

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET
January 14, 2026

Chairman Brandon Krohn called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present at the Village Hall: Brandon Krohn, Caleb Garn, Janna Stewart, Bob Gunther, Chuck Schwartz, MSA, Donnie Kern and Jessica Plourde

Minutes

Committee reviewed the November 12, 2025 Public Works minutes. *Motion by Garn, second by Stewart to approve the November 12, 2025 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.

- Schwartz briefly updated the committee due to a number of his updates were further down on the agenda.

Unfinished Business

Parks:

- Construction observation and grant administration is needed for the TAP Grant. Solicited ten engineering companies, four were interested. Anticipated start in April.
- Garn updated the committee about the warming house at Veteran's Park being opened and called Heroes Hall displaying the Hometown Heroes Banners.

Fee Schedule – Ball Field:

- Gunther went through it to make it feasible.
- Need to clarify in the fee schedule if alcohol can be consumed with a permit.

Motion by Krohn, second by Garn to recommend to the Village Board approval of the Fee Schedule – Ball Field and motion carried.

Water Tower Final Design:

- Plourde would like to narrow down to two options.
- One or Two logos?

Garn publicly recommending to the Village Board options One and Three, Krohn agreed.

New Business

Recreation Concepts: Concept plans were provided.

- Committee discussed needs and wants.
- 4 ball fields are a must, with one being a premier field with lights.
- Need more buffering on South side between houses and ball fields.
- Need more storage for maintenance of the facilities.

Motion by Garn, second by Stewart to recommend to the Village Board approval of the Recreation Concepts and motion carried.

Bridge Inspection Report: A handout was provided.

- Bridge was built in the WWII era. New deck in the 80's.
- There have been changes to how bridges are assessed and eligibility for rehabilitation. Score 50 or lower, you are eligible to receive funds to replace. 80 or below you are eligible for rehabilitation to receive 80% from federal and 20% local.
- Overall rating is fair.
- Items that weren't repaired 2 years ago and didn't need it then, now need to be repaired.
- Garn questioning why the bridge needs all these repairs when we just spent all this money for repairs 2 years ago. It's not adding up. There should be some sort of warranty.
- Need to have MSA's bridge guy, Josh to come to next month's meeting for an explanation of the report.

Alternate Truck Routes – Deport Street/Cloutier Drive:

- Gunther talked to the complainant.

Motion by Garn, second by Stewart to recommend to the Village Board Public Works installing "No Truck Route" sign on Depot Street and motion carried.

Title 6, Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances – Public Works, Streets and Sidewalks (Sections 6-2-4 and 6-2-5): A handout was provided.

Motion by Garn, seconded by Stewart to recommend to the Village Board as presented approval of the Title 6, Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances – Public Works, Streets and Sidewalks (Sections 6-2-4 and 6-2-5) and motion carried.

Welcome Banners: A handout was provided with three designs.

- Heroes Banners are on display Memorial Day through Veteran's Day
- Krohn asked how we would pay for these? Plourde said the Champions are working on paying for them.
- Gunther stated we don't have a lift; it's a significant cost to Public Works.
- Garn will talk to the Champions about paying for them and installing them.

Motion by Garn, second by Stewart to recommend to the Village Board approval of Welcome Banners One and Two and motion carried.

Public Works Department Report

- An update memo was provided.
- Gravely lawnmower is shot, looking at getting a walk behind snowblower for the bridge.

Public Works, Water, Sewer and Parks Bills

- The committee reviewed the bills.

Motion by Garn, second by Stewart to recommend to the Village Board approval of the Public Works, Water, Sewer and Parks Bills as presented and motion carried.

Future Agenda Items

- Bridge Inspection Report

Adjourn

Motion by Garn, seconded by Stewart to adjourn and motion carried. The Public Works Committee meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.