

**Regular Meeting of the Village of Somerset Board of Trustees**  
**Village Hall, 110 Spring Street Somerset, WI 54025 | Tuesday, March 17, 2026**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Garn, second by Dubak to approve the agenda as presented and motion carried.

**Public Comment**

Dave Wolner, 490 Forrest Drive – Cited his concerns about aesthetics, visibility, and safety of the current placement of a shed in Larry Forrest Park. He recommended placing it near existing sheds behind the batting cages and urged the board to review park layout and upkeep to preserve the park's open, balanced, and premier character.

Bruce Bursch, 440 Sunrise Drive - Noted that games at the park are well attended, with limited bleacher seating causing spectators, especially seniors, to seek closer viewing areas. Burch reiterated opposition to the proposed shed, stating it would negatively impact the view.

Deb Kohler, 470 Forrest Drive - Questioned the need for an additional shed given existing storage and expressed preference for keeping the park interior open. Kohler suggested placing any necessary structure on the perimeter and supported reevaluating both the need and location.

Cathy Ness, 453 Charles Lane – Announced that the annual community cleanup day is scheduled for April 25, 2026. This year's event will be staged at Village Park and run from 8:30am until Noon. A community lunch will follow.

**Consent Agenda**

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

- *Minutes of Regular Board meeting on 02/17/2026*
- *Temporary "Class B" Wine & Class "B" Beer Application – Somerset Lions Club, Pea Soup Days*
- *Fire/Rescue Report*
- *Library Report*

Motion carried unanimously.

## **New Business**

### **Village, Water, and Sewer Bills**

Motion by Krohn, second by Stewart to approve the Village, Water, and Sewer Bills. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Update from MSA**

Schwartz reported that the land use concept for TID 7 at the Neumann Farms property has been revised to better accommodate industrial, residential, recreational, and stormwater management needs. He noted that a pre-construction meeting for the Somerset Trail project is scheduled for March 25. Planned soil investigations at the Pine Vale pond site were postponed due to recent rain and snowfall and will resume once site conditions improve. Schwartz also stated that MSA is not planning a public meeting to review the Neumann Farms Athletic Complex concept plans.

Gunther addressed the board regarding River Hills and the drainage issue. Gunther stated that a key property owner, whose yard would be most impacted, is currently unwilling to proceed with the proposed work. As a result, project options are limited and effectiveness of alternatives is uncertain. The rest of the street has not yet been notified. Gunther will follow up with the property owner and then update affected residents once a final decision is made.

### **Ordinance A-711 Annexing Territory to the Village of Somerset, Wisconsin (Neumann property)**

Motion by Krohn, second by Plourde to approve Ordinance A-711 Annexing Territory to the Village of Somerset, Wisconsin (Neumann property). Motion passed on a roll call vote (Dubak-aye, Garn-aye, Krohn-aye, Moreno-aye, Plourde-aye, Stewart-aye, Kern-aye).

### **Resolution 2026-01 Creating Tax Incremental District No. 7, Approving its Project Plan and Establishing its Boundaries**

Josh Low, Municipal Advisor at Ehlers presented information on the creation of TID 7.

Motion by Krohn, second by Garn to approve Resolution 2026-01 Creating Tax Incremental District No. 7, Approving its Project Plan and Establishing its Boundaries. Motion passed on a roll call vote (Dubak-aye, Garn-aye, Krohn-aye, Moreno-aye, Plourde-aye, Stewart-aye, Kern-aye).

### **Bid Approval – Demolition of Main Street Homes**

Motion by Kern, second by Krohn to table the bid approval. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Placement of Shed at Larry Forrest Park**

Motion by Krohn, second by Dubak to approve the placement of the shed near the current shed; with the class 5 base and not interfering with irrigation. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion regarding parking will take place at both Public Works and Public Safety committee meetings.

### **Village Ordinance on Assessment for Structural Fires Consistent with Township of Somerset Ordinance**

The board reviewed the Town of Somerset's ordinance. They would like to see this discussed at the next Joint Meeting (Town, Village, Fire/Rescue).

### **Committee of the Whole Meeting in April**

A Committee of the Whole meeting will be scheduled for April 13, 2026 beginning at 6:00 pm.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Weld Riley Invoices**

Motion by Kern, second by Moreno to approve paying the outstanding Weld Riley invoices in an amount of \$898.50. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Convene to Closed Session**

Motion by Kern, second by Krohn to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis Stat 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session-Purchase Agreement with Dennis Neumann

Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0 (Dubak-aye, Garn-aye, Krohn-aye, Moreno-aye, Plourde-aye, Stewart-aye, Kern-aye) and the board convened into closed session at 7:24 p.m.

### **Reconvene into Open Session**

Motion by Krohn, second by Plourde to reconvene into open session. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0 (Dubak-aye, Garn-aye, Krohn-aye, Moreno-aye, Plourde-aye, Stewart-aye, Kern-aye) and the board reconvened into open session at 8:03 p.m.

Motion by Kern, second by Krohn to approve the land purchase agreement with Dennis & Dawn Neumann for approximately 251.78 acres in an amount of \$7,994,215.00. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0 (Dubak-aye, Garn-aye, Krohn-aye, Moreno-aye, Plourde-aye, Stewart-aye, Kern-aye).

### **Adjourn**

Motion by Garn, second by Krohn to adjourn and motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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