would like to get the Village enrolled in the program. He would get approval from the full Village Board before any work would begin.
- Garn and Kern support Brandon checking into this and getting ahold of Andy Tuttle.

Banners for Downtown Light Poles: A handout/proposal was provided.

- Mike Kappers wanted this brought forward to the Public Works Committee.
- Caleb Garn said the Somerset Champions were going to bring forth a proposal in December.

Motion by Kern, second by Krohn to table the Banners for Downtown Light Poles until a branding package comes forward from the Champions and motion carried.

Public Works Department Report

- An update memo was provided.
- Krohn would like to start an Adopt A Drain like Adopt A Fire Hydrant

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 item
- Rebranding Proposal – Somerset Champions

Adjourn

Motion by Kern, seconded by Krohn to adjourn and motion carried. The Public Works Committee meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.