

Regular Meeting of the Village of Somerset Board of Trustees
Village Hall, 110 Spring Street Somerset, WI 54025 | Tuesday, July 15, 2025

Village President Pro Tem, Caleb Garn called the Regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were, Caleb Garn, Donnie Kern, Brandon Krohn, Chris Moreno, and Jessica Plourde. Also present was Chuck Schwartz, MSA; Paul Mahler, Bakke Norman; and Director of Public Works, Bob Gunther. Absent were Chris Dubak and Ryan S. Sicard.

Public Comment

Marcus Berger, 328 Aspen Dr – Stated he would like to see the drainage issues in River Hills/Aspen Dr resolved.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Plourde, second by Kern to approve the agenda as presented and motion carried unanimously.

Presentation

Greg Cardinal, Operations/Project Manager at Northwest Communications, presented information on Community Fiber Optics Project.

Consent Agenda

Kern requested that the Village Bills be pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Motion by Krohn, second by Moreno to approve the Consent Agenda including the following:

- *Minutes of Regular Board minutes of June 17, 2025*
- *Replat of Land – Parcel #181-1009-10-300. Applicant: Somerset Youth Hockey Association, Inc.*
- *Temporary Class “B” Beer License Application – Apple River Cruizers*
- *Squad Car Purchase*
- *Employee Handbook Revisions*
- *Fire/Rescue Report*

Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Village, Water, and Sewer Bills

Kern requested additional information regarding the invoices from Weld Riley, specifically related to communications that were not shared with the entire Village Board.

Motion by Krohn, second by Garn to approve the Village, Water, and Sewer Bills except for the invoices from Weld Riley. Motion carried unanimously.

Mill and Overlay Bid Award – Monarch Paving and Micro Seal Bid Award – Fahrner Asphalt Sealers

Motion by Kern, second by Krohn to approve the Mill and Overlay bid from Monarch Paving, excluding the line item for Schachtner and Raymond Street and to approve the Micro Seal bid from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers. Motion carried unanimously.

Deeding of Parcel 181-1024-90-200 to Neighboring Property Owners

Motion by Kern, second by Garn to table until additional information is presented to the Village Board which includes written agreements from the neighboring property owners and all associated costs (surveying/splitting the lot and recording of the deeds). Motion carried unanimously.

Memorial Tree Planting Request from Renee Brinkman

Motion by Garn, second by Plourde to send this item to the Public Works Committee for review and to determine details. Motion carried unanimously.

Vendor Permits Through WI DOR

Motion by Krohn, second by Kern to table until the August 2025 Village Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Community Branding and Marketing Proposal from Somerset Champions

Motion by Plourde, second by Garn to table until the August 2025 Village Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Kern left the meeting at 7:01 pm and returned at 7:02 pm.

Unfinished Business**AT&T Lease Renewal**

Motion by Garn, second by Morena to table until the August 2025 Village Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Sale of Vacant Land owned by the Village of Somerset – PIDs: 181-1028-10-000, 181-1028-21-000, 181-1028-40-000, and 181-1028-50-000

Motion by Kern, second by Krohn to list the vacant land with a selling price of \$159,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Motion by Kern, second by Moreno to move into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility-Vacation Payout. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 5-0 (Plourde-aye, Kern-aye, Moreno-aye, Krohn-aye, Garn-aye) and the board convened into closed session at 7:13pm.

Reconvene to Open Session

Motion by Krohn, second by Moreno to reconvene to open session. Motion carried unanimously and the board reconvened into open session at 7:32pm.

Motion by Kern, second by Krohn to approve a vacation payout to the former clerk for 31 hours contingent upon a signed release statement. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

Motion by Kern, second by Krohn to adjourn and motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Jessica Lehman, Village Clerk/Deputy Treasurer