

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET
August 13, 2025

Chairman Brandon Krohn 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

Absent: Jessica Plourde

Zoom: Donnie Kern

Minutes

Committee reviewed the July 9, 2025 Public Works minutes. *Motion by Garn, second by Krohn to approve the July 9, 2025 Public Works meeting minutes and motion carried.*

Public Comment

- No Public Comment

Motion by Garn, second by Krohn to move item 5d to the top of the agenda and motion carried.

Unfinished Business

River Hills North Drainage: A handout was provided.

- Schwartz updated the committee.
- The developer's engineer said he was done; he wasn't getting paid.
- MSA stepped in and is trying to schedule as quick as possible.
- The developer is not agreeing to any of this.

Motion by Krohn, second by Garn to recommend to the Village Board the River Hills North Drainage and motion carried.

Project Updates

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

- Main Street Bridge Inspection scheduled for Oct. 6th.
- 2025 Mill & Overlay and Micro-Surfacing Projects will either happen the week of Sept. 15th or 22nd.
- TID5 substantial completion date was August 31st. It will be delayed due to supply chain issues.
- The town has to petition to annex in 180th Street. The resolution was passed at the Joint Town & Village meeting. Jurisdictionally transferred means we (the Village) maintain the road.

Unfinished Business

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

- Change Pot to Commemorative Sign and keep on unfinished business.

Motion by Garn, second by Krohn to table and motion carried.

Alex Court Parking: A handout was provided.

- Driveways have ample parking in them.
- If we shrink the bulb, we would have to complete a study.
- Could install no parking signs, establish hours and update our ordinance.

Motion by Garn, second by Krohn to recommend to the Village Board approval of Option 1 with an ordinance update and establishing no parking hours and motion carried.

Parks:

- In our 2018 CORP Plan, it had language regarding memorials. Our newer CORP plan doesn't. Garn thinks it should be on a case by case basis. Krohn is fine with this particular tree.
- Youth baseball and softball – would like to have them lease the fields. They would take care of the fields. Should have a meeting after Labor Day.
- Resident approached Gunther regarding a scoreboard at Village Park – new news to Garn.
- Vet's Park – Updates to pavilions, bathrooms and electrical. Replacing pavilions would freshen up the parks.
- Money allocated for mulch and playground boarders.
- We need to prioritize things.

New Business

TID #5 Lift Station – Pay App #2: A pay app was provided.

Motion by Garn, second by Krohn to recommend to the Village Board approval of TID #5 Lift Station – Pay App # 2 to Haas Sons, Inc in the amount of \$319,692.57 and motion carried.

Ash Tree Removal:

- Gunther feels it would be best to solicit tree removal companies. Have a forester go through the Village and determine what trees to remove. (Village owned and, in the right-of-way.)
- Best to grind stumps.

Motion by Garn, second by Krohn to have Gunther move forward with an RFP and motion carried.

Ordinance Amendment 9-2-11 Sewer Rate: A handout was provided.

- This is year 3 of the sewer rate increase that was approved by the Village Board on Tuesday, July 18, 2023.

Motion by Garn, second by Krohn to recommend to the Village Board the Ordinance Amendment 9-2-11 Sewer Rate and motion carried.

Water and Sewer Rates:

- We received a letter from the PSC. This is our opportunity to complete a simplified rate case.
- Could need to have another sewer rate (base and/or usage) increase due to the deficit.

Motion by Krohn, second by Garn to table and motion carried.

LFMP Fence Improvement Quote: A quote was provided.

- We need to put extensions on the smaller fields. People are getting hit by fly balls.
- The Pickleball court needs fencing.
- Can do some this year and some in the spring. Pause field 1 until next year. Should talk to the school.

Motion by Krohn, second by Garn to recommend to the Village Board approval of LFMP Fence Improvement Quote to Cyclone Fence Option 1 in the amount of \$7,695.00 and Option 2 with the Extended 6' at an angle in the amount of \$13,550.00 and motion carried.

Permanent Pavillion for Village Park: A handout was provided.

- Have the support of the Lion's, Chamber of Commerce, Champions and the Pea Soup committee.
- Looking at approximate size of 40'x80' not to exceed 50'x100'. Current design is a rough draft.

- Funding through fundraising - no tax dollars at this time.
- Seeking Village Board approval for general dimensions and final design and location TBD.

Motion by Krohn, second by Garn to recommend to the Village Board to permit a permanent pavilion for Village Park with dimensions not to exceed 50'x100' with design and location TBD with no tax dollars to be spent at this time and motion carried.

Addition to Vet's Park Memorial to House Veteran's Banners When Not Displayed: A handout was provided.

- Champions worked with the Legion for the Hometown Heroes Banners.
- Approximate structure would be 12' in total length.
- Hometown Heroes Banners – 1 year on the light poles, 1-2 years at the memorial.
- Seeking donation from the Village for the concrete slab.
- Have existing committed funding from the Legion. Currently seeking the rest of the funding for a total cost of approximately \$3500.00.

Motion by Krohn, second by Garn to recommend to the Village Board approval of the Addition to Vet's Park Memorial to House Veteran's Banners When Not Displayed the Village will put forth the concrete not to exceed \$600.00 and motion carried.

Way Finding Signs:

- Waiting on a final logo. Garn said they could have a strong recommendation in September or October.

Public Works Department Report

- An update memo was provided.

Public Works, Water, Sewer and Parks Bills

- The committee reviewed the bills.

Motion by Garn, second by Krohn 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

Adjourn

Motion by Garn, seconded by Krohn to adjourn and motion carried. The Public Works Committee meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.