

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET
July 9, 2025

President Pro-tem Caleb Garn called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present at the Village Hall: Caleb Garn, Jessica Plourde, Bob Gunther and Chuck Schwartz, MSA

Absent: Brandon Krohn

Minutes

Committee reviewed the June 11, 2025 Public Works minutes. *Motion by Garn, second by Plourde to approve the June 11, 2025 Public Works meeting minutes and motion carried.*

Public Comment

- Dorothy Wille – 449 Alex Court – Concerned about cost to the taxpayers.
- Dave Wolner – 490 Forrest Drive – Concerned with parking and refuse at Larry Forrest. How to take care of this in the future?
- Brady Peterson – 1753 38th St - Partnership with ISA has gone well. The association puts in a significant amount of time and money into all of the ballfields.
- Dan Squires – 493 Alex Court – In support of widening Alex Court. Hasn't seen any plans. The best solution is to narrow the circle in the middle. Concerned about cost.
- Michael Kraft – 465 Alex Court – Teardrop by his driveway, it's very inconvenient.
- Al Bever – 429 Alex Court – Can't back pontoon in his driveway. Concerned about public safety. Would like to see flags on fire hydrants.

Project Updates

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

- Main Street Bridge Inspection ~ Will happen later this summer.
- 2025 Mill & Overlay and Micro-Surfacing Projects ~ Opening bids on Thursday.

Unfinished Business

Village Park Discussion – July 16th at 6pm:

- Discuss the future of the Village Park.

New Business

Hud/Parnell 4 way Stop and Alex Court Parking:

- Gunther said there used to be a stop sign at Vanasse and Hud. He talked to some residents, they aren't really seeing any issues. Two of the residents said there is no traffic. One resident who is at this meeting said it's not an issue. Gunther said he could talk to the chief and send a patrol car.
- Alex Court ~ Gunther said we need to look at options.

Motion by Plourde, second by Garn for a proposal to come back to the August meeting and motion carried.

New Pot to be Installed in Commemoration of the Old Bridge:

- Garn said Bob Treloff and Marjorie Metzdorff would pay for a post and placard to be displayed where the old bridge was.
- It's recommended to get more details.

Motion by Garn, second by Plourde to table for further details and motion carried.

Deeding of Parcel 181-1024-90-200 to Neighboring Property Owners: A handout was provided.

- Gunther said Tom Forrest deeded the land to the Village for access to the park. The Village no longer needs that access due to access from Forrest Drive. Bruce Bursch has been mowing the grass for years.

Motion by Garn, second by Plourde to recommend to the Village Board the Deeding of Parcel 181-1024-90-200 to Neighboring Property Owners and motion carried.

Parking and Refuse Issues Observed at Larry Forrest:

- The ball associations need to have their own 2 yd dumpster. The associations generate money from the tournaments. Taxpayers shouldn't have to pay for their dumpster.
- Parking is a big issue, but it's not much different than any other community.

Public Works Department Report

- An update memo was provided.
- Parnell Prairie – Probably need to have a special meeting with the town to discuss.

Public Works, Water, Sewer and Parks Bills

- The committee reviewed the bills.

Motion by Plourde, 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

- Tabled Items
- Ash Tree Removal

Adjourn

Motion by Plourde, seconded by Garn to adjourn and motion carried. The Public Works Committee meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.