

Regular Meeting of the Village of Somerset Board of Trustees
Village Hall, 110 Spring Street Somerset, WI 54025 | Tuesday, January 20, 2026

President Pro Tem Caleb Garn called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present at the Village Hall were, Chris Dubak, Caleb Garn, Brandon Krohn, Chris Moreno, Jessica Plourde, and Janna Stewart. Donald Kern joined the meeting via zoom. Also in attendance at the village hall were Public Works Director, Bob Gunther; and Village Attorney, Paul Mahler-Bakke Norman.

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comment

No one from the public spoke.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Kern, second by Plourde to approve the Consent Agenda including the following:

- *Minutes of Regular Board meeting on 12/16/2026*
- *Village, Water, and Sewer Bills*
- *Police Department Squad Car Purchase*
- *Conditional Use Permit Application to allow construction of a new office building in an Industrial Zoning District located at 285 La Grandeur Road, parcel # 181-1045-10-600. Applicant/Landowner: Taylar McCarthy/Al Wittstock, AKW Properties LLC, DBA Wittstock Builders*
- *Conditional Use Permit Application to allow for a veterinary hospital and/or clinic in a Highway Commercial (C2) District located at 105 Depot St, parcel # 181-1021-40-000. Applicant: Elizabeth Mathe, Kindred Soul Veterinary Services. Landowner: Steve Vanasse*
- *Alternate Truck Routes – No Trucks Signage*
- *Correction to Title 6, Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances – Public Works, Streets and Sidewalks (Sections 6-2-4 and 6-2-5)*
- *Fire/Rescue Report*

Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Motion by Krohn, second by Dubak to move Item 6E Welcome Banners to the beginning of New Business and motion carried unanimously.

Welcome Banners

Motion by Plourde, second by Krohn to approve Option #2 and motion carried unanimously. Option #2 includes a curved header and footer. The banners will be custom-sized at 20" x 37", with a total of 23 banners required. This item will be referred back to the Public Works Committee to review costs, identify the appropriate budget source, and determine whether any cost sharing with the Somerset Champions will occur. Each banner costs approximately \$75, for a total estimated cost

of \$1,700 for 23 banners. The cost to switch and rehang the banners between the “Welcome” and “Hometown Hero” banners is estimated at \$500 per change.

Financing for Main Street Purchase

Motion by Kern, second by Moreno to approve securing a loan with an interest rate of 6.75% with an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00. Motion carried unanimously. The loan will fund the purchase of the Main Street properties approved by the Village Board at its December 16, 2025 meeting.

ICUP Renewal – Somerset Amphitheater

Motion by Plourde, second by Moreno to approve the 2026 ICUP, as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Additional language was added to define Special Circumstances.

Fee Schedule – Ball Field

Motion by Krohn, second by Plourde to approve the Fee Schedule as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Gunther stated that he had not reviewed the fee structure and requested that the Board determine the appropriate rental rate. Krohn asked for clarification on whether the rental fee would be a flat rate or an hourly rate. Gunther recommended a flat rate.

Amended motion by Krohn, second by Plourde to send this item back to the Public Works Committee to finalize the fee schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Concepts

Two athletic complex concepts were presented to the Board. Both concepts include soccer fields, parking lots, playground, paved walking path, storage/maintenance shed, NFHS baseball field, little league baseball fields, batting cage, stormwater, natural tree screening, open green space, shelter with restroom, environmentally sensitive areas, full & half court basketball fields, and four-season shelter with concessions, restroom, press box & meeting room.

Concept #1 also includes a natural playground and pickleball courts, with an estimated cost of \$12,591,000.

Concept #2 includes a pump track and a flag football field, with an estimated cost of \$11,583,000.

Motion by Kern, second by Plourde to have Public Works hold a public meeting within the next 2 months for resident input on the concepts. Motion carried unanimously.

Water Tower – Colors & Logo

Motion by Krohn, second by Garn to move forward with Option #1 and to have the logo and Somerset painted on both sides of the water tower. Motion carried unanimously. The cost to paint one logo on the water tower is \$25,000.

Adjourn

Motion by Krohn, second by Plourde to adjourn and motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Jessica Lehman, Village Clerk/Deputy Treasurer
(Minutes are not official until approved at next meeting)