

**Town of Somers
7511 12th Street
Somers, WI 53171**

**Town Work Session Meeting
Agenda
Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024
5:15 p.m.**

Town Board Work Session Meeting:	
Item #	
1	Call to Order
2	Citizen Comments
3	Administrator's Report
4	Chair & Supervisor Reports
5	Review and Discuss proposed parking restrictions on 61st and 62nd Avenues across the Carol Rikli Boys and Girls Park (located on the southwest corner of 60th Avenue and 67th Street).
6	Review tentative agenda for Town Board meeting on September 10 th , 2024
7	Adjourn

I hereby certify that, as the designee of the chief elected official of the Town of Somers, I posted this notice of the September 3rd, 2024 Work Session Meeting & Agenda in 3 public places & Somers website.

Dated this 30th day of August, 2024.

Wendy Burnette, Clerk-Treasurer

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**TOWN OF SOMERS
TOWN BOARD
WORK SESSION ITEM MEMORANDUM**

WORK SESSION: Sept. 3, 2024

TO: Town Chair Molinaro and Town Supervisors

FROM: Jason J. Peters, Administrator

AGENDA ITEM: #3 Administrator's Report

Below please find a bulleted summary of major issues that Administration has worked on since our Aug. 6 Work Session. Please note the vast majority of these items are Village focused and this report is being provided to give leadership an overview of the activity at Village/Town Hall.

REMINDER VILLAGE/TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY

Development

- The Plan Commission met on August 12th to review the following:
 - Tropical Smoothie Café (previously approved by Board) requested a PUD overlay to allow a future shared drive on the end of the property to be 5 feet from the property line as opposed to the 10 feet required by the ordinance. This is a result of discussions the Village has had with the Developer to facilitate a shared drive for future development in the area. This was recommended for approval by the Plan Commission. The matter was reviewed by Board at our August 20th Work Session and approved at our August 30th Board Meeting.
 - Request by Amy Giles Mauer and Steve Mauer for a CSM and Rezone to create three one acre lots for single family homes on Tax Parcel # 82-4-222-021-0231. This property is located about the 4700 block of 4th Street. This was recommended for approval by the Plan Commission. The matter was reviewed by Board at our August 20th Work Session and approved at our August 30th Board Meeting
- The September Plan Commission will be canceled as there are no matters scheduled to be heard.

- On August 8th, Administration and President Stoner, KABA, M7 and WE Energies met with a possible developer looking to relocate to Southeastern Wisconsin.
- On August 9th, Administrator Peters and President Stoner were interviewed by Kenosha News regarding housing in Kenosha County. A series of articles were published on August 25th. https://kenoshanews.com/news/local/residents-leaders-of-kenosha-county-struggle-with-housing-shortage-high-rates/article_7e726cf0-5fe3-11ef-948a-4f188277a7d1.html
- On August 13th, Administration and President Stoner met with representatives from HSA and Pinnacle Engineering to discuss a possible user for their new warehouse building on CTH S.
- On August 15th, Administration, Planning/Zoning and President Stoner met with SEWRPC to discuss our upcoming 2050 Land Use Maps updates.
- On August 20th, Administration and President held our monthly update call with Tawani regarding the Archive Center and Mission94. A public grand opening ceremony for Mission 94 is scheduled for October 5th.



- On August 20th and August 28th, Staff and President Stoner met with representatives of Shoreland Lutheran High School to continue discussion on their building expansion.
- On August 21st, Administrator Peters and President Stoner met with representatives from Stream regarding the status of their project. They are the Developers on the former Grohs site east of HSA's building on CTH S.
- On August 29th, Administration and Planning/Zoning met with Golden Oil to discuss the issues they are having with DOT in regards to getting their CSM approved. The Village reached out to State Representative McGuire to help move this situation along in a timelier manner.

- On August 30th, our annual incentive payment was made to the Developers for the Hawthorn Luxury Apartments. This payment goes out every year at this time per their development agreement.

Administration

- On July 30th, Volunteers from Root-Pike WIN weeded the rain garden in front of the Village/Town Hall.



- On August 6th, Administration and Public Works staff conducted interviews for the Public Works I position. Travis Halvorsen was offered the position accepted. His first day with the Village/Town was August 19th.
- Staff has been meeting daily to work on the budget. The majority of Staff's time has been dedicated to this process over the past month. With the work that went into the budget last year, this year's budget has been a somewhat smoother process. On August 12th, staff met with Ehlers to discuss our options with Levy Limits. Accounting Manager Tanya Ealy has met with all department heads to help them come up with their 2025 Budgets.
- The Fall Partisan Primary elections took place on August 13th. This was Clerk/Treasurer Burnette's first election with the Village and Town. By all accounts, her and her staff did a wonderful job!
- On August 14th, President Stoner met with Kenosha Sheriff's Captain Eric Klinkhammer and Kenosha County Judiciary & Law Enforcement Committee Chair Laura Belsky to discuss the purchase of four moving radars.

- On August 13th, our Boards held their first meetings in the remodeled Auditorium. On August 29th, the new Somers sign was updated to fix the blemish that was in the originally mounted sign.



- On August 16th, Administrator Peters, President Stoner, and County Supervisor Geertsen met with representatives of the DOT. This was more of a “goodwill” meeting to discuss how things are going in the region.
- In mid-August, the DOT reopened the left bound turn lane off of STH 31 onto 35th Street.
- On August 20th, Administration met with President Stoner and Trustee Nelson to discuss any changes that may need to be made to the Auditorium rental policy now that the remodel is complete and ways to protect our new assets.
- On August 22nd, our audio-visual contractor, AVI Systems, met with Staff to give us the manuals for the Auditorium system. At this meeting, we were provided with our wireless handheld microphone for the podium.
- On August 28th, Administration, President Stoner, Engineer Biber, Superintendent Kreye, and Chief Andersen met with representatives from Payne & Dolan to discuss our upcoming paving projects on 13th Avenue and 16th Place.
- On August 29th, Administration, President Stoner, Superintendent Kreye, and Building Inspector Seymour met with Baxter Woodman’s GIS team to discuss how they could assist the Village creating useful GIS maps for our sewer, water, and stormwater infrastructure.
- On August 29th, Administration, Superintendent Kreye, and Building Inspector Seymour held a follow-up meeting with the DNR regarding MS4 permit. The Village’s

Stormwater management project was featured in the DNR's MS4 Summer Edition Highlights publication. The publication is attached.

- On August 30th, Administration and President Stoner met with Kenosha County Highways regarding concerns the Village had on the recent CTH L repaving project.



- On August 27th through August 30th, Clerk/Treasurer Burnette attended the Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association annual conference in Madison.

**TOWN OF SOMERS
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WORK SESSION: Sept. 3rd, 2024

TO: Town Chair Molinaro and Town Supervisors

PREPARED BY: Kevin Poirier, Assistant to the Administrator

REVIEWED BY: Jason J. Peters, Administrator

AGENDA ITEM: #5 Review and Discuss proposed parking restrictions on 61st and 62nd Avenues across the Carol Rikli Boys and Girls Park (located on the southwest corner of 60th Avenue and 67th Street).

BACKGROUND:

At our July 2 Work Session, Michael Santoro, a Town resident who lives on 65th Street, brought up parking issues to the Board.

He mentioned that the attendance to those games exceeds the overflow parking capacity at Stocker Elementary School. People park on both side of 61st and 62nd Avenues leaving a very narrow opening for traffic and emergency vehicles.

UPDATE:

Town Staff reached out to the City of Kenosha Director of Public Works Brian Carter to see if they had any plan to install No Parking signs in the area. He informed us that at this point, no parking restrictions were planned. If the Town Board wants to restrict parking, it would have to be limited to Town Streets.

COMMENTS:

If the Board wishes to move forward with parking restrictions, Town Ordinance 7.02 will need to be amended to reference the control measure.

ATTACHMENTS:

Mike Santoro email dated June 6, 2024

Mike Santoro Presentation

Map of the area

Mike Santoro's suggested locations for No Parking signs

From: Mike Santoro <santorom2020@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2024 11:35 AM
To: Jason Peters <JPeters@somers.org>; Mark Molinaro <MMolinaro@somers.org>
Cc: Dawn Santoro <dsantoro1967@gmail.com>; bigjer106@msn.com
Subject: Parking along 61st Ave East/west 67th St to 65th st

Gentlemen,

We have a serious issue with people parking along the sides of the road on both sides on 61st Ave & 62d ave between 67th st and 63d Street. If this is not addressed and an emergency occurs it could put our citizens at risk and or grave danger.

I live at 6017 65th St, Kenosha, WI 53142.

On 3d/4th June we had so many cars parked on both sides of the road I hit mirrors trying to get through to the main thoroughfare (67th St.) I had to back up and go another route due to the congestion. Cars are parking on the residence grass along the road on both sides causing the thoroughfare to be extremely narrow and blocked to anything larger than a small compact car. I have a small SUV and hit several mirrors while going from my house to 67th St on the 4th of June. This is being caused by over scheduling the baseball field games I believe. The parking for the ball fields is very limited; the overflow parking at Stoker school is completely filled as well as the nearby businesses. We as residences are tired of people parking on our grass alongside the road ruining our easements and the lawns. The disrespect from these people parking on our grass, throwing trash and other things on our lawns is disheartening.

We would like to see some no parking signs alongside the road that says "No parking during sporting activities." Please put these types of parking signs up along 61st and 62d ave as this area falls within the village limits. This will help solve some issues and congestion along our roads.

The parking alongside the roads during games is extremely hazardous to the area. If a fire or medical emergency were to happen along either road 61st or 62d fire crews and or ambulances would not be able to help any of the houses along the 2 roads due to the congestion. Please help us out and address this issue as soon as possible.

I am attaching a map of the congested areas and roads and will send back up photos in the coming days.

2 maps attached.

Map 1 with orange marking is the extreme congested area.

Map 2 with green marking is suggested with no parking signs placement.

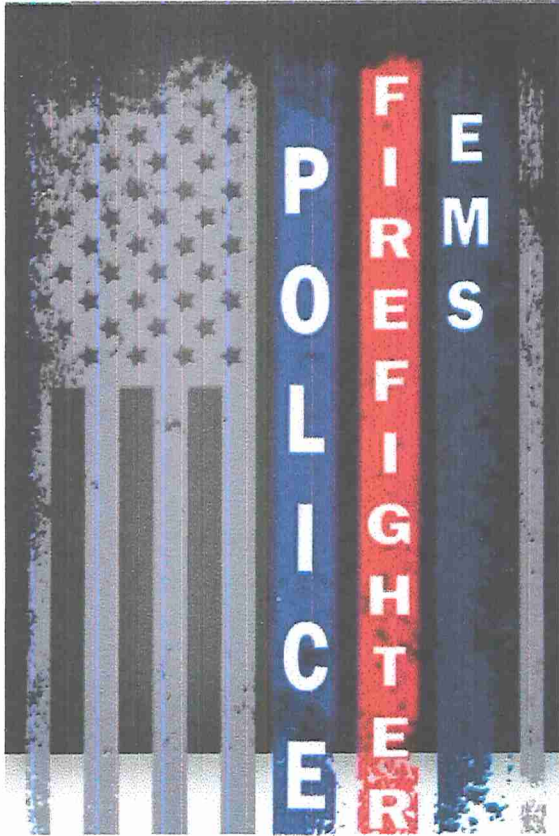
Fully understand this also is Kenosha city limits but everyone needs to be involved before an emergency occurs and puts our citizens at risk. This area along 60th AVE and 67th St is a main thoroughfare for fire and emergency response crews used daily.

V/R

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EMS Access Thoroughfare

**63rd St and 67th Street North to South
&
60th Ave, 61st Ave and 62nd Ave**

BLUF

- The parking alongside the roads during game days is extremely narrow.
- EMS will not be able to access the area affected due to the extreme congestion.
- Not if, when a fire or medical emergency happens along either road 61st or 62d Ave.
- Multiple elderly people.
- Over scheduling the baseball field games.
- Overflow parking at Stoker school and the nearby businesses.

Situation/Discussion

- **Parking**

- Currently there are no, no parking signs along many of the roads around the Christian Youth Council Park.
- People park along both sides of the road narrowing the roads so much only one car can pass at a time on 61st Ave, 62d Ave between 67th St & 63rd St. (See Map)
- Larger vehicles have to back up and go around because they cannot pass through.

- **EMS Vehicle access**

- This Route along 60th AVE and 67th St is a main thoroughfare for EMS response crews.
- When an emergency occurs where a fire engine and or an ambulance is required, it will put our citizens at risk and or grave danger. EMS will not be able to access the area.

- **City Limits**

- Somers and Kenosha city limits area everyone needs to be involved before an emergency occurs.

Recommendation

Place Parking signs up along 61st and 62nd Ave as this area falls within the Somers village limits and are the most affected for our residences.

"No parking during sporting activities."

- This will help solve some issues and congestion along our roads.

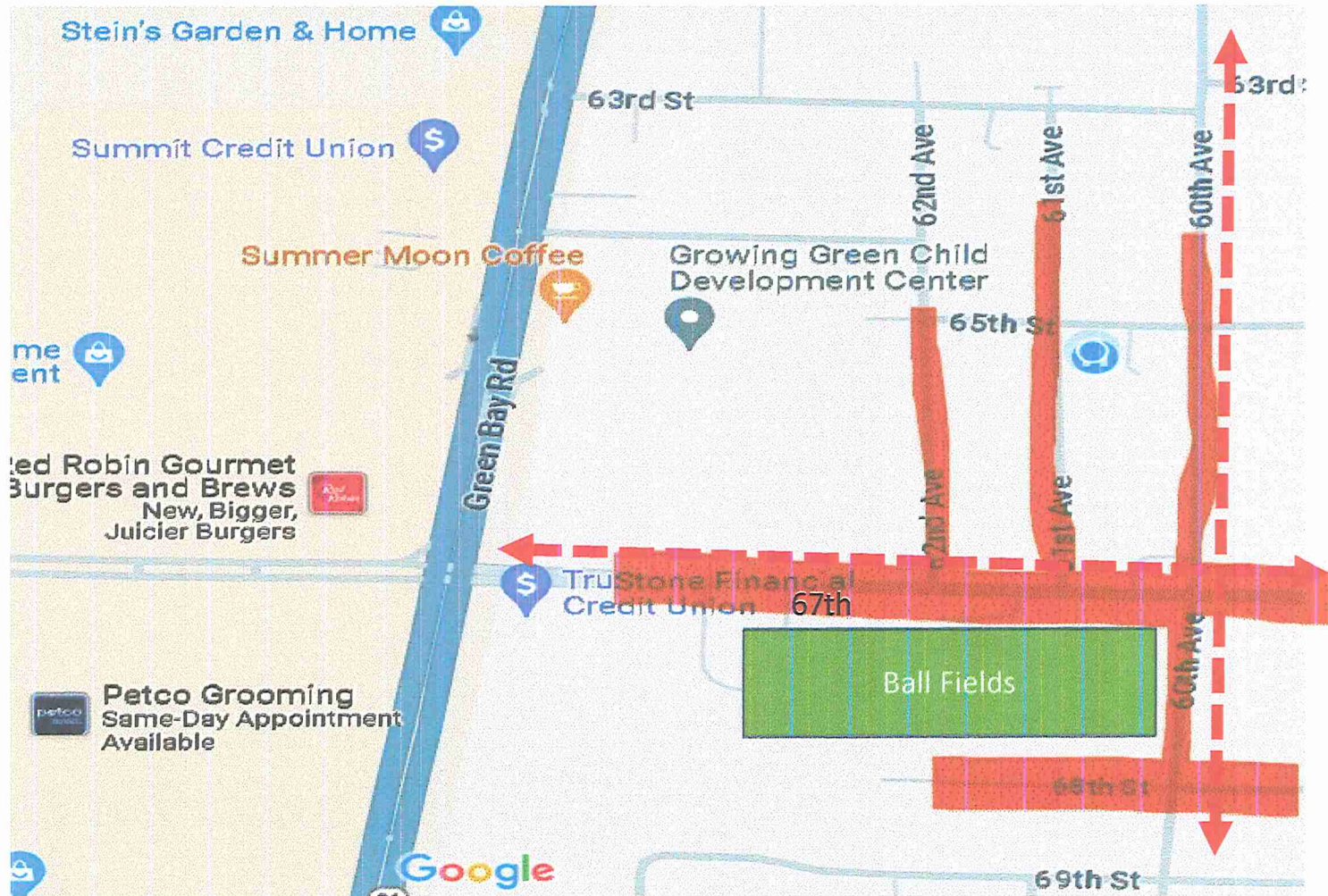
EMS will have full access to our residences in the event of an EMERGENCY.

Map

Ems Route



Congested Areas



Stein's Garden & Home



63rd St

63rd St

Summit Credit Union



Summer Moon Coffee



Growing Green Child Development Center



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Red Robin Gourmet
Burgers and Brews
New, Bigger,
Juicier Burgers



Green Bay Rd

62nd Ave

61st Ave

60th Ave

65th St

62nd Ave

61st Ave

60th Ave

TruStone Financial
Credit Union



68th St

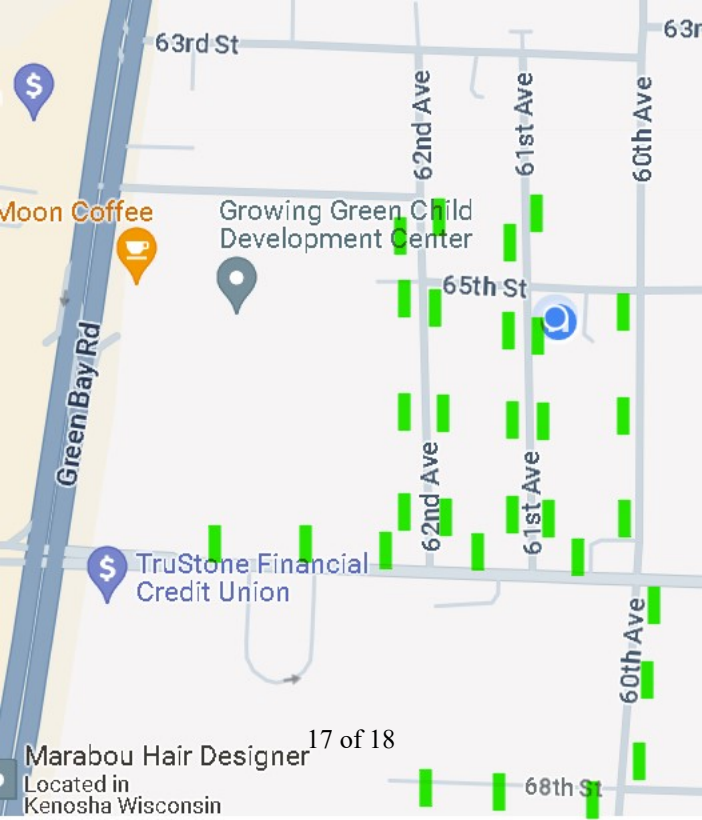
Petco Grooming
Same-Day Appointment
Available



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Google

69th St



63rd St

63rd St



Moon Coffee



Growing Green Child Development Center



62nd Ave

61st Ave

60th Ave

Green Bay Rd

65th St



62nd Ave

61st Ave



TruStone Financial Credit Union

60th Ave

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Marabou Hair Designer

Located in Kenosha Wisconsin

68th St

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**Town Board Meeting
[Tentative] Agenda
Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2024
5:15 pm**

Town Board Meeting:	
Item #	
1	Call to order
2	Pledge of Allegiance
3	Consent and Approval of Minutes of Town Board meetings on Sept. 3, 2024
4	Correspondence:
5	Citizens Comments
6	Chair & Supervisor Comments
7	Public Hearing
8	Motion to approve
9	Motion to approve
10	Approval of Operator Licenses: Skyler Brown
11	Adjourn

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