

**TOWN OF SOMERS
MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING
November 12, 2013**

The Regular Meeting of the Somers Town Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ben Harbach at the Somers Town Hall, 7511 12TH Street.

Present: Chairman Ben Harbach, Supervisors Gregg Sinnen, Michael DeLuca, Judy Schantek & Peter Ress. Also present: Town Administrator William Morris, Attorney Jeff Davison & Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Janet Cushing.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent and Approval of Minutes of the Town Board Meeting on September 10, 2013, Building Report & Vouchers dated 10-25-13, 10-31-13 and 11-08-13.

Sup. Sinnen moved to approve Building Report & payment of Vouchers dated 10/25-13, 10-31-13 and 11-08-13, note that there are no Minutes for September 10, 2013, second by Sup. DeLuca. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence

The Town of Paris is hosting an event honoring Town Chairman Virgil Gentz for his 35 years of service on December 14, 2013 from 1-4 p.m., with a presentation at 2:00 p.m. The Town Clerk should post the event in case board minutes wish to attend.

Citizen Comments

Carl Kirkorian, 502 9th Place, commented on the Kenosha News not being at the meeting, Gregg Sinnen's announcement about not running for election, the parking lot lights were on, and what is going on with the fire chief position. Maciej Godlewski, 6205 45th St stated that he spoke to Mr. Kitzman and Mr. Kitzman was supposed to have some paper work ready, I show up to get it and it is not here. Once I get the paperwork, I will have more comments. Ron Grimes, 3145 72nd Avenue, has attended most of the work sessions, town employees are acting disrespectful to town supervisors and outside vendors, operational procedures should be reviewed as to who is responsible and who is supervising who and are they accountable to how employees are conducting themselves, a Life Quest billing form not being used since 2003, borrowing \$69,000, what are plans to get the fund balance and Moody's ratings back up, 9 sewer lifts and raw sewage being dumped into Lake Michigan, who is it reported to, impact fees are not being collected and used as intended, budgeting is not being done properly, the board does not know how to do it, overspending has depleted reserves, Fire Department costs are much higher than surrounding areas, a town employee with a salary and benefit package of \$107,000 and we are looking for work for him to do, nothing was done in the budget process to see how last year's levy of \$4.36 could be maintained, I will have more to say at the budget hearing.

Supervisor's Comments

Supervisor DeLuca – we have a stack of applications and the Fire Commission is going through them. Many of Mr. Grime's comments were addressed.

Supervisor Ress – he is growing a beard for charity for men's health issues; also addressed citizen's comments.

Supervisor Schantek – would like to thank all the veterans; also addressed citizen comments.

Supervisor Sinnen – would also to thank veterans; looked into the Wal-Mart situation after the last meeting; looked into stop signs on Highway E & EA; also addressed citizen's comments.

Chairman Harbach – there was only one sewage dump and Mr. Stoner made reports to the DNR as required; also addressed citizen comments.

Approve Appointment to Fire Commission

Chairman Harbach personally spoke to each person who expressed an interest in the appointment to the Fire Commission and is recommending Don Howland. He is a former member of the Kenosha Fire Department. The appointment is to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Mrs. Meldahl with the term to expire in March of 2016.

Sup. Sinnen moved to approve the chair's recommendation, second by Sup. Schantek. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve 55th Avenue Road Right-of-Way Transfer to City of Kenosha

Sup. Schantek moved to approve the 55th Avenue Road Right-of-Way to the City of Kenosha, second by Sup. Sinnen. Motion carried 5-0.

Action on Resolution No. 13-015 to Authorize Internal Borrowing for 47th Avenue Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$69,177.62

Sup. Riss moved to approve, second by Sup. DeLuca. Motion carried 5-0.

Action on Offer to Purchase Town Parcel #80-4-222-101-01225 (C.T.H."A")

Sup. DeLuca moved to approve Counter Offer #1, second by Sup. Sinnen. Motion carried 5-0.

Action on Second Amendment to Parkside Springs Developers Agreement

Sup. Sinnen moved to approve the Second Amendment to Parkside Springs Developers Agreement, second by Sup. Schantek. Motion carried 5-0.

Action on GAI-Parkside Springs Proposal

Sup. Schantek moved to approve the GAI-Parkside Springs Proposal, second by Sup. Sinnen. Motion carried 5-0.

Award bid for Incorporation Legal Description

Sup. Sinnen moved to award contract for Incorporation Legal Description to GAI Consultants at a cost not to exceed \$1400, second by Sup. DeLuca. Motion carried 5-0.

Action on Resolution No. 13-016 Opposing SB349 Regarding Town Authority to Regulate Mining

Sup. Riss moved to approve Resolution No. 13-016, second by Sup. DeLuca. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Operator Licenses: New: Joseph R. Aiello, Kelly J. Edmonds, Mary L. Jozefowski, Marilyn A. Mack, Dana E. Topple, Steven J. Zongolowicz.

Sup. Sinnen moved to grant operator licenses to Joseph R. Aiello, Kelly J. Edmonds, Mary L. Jozefowski, Marilyn A. Mack, Dana E. Topple, Steven J. Zongolowicz, second by Sup. DeLuca. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment

Sup. DeLuca moved to adjourn, second by Sup. Schantek. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by Janet Cushing, Dep. Clerk-Treasurer

These minutes are not official until approved by the Town Board