

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

**Village Board Meeting
Agenda
Tuesday, April 28, 2026
5:30 p.m.**

Village Board Meeting:	
Item #	
1	Call to order
2	Pledge of Allegiance
3	Consent and Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting April 8, Regular meetings on April 14, 2026, Vouchers dated April 9, 16 and 23 rd , 2026
4	Correspondence: Public Service Commission letter regarding Red Oak Ridge Energy Center, Kenosha County Executive's letter to the Public Service Commission regarding the County's Battery Energy Storage System Ordinance
5	Citizens Comments
6	President and Trustee Comments
7	Somers Fire & Rescue Chief and Emergency Manager Ben Andersen presents certificates of recognition to Village of Somers staff for going above and beyond responding to the Tornado that touched down in the Village on April 14, 2026.
8	Action on Resolution 2026-012, a resolution in support of maintaining Sheridan Road as currently configured, with four lanes of traffic.
9	Action on licensing agreement with Red Star Soccer Club for the use of Memorial Park Fields (agreement term April 1, 2026 through November 30, 2029).
10	Action on applications for Recurring Special Event Licenses: Jerry Smith Farm, Petrifying Springs Beer Garden, and Hawthorn Hollow Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum
11	Action on Special Event permit for the Pritzker Museum to hold the 1st District Spring Conference for the American Legion on May 3, 2026, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and request to waive fees.

12	Action on Operator's Licenses: Randall Sparks, Martha Saad, Lynn Wilk, Jessica Fisher, Calie Perrault, Jay Herr, Jackson Villarreal, Rebecka Persons and Stewart Boynton
13	Adjourn

I hereby certify that as the designee of the chief elected official of the Village of Somers, I posted this notice of the Tentative Agenda for the April 28, 2026 Village Board Meeting & in 1 public place & on the Village website.

Dated this April 24, 2026

Wendy Burnette, Clerk-Treasurer

Requests from person with disabilities who need assistance to participate in this meeting should be made to the Clerk's Office at 262-859-2822 with as much notice as possible. **Notice is hereby given that members of the Village Board may participate telephonically. Notice is hereby given that members of the Town Board may be in attendance for the sole purpose of gathering information. A quorum may be present. However, no Board action will be taken.**

**Village of Somers
Special Board Meeting April 8, 2026**

President Stoner called the meeting to order at 6:55pm

President Stoner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: President Stoner, Trustees Karl Ostby, Jackie Nelson, Trustee Fredrick, Jack Aupperle, Trustee Harbach, and Trustee Smith. Also present, Assistant Administrator Kevin Poirier, Clerk Treasurer Wendy Burnette and Chief Andersen.

Correspondence: none

Citizens Comments: None

President and Trustee Comments: None

Action on Kristen Edwards's Operator's License

Trustee Aupperle moved to approve operator's license for Kristen Edwards.

Seconded by Trustee Fredrick

Motion Carried. 7-0 Vote

Adjourn

Trustee Nelson moved to Adjourn at 7:00 pm.

Seconded by Trustee Ostby

Motion carried. 7-0 vote

These minutes are not official and have not been approved by the Village Board. Wendy Burnette Clerk/Treasurer

Village of Somers

Proceedings from the Regular Board Meeting April 14, 2026

President Stoner called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

President Stoner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: President Stoner, Trustees Karl Ostby, Ben Harbach, Jackie Nelson, Joe Smith, Jack Aupperle and Scott Fredrick. Also present: Assistant Administrator Kevin Poirier, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Eugenia Lara, and Chief Andersen.

Consent and Approval of Minutes of Regular meetings on March 24, 2026, Vouchers dated March 26 and April 2, 2026, & ACH Payments, February Investment Statements

Trustee Aupperle moved to approve Minutes of Regular meetings on March 24, 2026, Vouchers dated March 26 and April 2, 2026, & ACH Payments, February Investment Statements

Seconded by Trustee Fredrick

Motion carried. 7-0 vote

Correspondence: Kenosha County Executive Kerkman's invitation to register for the Bi-County Council of Governments & Kenosha County Housing Task Force Letter.

President Stoner asked Nick Asta from Roers Company to come up and speak about the project.

Nick Asta from Roers presented a revised 200-unit residential development after previously being asked to scale back a larger project. The new plan features two-story stacked-flat, townhome-style units with attached garages and strong parking provisions.

The project sits on nearly 30 acres and emphasizes extensive green space, trails, and amenities like a clubhouse, fitness center, and sports courts. It is designed as a higher-end, low-density development (7.27 units per acre – 8-unit and 16-unit buildings), well below zoning limits.

The developer argues the project is needed due to very low rental vacancy and strong local demand for workforce housing, serving a wide range of moderate-income jobs. Market study cited/provided. They also note the project would support future residential development (single family homes planned) and rely on financing tools like WIDA to make construction feasible.

Nick noted Roers will own project for a minimum of 15 years; most likely 30 years. Residents pay full rent on their own with zero subsidy. All tenants must have a job. In addition, there are intense credit checks, background checks, criminal checks and income verification. All need to be passed for residency. On-site management will always be present. Nick feels that Roers is incentivized to invest in the community. Nick cited various investments and revenue generation totaling 60 million being put back into the community.

President and Trustee Comments

Trustees polled: None

Citizens Comments

Assistant Administrator Kevin Poirier read aloud the rules to the Citizens' Comments

Guy Santelli 1910 8th Place

Mr. Santelli spoke in opposition to the proposed development, arguing that the village is overextending public services due to multiple simultaneous multi-unit and subdivision projects. He expressed concern that police, fire, and emergency services are becoming strained and said additional housing is not the solution.

He also raised concerns about parking demand and potential student housing impacts, suggesting that large units could result in multiple unrelated occupants and increased vehicle counts, which he believes the 474 parking stalls are meant to accommodate. He questioned whether the Village of Somers is the right location for continued multifamily growth, suggesting nearby municipalities have more capacity.

Mr. Santelli further criticized the financial assumptions and referenced WIDA requirements, arguing that the presentation did not fully address obligations for below-market-rate housing units. He also proposed that the developer should contribute more financially to the village as a sign of commitment.

Regarding a separate agenda item on mobile food vendors, he supported the ordinance but emphasized the importance of strict safety standards, including NFPA 96 compliance for fire suppression, propane handling, generators, grounding, and inspections to prevent fire hazards or explosions.

Sandy Clifford 504 10th Street

Ms. Clifford opposed the proposed development, arguing it would bring increased crime and safety issues based on her concerns about other properties managed by the developer in Milwaukee and Flagstaff. She cited alleged increases in crime, drug activity, theft, and assault at those locations, as well as negative reviews regarding management responsiveness and on-site security.

She also raised concerns that the project would lead to student housing impacts and increased parking demand, which she associated with potential disruptions in the neighborhood. Ms. Clifford questioned the developer's ability to properly manage the property and expressed concern that nearby residents would be negatively affected. She concluded by urging the Village to reject the project.

Madilyn Petersen 510 9th Place

Ms. Petersen spoke in opposition to the proposed apartment project, expressing concern about affordability and quality of life. She said she works multiple jobs but still cannot afford housing

locally and makes too much money for a project like this. She believes the community is prioritizing development volume over affordability and stability for residents.

She raised concerns about potential negative impacts on property values, taxes, and public safety, and questioned the need for additional funding requests for emergency services given a recent grant. She also argued that the village should consider alternative funding sources instead of increasing homeowner burden.

Overall, she opposed the project, stating it could worsen community conditions and should be reconsidered in favor of more affordable and community-focused solutions.

Irene Niles 141 S Lakeshore Drive

Ms. Niles opposed the proposed apartment development. She referenced nearby apartments in Sturtevant and claimed they have experienced issues such as drug activity, domestic violence, and increased strain on police and fire services.

Based on those concerns, she argued that a similar project in Somers would negatively impact public safety and emergency response resources. She concluded by stating she is against the proposed development.

Donna Dioszegi 447 9th Street

Ms. Dioszegi opposed the project, focusing on environmental and community impacts. She expressed concern about potential effects on Pikes Creek, the river system, and Lake Michigan, and requested clarification on whether an environmental study had been completed.

She also raised concerns about disruption to local wildlife, including foxes, coyotes, mink, hawks, owls, and eagles, noting their role in controlling rodents and maintaining ecological balance. She worried that the development could displace these species and negatively affect the local environment.

In addition, she voiced concern about potential property tax increases impacting retired, veteran, and disabled residents on fixed incomes. She concluded by asking the board to consider these environmental and financial impacts carefully.

Robert Schultz 422 9th Street

Mr. Schultz opposed the project and focused on environmental and infrastructure concerns. He questioned potential impacts on Pike's Creek and the surrounding water system, including runoff from vehicles, pollution risks, and debris affecting waterway.

He also expressed concern about what he viewed as an already high level of rental housing in the community.

As an alternative idea, he suggested a per-person monthly "head charge" (framed as a donation rather than a tax) to help fund community needs, calculating it based on household size.

Eric Oertle 501 10th Place

Mr. Oertle spoke in opposition to the proposed apartment development. He shared that he has lived in Somers for over 38 years and chose the community for its rural character and small-town environment.

He argued that apartment developments negatively impact communities by increasing crime, straining public resources, and reducing property values. He also expressed concern that large rental developments could shift local political dynamics by increasing the number of non-property-owning residents.

He concluded by calling for a moratorium on apartment construction in Somers and urged the village to focus instead on single-family home development, stating that continued apartment growth would harm the village's future.

Ted Terletzky 9015 12th Street

Mr. Terletzky apologized for his behavior at a prior planning commission meeting and emphasized the importance of decorum in public proceedings.

He then shifted to public safety concerns, focusing on fire department staffing, training time, and retention issues. He argued that firefighters need significant experience before they can safely handle emergency calls and urged the village to provide better resources to support and retain trained personnel.

He also raised allegations regarding a prior public meeting about the water main project, claiming a board member provided inaccurate information about meetings involving a developer. He requested an ethics review of that board member and suggested restricting their involvement in related votes with Mastercraft until reviewed.

Finally, he argued that a developer (Mastercraft) should contribute additional funding toward a water main contingency cost and stated that addressing these issues was necessary to maintain public trust in village leadership.

Steve Wojciechowicz 162 26th Avenue

Mr. Wojcierchowicz a nearly 30-year resident of Somers, spoke in opposition to the proposed development. He argued the village does not need additional apartment complexes and instead should prioritize affordable single-family housing.

He referenced online reviews of the developer's property management company, claiming they show issues with poor communication, maintenance concerns, and unprofessional management, and used this to question whether the company should be trusted to manage the project.

Mr. Wojcierchowicz also suggested the project should be located in a different area of the village if apartments are built at all, citing nearby commercial access as a better fit elsewhere. He raised concerns about property taxes and public service costs associated with apartments and proposed some form of ongoing fees for apartment residents to help cover village services.

He concluded by urging the board to represent residents' interests and oppose the project in favor of more single-family housing development.

Monte Griffin 561 11th Place

Mr. Griffin spoke in opposition to the proposed development, drawing on his long history in the community and familiarity with the area.

He expressed concern about potential increases in crime, public safety issues, and the possibility that the development could house individuals placed through government assistance programs. He also questioned the impact on local infrastructure costs, including water, sewer, and taxes, noting that prior infrastructure improvements were funded by residents.

Griffin referenced past nearby development experiences, stating there were conflicts between residents and neighbors and suggesting prior mitigation measures were insufficient. He urged the board to reject the proposal again, stating he believed it would negatively impact the community.

Dave Kelly 612 12th Street

Mr. Kelly, a 20-year resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed development. He expressed concern that rental housing is not a good long-term solution and said he prefers single-family homes, which he believes are better maintained and more stable for the community.

He cited concerns about nearby rental properties, referencing what he described as safety and nuisance issues, including fire hazards and frequent emergency calls in his area. He also raised concerns about group home use and the presence of individuals he associates with increased public safety risks.

Mr. Kelly concluded that Somers already has significant rental housing and argued the village should focus on different types of development. He stated he does not support the proposed project.

Cherie Puidokas 721 12th Street

Ms. Puidokas opposed the proposed development, focusing on several concerns. She said the project would be directly across from her home and raised worries about possible road expansion on Highway E affecting nearby property and landscaping they installed for noise reduction.

She also described negative experiences with nearby rental properties and hotels, citing unwanted visits, disturbances, and safety concerns, which she used to argue against additional apartment development in the area.

She expressed broader opposition to apartments in Somers, arguing they increase traffic, strain infrastructure like roads and public services, and do not contribute enough in property taxes compared to single-family homes. She shared a personal story about prior housing experiences where rental properties in neighboring homes led to neighborhood decline, increased police activity, and declining property values, which influenced her opposition.

She concluded by stating she and her husband prefer Somers' current character and do not support the project.

Rick Lynn from RML Capital

Assistant Administrator Poirier read a letter from Rick Lynn, see attached.

Mr. Mark Molinaro 1011 12th Street

Mr. Molinaro Town Chairman of Somers and long-time county board member, spoke in opposition to the tone and handling of the development discussion rather than strictly opposing or supporting the project itself.

He emphasized his personal proximity to the proposed site, noting his property directly borders the development and that he will be directly affected. He clarified that he is not involved with the developer and pushed back against claims of conflict of interest.

Mr. Molinaro criticized what he viewed as unfounded assumptions and negative generalizations about future residents of the development, arguing that some public comments were speculative and not based on fact.

He also expressed concern about the decision-making process between the Planning Commission and Village Board, stating there is a lack of clear guidance from the comprehensive plan, which creates inconsistency in zoning decisions. He warned that denying the project without legal or ordinance support could expose the village to legal challenges.

Overall, he urged the board to align decisions with the comprehensive plan and zoning rules, provide clearer policy direction to the Planning Commission, and avoid decisions based on assumptions about future residents.

Attorney Remzy

Remzy provided legal guidance on how the village should approach the development process and public deliberation.

He explained that his company was not previously involved in the project. He noted a potential procedural issue involving the Planning Commission's denial of a comprehensive plan amendment and how such denials interact with Village Board authority under Wisconsin statutes, suggesting the process can be legally complex and may require alignment between the two bodies.

He emphasized that decisions on both the Planning Commission and Village Board level should be grounded in proper statutory authority, zoning code, and the comprehensive plan. He warned that actions based on non-zoning considerations—such as speculative claims about crime, social impacts, or assumptions about future residents—could expose the village to legal risk or challenges.

In conclusion, he advised officials to keep discussions focused on legally relevant zoning factors like density, traffic, setbacks, and infrastructure capacity, and to ensure decisions are well-documented and legally defensible.

Attorney Remzy committed to stating that the plan commission recommended denial of the comprehensive plan. And he understands that there are different components to this proposed project. A comprehensive plan and amendments of a comprehensive plan can be viewed differently than zoning amendments. If a plan commission, for instance, fails to act on recommendations or denies recommendations on a zoning amendment, it can technically still come to the governing body to make a decision, irrespective of the plan commission's recommendation. When it comes to a comprehensive plan, the statute works a little bit differently. Most municipal practitioners, and he believe you're the record in Somers, in terms of your prior amendments of the comp plan, seem to align with the idea that the plan commission has to make a recommendation of approval. And then that recommendation of approval comes to the Village Board for further approval. He thinks that the village here, and looking at the ordinance, you've had at least 12 comp plan amendments, and every single one of those came with approval by the plan commission. The statute is a little bit unclear as to what happens when a plan commission denies recommendation. Most people, most attorneys, would suggest that if the plan commission has not recommended denial, then at most the governing body can do nothing further than recommend denial as well, and possibly table it or give it back to the plan commission until both bodies are in sync. There is a different interpretation of that statute, but this has risen so infrequently that he believes a court has never addressed it. The second thing he would point out is, given the nature of the discourse, it's very important, whether it is the plan commission members or the governing body members, to stay anchored into the zoning code and zoning language parlance. He heard discussion tonight about things like density, the drain or strain on public facilities, overloading things, the referendum failing, parking concerns, other kinds of density concerns. On the other hand, he heard things like crime and blight, dilution of voting rolls, comments acting into those people, and other speculation and innuendo. That second category of things will get everybody in the village in court because decisions by either recommending bodies such as the plan commission or decisions of the village board have to be rational. They have to be legitimate. There must be a basis. And all of the elected officials and also the plan commission members know the community best. He doesn't know this piece of land. He doesn't know what can go there, what cannot go there. But it's important that when the boards have discussions and debate, no matter how it is voted on any kind of project, that it is anchored into the concerns in the zoning code, whether that's setbacks, densities, traffic, or the concerns in the comprehensive plan. That's the language that you need to be discussing and deliberating when you have your deliberations and you cast the votes.

Action on request by Municipal Judge Antaramian to approve the 2026 Bond Book including the \$10 Increase to Court Costs

Trustee Aupperle moved to approve Municipal Judge Antaramian to approve the 2026 Bond Book including the \$10 Increase to Court Costs

Seconded by Trustee Fredrick

Motion carried. 7-0 vote

Action on request by SFW Land LLC & Fettner Hergott Investment Group LLC, PO Box 1481, Northbrook IL 60062 (Owners), Nick Asta, Roers Companies, 2 Carlson Pkwy N #400, Plymouth, MN, 55447 (Agent), for Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Rezone, Land Division, Site Plan Review & Exterior Fenestration. or information only, the property is west of Fire Station 2 along the Union Pacific Railroad tracks.)

Trustee Smith moved to approve request by: SFW Land LLC & Fettner Hergott Investment Group LLC, PO Box 1481, Northbrook IL 60062 (Owners), Nick Asta, Roers Companies, 2 Carlson Pkwy N #400, Plymouth, MN, 55447 (Agent), for Comp Plan Amendment, Rezone, Land Division, Site Plan Review & Exterior Fenestration at Parcel 83-4-223-074-0006.

1. Subject to conditions as listed in Planning Memo dated February 27, 2026
2. Subject to final plans being reviewed and approved by Village Planning.
3. Subject to final plans being reviewed and approved by Village Engineer.
4. Subject to Development Agreement being executed

Seconded by President Stoner

Trustee Fredrick reflected on the high public turnout and noted past controversial developments, stating that while previous projects had been adjusted through negotiation, the board does listen to community input.

He emphasized that residents should express concerns respectfully, without personal attacks on board members before votes are taken.

He cited concerns about increasing strain on emergency services, particularly the fire department, noting both current and future development projects could further burden staffing and response capacity. He referenced local siren activity and expressed concern about overall public safety infrastructure keeping pace with growth.

He stated his support for the fire chief and department and concluded that he would vote against the proposed project due to concerns about emergency service capacity and infrastructure readiness. He also indicated he would continue scrutinizing future development proposals, including both apartment and single-family projects, until funding and service capacity issues are addressed.

Trustee Nelson said her initial view was that the proposed development met all requirements under the comprehensive plan and zoning standards, and that housing design and quality

standards apply consistently across developments, including both single-family and multifamily projects.

She addressed concerns about affordability and stated that while the homes are not “cheap,” the village is also planning more affordable single-family housing (such as smaller-lot developments like Maplecrest). She also responded to concerns about farmland loss by noting the land is already zoned for development, meaning future use was never permanently guaranteed.

On public safety, she acknowledged concerns about increased demand on fire and EMS services and referenced the recent failed referendum and funding challenges once grant money expires. She also emphasized the wide range of emergency calls the fire department responds to, both locally and in mutual aid situations, and argued that emergency service demand comes from many sources beyond housing alone, including regional growth and major facilities like a casino project.

Finally, she expressed her main concern: not just who would live in the development, but whether the property management company would properly maintain and operate it. She referenced negative online reviews and past management complaints from other properties and questioned whether approving the project is responsible if those concerns are valid.

Attorney Remzy advised that the trustee’s concern about the developer’s management history likely does not have enough factual or legal basis to justify denying the project on its own and doing so could be considered irrational.

Instead, Attorney Remzy identified the primary legal issue as procedural—specifically the comprehensive plan amendment. Under the village code and past practice, a plan amendment requires approval from the Plan Commission before the Village Board can act. In this case, the Plan Commission recommended denial, which creates a legal complication.

Because of that, Attorney Remzy suggested the Village Board may not be able to proceed with approval at this time and that the matter likely needs to be sent back to the Plan Commission for further consideration. This issue applies only to the comprehensive plan amendment, not zoning matters, which can follow a different process.

Overall, Attorney Remzy emphasized that the lack of Plan Commission approval is the key concern and may prevent the board from moving forward until that step is properly addressed.

Attorney Remzy clarified that there is a key legal distinction between the **comprehensive plan** and **zoning**. While zoning decisions can move forward to the Village Board even if the Plan Commission denies or does not act, comprehensive plan amendments are different. Under state law and the village’s own code and past practice, a comprehensive plan amendment typically requires **Plan Commission approval first**, followed by Village Board approval.

He emphasized that although the Village Board is the final governing authority, the process for comprehensive plan amendments appears to require that initial approval step from the Plan

Commission. Since the Plan Commission denied the amendment in this case, that creates a procedural issue and potential obstacle.

He noted that while the item being before the board is not necessarily improper, the lack of Plan Commission approval for the comprehensive plan amendment is a significant concern and may mean the matter should be sent back to the Plan Commission for further consideration before the board can act.

Additional discussion included:

- Trustee Aupperle questioned why the proposal reached the board after denial by the Plan Commission.
- Trustee Harbach asked the developer if they had spoken with the neighborhood community. The developer explained that no neighborhood meeting was required, though they acknowledged it may have helped address concerns.
- Clarification that the project is estimated at \$60 million total cost, with about \$220,000 in annual property taxes at full build-out. Trustee Ostby addressed that only a portion goes to the village.
- Trustee Aupperle questioned why the board was at the approval process when the Plan Commission denied it.

Overall, the central issue remained procedural: whether the board can legally proceed without Plan Commission approval of the comprehensive plan amendment.

Assistant Administrator mentioned that in the past the plan commission was considered a recommendation to the Village Board, then the board acts on that recommendation.

Trustee Aupperle asked if the board ever did not act on the plan commission recommendation.

Attorney Remzy said that having the project before the Village Board is not improper, especially since it includes multiple components like rezoning and other approvals, which can proceed regardless of the Plan Commission's recommendation.

However, he emphasized that the **comprehensive plan amendment is different**. Based on the village code and past practice, it appears that a comp plan amendment requires **Plan Commission approval first** before the Village Board can act.

He explained that in many communities, the comprehensive plan is addressed first because it is foundational—if it is not approved, the rest of the project approvals typically cannot move forward (“fall like dominoes”).

In this case, since the Plan Commission recommended denial, the key unresolved question is **how to proceed procedurally**. He suggested that the matter may need to be sent back to the Plan Commission for further review but ultimately stated that he did not have a definitive answer at that moment.

Trustee Aupperle stated that the only proper thing to do is denial at this step to what we have done in the past.

Trustee Harbach asked questions regarding fire safety, specifically whether the proposed buildings would include sprinkler systems and how fire suppression would be handled.

It was confirmed by Chief Andersen that all buildings would be required to have sprinkler systems and would be fully equipped with sprinkler heads. The Chief indicated they had reviewed the project plans but did not have any additional comments or concerns at that time.

Attorney Remzy explained that the situation appears to be legally unclear and potentially “uncharted territory” under Wisconsin law. He said he was unable to find case law or clear guidance addressing what a governing body may do when a Plan Commission denies a comprehensive plan amendment.

He noted that Wisconsin statute 66.1001 is silent on the specific procedure following a denial. Based on limited guidance from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, he indicated there are two possible interpretations: the matter either must return to the Plan Commission for further review, or it may effectively be treated as denied.

Trustee Nelson asked whether, if the matter goes back to the Plan Commission, the commission must use the same standards as the Village Board or if it can deny the request for any reason.

Attorney Remzy responded that the Plan Commission should apply the same general criteria. He explained that the Plan Commission’s recommendations—whether on zoning or comprehensive plan amendments—should be based on standard land use considerations, zoning criteria, and the community’s established policies and planning objectives, rather than arbitrary or unsupported reasons.

President Stoner asked whether, given the procedural uncertainty, the Village Board’s options are essentially limited to either sending the matter back to the Plan Commission with direction or recommendations for further review or proceeding with a denial of the comprehensive plan amendment.

Attorney Remzy responded that those are the two most likely and legally defensible options based on the village code, state statute, and general municipal practice.

Trustee Ostby stated that the board should not break precedent, noting that during his time on the board they have not gone against the Plan Commission’s recommendation. He expressed disagreement on certain issues and recommended sending the matter back to the Plan Commission.

Other trustees agreed and seconded the motion. A vote was then taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

As a result, the board decided to refer the proposal back to the Plan Commission for further consideration.

Action on request by Walmart to modify site plans to replace trees with bushes for improved security consideration.

Trustee Harbach moved to approve Walmart to modify site plans to replace trees with bushes for improved security consideration

Seconded by Trustee Aupperle

Motion carried. 7-0 Vote

Motion to waive first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-002

Trustee Ostby moved to waive first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-002

Seconded by Trustee Aupperle

Trustee Harbach asked if the board could table this item until he has had a chance to talk with the parade committee.

President Stoner made a motion to table #10.

Trustee Ostby moved to approve table #10.

Seconded by Trustee Nelson

Motion carried. 7-0 vote.

Action on application for Special Event Permit from Geebo LLC for events held on May 15th from 5-9:30 pm. Event to be held at Somers House, 1548 Sheridan Road.

Trustee Osby Moved to approve application for Special Event Permit from Geebo LLC for events held on May 15th from 5-9:30 pm. Event to be held at Somers House, 1548 Sheridan Road

Seconded by Trustee Aupperle

Trustee Fredrick called for the petitioner.

Mr. Peter Gochis, owner of Geebo LLC, appeared before the Board. He indicated he was present to answer questions regarding the proposed annual wrestling event, which has been held at the establishment for approximately 18 years.

Discussion followed regarding public safety concerns. Board members referenced prior incidents at the establishment, including police calls and a past shooting. Concerns were raised regarding

traffic safety, particularly pedestrians crossing the roadway, alcohol consumption, and nighttime conditions.

Mr. Gochis responded that the event has been operated for many years without incident. He stated that security measures include:

- Staff monitoring and escorting patrons out of the establishment
- Security personnel stationed outside wearing high-visibility clothing
- Assistance provided to patrons crossing the street
- Arrangements for alternative transportation for intoxicated individuals
- Cleanup of surrounding areas following events

Mr. Gochis further stated that additional parking arrangements are made through nearby lots, and efforts are being made to prevent unsafe roadside parking.

The Board discussed comparable traffic and parking concerns at other local events. It was noted that parking on roadways is not permitted and must be enforced.

President Stoner reported contacting the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department regarding the event. The department indicated no objections and confirmed that deputies would be made aware of the event. Prior interactions with the establishment's security were described as satisfactory.

Motion carried 6-1 Vote.

Action on Operator's Licenses: Sarah Bebo, Steve Tuchel, Ella Mattson, Clarire Grow, Logan Kloiber, Cassie Doan, Nina Doan, Cee Hoang, Arilyn Murphy, Gemma DelFrate

Trustee Aupperle moved to approve Operator's Licenses: Sarah Bebo, Steve Tuchel, Ella Mattson, Clarire Grow, Logan Kloiber, Cassie Doan, Nina Doan, Cee Hoang, Arilyn Murphy, Gemma DelFrate.

Seconded by Trustee Fredrick

Motion carried 7-0 Vote

Trustee Harbach moved to adjourn at 7:25pm

Seconded by Trustee Nelson

Motion carried 7-0 Vote

1. Opening & Personal Connection

"Good evening, President and Members of the Board. My name is **Rick Lynn from RML Capital**, and I serve as the real estate broker and consultant for this project. Before we get into the numbers, I want to share a personal connection to this land. I have known the owners of this property my entire life—over 69 years—and their family has owned this land for nearly that long. These are people who believe in the 'long game.' They aren't looking for a quick exit; they are committed to controlled, high-quality growth that benefits Somers for the next 70 years."

2. National Context & The CCIM

"To give you an idea of the significance of what we are discussing tonight: next week, I will be in Philadelphia speaking to the **CCIM Institute**—the gold standard in commercial real estate. My presentation is focused on a crisis facing every corner of America today: the desperate need for **attainable housing for your workforce**."

3. Serving the Local Workforce (The "Missing Middle")

"Somers is in a fortunate position because we have a project ready to move that addresses this exact need. When we talk about 'attainable housing,' we are talking about the people who keep our local economy running every day.

I am talking about the **warehouse associates at Uline**, the **loss prevention staff at Walmart** (who you'll be hearing from later tonight in Item #9), and the **healthcare professionals in the area**.

4. The Economic "Blend" & Property Values

"What we are proposing is a strategic 'blend' that protects and enhances your local tax base:

- By providing this **attainable housing**, we create a stable foundation for the community.
- This foundation allows the current owners to develop the remaining site approximately 50 premium, high-quality homes in the **\$600,000 to \$800,000 range**.

This mix ensures a diverse, stable neighborhood that the Village can be proud of for decades."

5. The Catalyst for future growth

"Finally, this project is a catalyst. It signals that Somers is open for strategic, high-end growth. Approval of Item #8 tonight sets a standard of quality that will spur further quality development in the Village."

6. Closing

"This project is high-quality, it is fully capitalized, and it is ready to move. I respectfully ask for your support and approval of Item #8. Thank you."

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CHECK REGISTER FOR VILLAGE OF SOMERS
CHECK DATE FROM 04/09/2026 - 04/09/2026

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Check Date	Bank	Check	Vendor	Vendor Name	Amount
Bank POOL POOLED CASH					
04/09/2026	POOL	317(E)	VERIZON	VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC	227.56
04/09/2026	POOL	66070	AT&T001	AT&T	303.55
04/09/2026	POOL	66071	SPECTRUM	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	139.98
04/09/2026	POOL	66072	COLUMNS	COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	35.86
04/09/2026	POOL	66073	NAP002	GENUINE PARTS COMPANY INC	33.67
04/09/2026	POOL	66074	HOL001	HOLLAND SUPPLY, INC	192.20
04/09/2026	POOL	66075	JEF001	JEFFERSON FIRE & SAFETY INC	44,636.00
04/09/2026	POOL	66076	KUSD01	KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL DIST	6,844.71
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Less 0 Void Checks:	0.00
Total of 24 Disbursements:	113,123.10

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POOL TOTALS:

Total of 29 Checks:

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Less 0 Void Checks:

0.00

Total of 29 Disbursements:

69,494.55

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POOL TOTALS:

Total of 22 Checks:

261,030.66

Less 0 Void Checks:

0.00

Total of 22 Disbursements:

261,030.66

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4822 Madison Yards Way
Madison, WI 53707



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GEORGE STONER
TOWN OF SOMERS PRESIDENT
PO BOX 197
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Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

Summer Strand, Chairperson
Kristy Nieto, Commissioner
Marcus Hawkins, Commissioner

4822 Madison Yards Way
P.O. Box 7854
Madison, WI 53707-7854

April 8, 2026

Re: Application of Red Oak Ridge Energy Center LLC for a 9837-CE-100
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to
Construct and Operate a Large Electric Generating
Facility and Associated Project Facilities Capable of
Generating Up to 1,210 MW in the Town of Paris, Kenosha
County, Wisconsin

To the Person Addressed:

The Public Service Commission (Commission) received an application from Red Oak Ridge Energy Center LLC (applicant) for construction of the Red Oak Ridge Energy Center (project) in the Town of Paris, Kenosha County. (PSC REF#: 572462.) The proposed natural gas-fired electric generating facility would be composed of five gas turbines and generators, with each turbine generator having an individual capacity of 242 megawatts (MW), for a total capacity of approximately 1,210 MW. The proposed project would also include a generation tie-line to connect the new facility to the grid. The tie-line lengths would be different depending on the proposed location that would be chosen.

The Commission is sending this letter to property owners near the proposed generating facility and associated facilities, as well as individuals who have asked to be placed on our mailing list or have expressed interest in the project. It is also being sent to public officials in the project area. If you are a municipal clerk and receive this letter, please post it in a location where it can be viewed by the public.

The purpose of this letter is to provide notice that the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed Red Oak Ridge Energy Center project is available, and to describe how you can view or obtain a copy of the draft EIS.

The purpose of the draft and final EIS documents is to provide decision makers, the public, and other stakeholders with an analysis of the economic, social, cultural, and environmental impacts that could result from the construction of the proposed project. The draft EIS describes both quantifiable (e.g. acres likely to be impacted) and unquantifiable (e.g. effect on aesthetics) impacts to the environment. The document has been prepared jointly by the Commission and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

You are encouraged to comment on this draft EIS. The state agency comment period on this draft EIS ends on **Tuesday, May 26, 2026**. Please use the PSC docket number 9837-CE-100 on all e-mail and correspondence.



Written comments should be addressed to:

Emily Thompson
Environmental Review Coordinator
Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 7854
Madison, WI 53707-7854

Comments may also be submitted electronically at the Commission's website at <https://psc.wi.gov>. Once at the site, click on the "File a Public Comment" link under E-Services at the bottom of the page. On the next page select the "File a comment" link that appears on the left side of the page. Locate the Red Oak Ridge docket (9837-CE-100) and file a comment.

Please note that comments will be made available to the public via the Commission's Electronic Records Filing System. Personal identifying information is not edited or deleted from submissions.

This is a Type I action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(1). Type I actions are major actions involving requests for Commission approval that significantly affect the quality of the human environment, within the meaning of s. 1.11 (2)(c), Wis. Stats.

You can access the draft EIS in the following ways:

- All documents in this docket are filed on the Commission's Electronic Records Filing system. To view the draft EIS or any other document: (1) go to the Commission's E-Services Portal at <https://apps.psc.wi.gov>, (2) enter "9837-CE-100" in the box labeled "Quick Single Docket Search," and (3) select "Documents."

- To obtain a copy of the draft EIS in another format, please contact the EIS coordinator, Emily Thompson, at (608) 261-9408 or emily.thompson2@wisconsin.gov.

Comments received during the comment period will be used to prepare the final EIS, which will become part of the record used by the Commission to make its final decisions on this project. At this time, the Commission decision on the proposed project is expected in the fourth quarter of 2026.

The Commission decision on the merits of this project will be based on the record of public and party hearings that will be held about 30 days after the final EIS is issued. Around the time the final EIS is prepared, the Commission will issue a Notice of Hearing. The hearing will satisfy the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA) requirements of the Commission and

DNR. The final EIS and testimony from the public and party hearing will be included in the hearing record.

If necessary, DNR will hold separate hearings on its water permits or other DNR regulatory actions discussed in this draft EIS.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the Environmental Review Coordinator, Emily Thompson, at (608) 261-9408 or Emily.thompson2@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,



Samuel Rumschlag
WEPA Coordinator
Division of Digital Access, Consumer and Environmental Affairs

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SAMANTHA KERKMAN

Kenosha County Executive

April 20, 2026

Chairperson Summer Strand, Secretary Cru Stublely
Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 7854
Madison, WI 53707-7854

Dear Chairperson Strand and Secretary Stublely,

I am writing today to share Kenosha County's expressed interest in 5-AFR-800, which establishes the "Application Filing Requirements for Energy Storage Projects" given the potential for such proposals to come forward in our communities.

As County Executive for Kenosha County, I became aware of the Public Service Commission's (PSC) review of the proposed filing requirements in March. My office reached out on March 18 to PSC staff to learn more about the process and comment period. Ms. Ali Renk was kind enough to respond the same day. Unfortunately, the comment period had closed, and review of the comments had begun. I understand that the Order approving 5-AFR-800 was signed on April 7.

These filing requirements are of interest to us as Kenosha County is uniquely positioned between Milwaukee and Chicago, is home to several solar projects, and is in close proximity to the Microsoft data center project in Racine County. Further, we are the location of at least two potential BESS projects moving forward, one in the town of Wheatland and another in Pleasant Prairie (active PSC Docket 9838-CE-100).

Given the County's extensive work to develop and implement its Kenosha County Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Ordinance – which was the first of its kind in the state of Wisconsin – it was my hope this Ordinance could have been taken into consideration as part of the Commission's development of the BESS application standards.

While the Commission is no longer considering public comment or modifications to 5-AFR-800, I would still like to share the County's BESS Ordinance with you in the event it may be helpful to the Commissioners and Commission staff when reviewing such applications.

County residents have voiced many concerns regarding battery storage systems being sited in their communities given the scale of potential projects and evolving technology. The County's BESS Ordinance is a way for the County to provide our residents with assurance that vital health and safety impacts of BESS are addressed, while also working within the context of the State's oversight of large-scale solar projects.

I hope you will find the Ordinance a helpful tool. Please feel free to share it with the other Commissioners or Commission staff. Also, I would be happy to discuss the ordinance with you, the other Commissioners, or anyone at PSC that may have questions or would like to learn more about our experience in adopting and implementing our local BESS guidelines.

Thank you for your time, and for all your service to the State of Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

Samantha Kerkman
Kenosha County Executive

CC: Gov. Tony Evers, Sen. Steve Nass, Sen. Robert Wirth, Rep. Amanda Nedweski, Rep. Tip McGuire, Rep. Ben DeSmidt, Sen. Van Wanggaard.

SOMERS FIRE & RESCUE

CHIEF
Benjamin Andersen

**P.O. Box 197
Somers, WI 53171
(262-859-2277)**



Village Board

I Ben Andersen in my roles as Fire Chief and Emergency Manager for the Village of Somers would like to recognize the members of the Somers Fire Rescue Department and Somers Public Works Department that responded to the Tornado on 4/14/26. These individuals responded swiftly and professionally to ensure the safety of the residents of Somers. Some of them responded in even though they had friends and family directly impacted by the storm.

Deputy Chief Jodin Froeber
Captain Joe Scruggs
Firemedic Joey Butts
Firemedic Dan DiMaria
Firemedic Brandon Dzibinski
Firefighter/EMT Faith Grams
Firefighter/EMT Brendan Wood
Firefighter/EMT Zachary Odowd
Firefighter Jose Ruiz
Probationary Firefighter Nico Cardinali
Probationary Firefighter Alexander Deluca
Probationary Firefighter Riley Kite
Probationary Firefighter Randal Mattie
Probationary Firefighter David Rakauskas
Probationary Firefighter Ty Richtsmeier
Probationary Firefighter Elijah Rodrigues
Probationary Firefighter Daniel Zuniga

Public Works Superintendent Josh Sullivan
Utilities Manager Josh Fugate
Public Works Foreman James Klinefelter
Public Works employee Ben Vasey
Public Works employee Austin Schmidt
Public Works employee Tiernan Koloen
Public Works employee Chance Ciskowski

Somers Fire Chief Benjamin Andersen
Bandersen@somers.org



**VILLAGE OF SOMERS
VILLAGE BOARD
MEETING ITEM MEMORANDUM**

MEETING DATE: April 28, 2026]

TO: Village President Stoner and Village Trustees

PREPARED BY: Kevin Poirier, Assistant Administrator

REVIEWED BY: Jim Hurley, Village Administrator

AGENDA ITEM: #8 Action on Resolution 2026-012, a resolution in support of maintaining Sheridan Road as currently configured, with four lanes of traffic.

BACKGROUND:

In May of 2021 the Village was notified through a local officials' meeting that the DOT was planning to refurbish Sheridan Road from Alford Drive (City of Kenosha) to 21st Street (City of Racine). During and after this meeting, President Stoner expressed concerns to the DOT over the project.

On September 7th, 2021, representatives from the DOT attended a Village Work Session to introduce the project to the Board and to answer questions. At that time, the Board expressed its concerns over moving from 4 lanes to 2, adding bike lanes and adding sidewalks.

Three years ago, the Village passed Resolution 2023-018, stating that the Village Board's opposition to the changing the number of lanes part of the Department of Transportation's proposed resurfacing project on Sheridan Road (STH 32): Alford Park Drive to 21st Street in Kenosha/Racine Counties, Project ID: 3240-00-03/73.

The Board has worked cooperatively with Kenosha County to lower the spend on the roadway conduct speed studies and add additional patrols to the area to improve safety on the roadway as it continues its opposition to the change of lane configuration.

UPDATE:

Kenosha County Board of Supervisors passed a Resolution in supports maintaining Sheridan Road as currently configured.

At the request of the Village President, a similar resolution is presented to you with one paragraph crossed out.

PRIOR ACTION TAKEN:

This item was presented to the Board at its April 21 Work Session.

SUGGESTED ACTION/ACTION REQUESTED/COMMENTS:

In the event that the Village Board agrees with the suggested action, a suggested motion to approve would be as follows:

“Motion to approve Resolution 2026-012, a resolution in support of maintaining Sheridan Road as currently configured, with four lanes of traffic.”

ATTACHMENTS:

Kenosha County Resolution

2023-018 Village Board Resolution

Proposed Resolution 2026-012



KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Subject: Resolution in Support with the Village of Somers for the Maintaining of Sheridan Road as Configured			
Original ☐	Corrected X	2 nd Correction ☐	Resubmitted ☐
Date Submitted: 2/26/2026		Date Resubmitted:	
Submitted by: Supervisor Geertsen and Supervisor Grady			
Fiscal Note Attached: ☐		Legal Note Attached: ☐	
No Fiscal Impact: ☐			
Prepared by: Supervisor Geertsen and Supervisor Grady			

WHEREAS, planning is underway for a project to reconstruct Sheridan Road; and

WHEREAS, this reconstruction would impact Sheridan Road between Alford Drive in Kenosha and 21st Street in Racine; and

WHEREAS, officials from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) met with officials from the Village of Somers to present alternative plans for the reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, three options were presented: Option 1, which would replace the road as currently configured; Option 2, which would reduce four travel lanes to two, with a center left turn lane; and Option 3, which would reduce four lanes to two with a center turn lane and a sidewalk on the east side; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Somers indicated their concerns regarding Options 2 and 3, including that the addition of proposed on-road bike lanes would cause additional safety concerns and the reduction of lanes would negatively impact safety, and expressed their belief that any increased incidents of accidents on that roadway were not due to road design issues but were the result of other causes which would be unaddressed by the proposed changes to the road design; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the Village of Somers supports maintaining Sheridan Road as currently configured, with four lanes of traffic, otherwise identified as Option 1; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Somers requests that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors likewise support Option 1; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Somers has demonstrated its commitment to enhanced traffic safety on both STH 31 and STH 32 by implementing:

- a) a permanently increased number of hours of traffic safety patrol
- b) permanently installed 'moving radar' units into all squad car units to accurately enforce speed limits
- c) selectively expended overtime funds to monitor/enforce traffic laws

d) conducted quarterly traffic evaluation enforcement meetings involving Village of Somers: president, fire chief, trustee(s), concerned citizens. Also in attendance Kenosha county: sheriff, deputies, director of highways, public works committee chairman, county supervisor(s), and

WHEREAS, the above referenced paragraph is not a short-term remedy but rather serves as a template for enhanced traffic enforcement that is to be budgeted in the upcoming fiscal cycle; and

WHEREAS, with the 35-mph speed reduction signage provided by the Wisconsin DOT, and local traffic enforcement, vehicular traffic speed has had a notable reduction. These observations are both anecdotal and have been recorded by the DOT in a series of traffic speed studies; and

WHEREAS, the number/severity of vehicular crashes on STH 32, within the speed reduction area have been notably reduced as reported by Kenosha Sherif Office (KSO); see Attachment A; and,

WHEREAS, Kenosha County has in the past (and currently) a long-standing commitment to alternative forms of transportation in the form of both shared and dedicated travel lanes for pedestrians/bicyclists.

NOTE: There exists a dedicated paved bike/pedestrian trail approximately 0.4 mi. west of the STH 32 study area. It parallels STH 32 and continues into Racine county; and

WHEREAS, Kenosha County highway department has a longstanding policy of providing an additional paved area adjacent to new/existing roadways when being constructed. This additional paving is most often done on both sides of the road adjacent to the gravel shoulder and is intended to give additional separation between motorists and pedestrians/bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kenosha has been awarded a 5.5-million-dollar R.A.I.S.E. grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to further develop and expand upon the existing bicycle/pedestrian trail network, thus displaying continuing commitment to multi-modal transportation; and

WHEREAS, Kenosha and Racine counties are noting substantial population growth, motor vehicle traffic is on the rise and will only continue to increase. Businesses and commuters depend on this road as a main thoroughfare. Reducing vehicular travel lanes at this time, on this road appears to many as counterintuitive. The thoughts and intents of the DOT are well reasoned and intentioned. There is an understanding in Kenosha County of what DOT is trying to accomplish, namely safer roadways. By paying attention to the aforementioned safety needs and balancing them with need for a vital four travel lane road, we respectfully submit the following for your approval,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors supports maintaining Sheridan Road as currently configured, with four lanes of traffic, otherwise identified as Option 1; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Kenosha County's state legislative delegation, Racine County Board, Racine City Council, Village of Mount Pleasant, City of Kenosha, Village of Pleasant Prairie, Village of Somers, Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

David Geertsen

William Grady

ONE BOX MUST ALWAYS BE CHECKED

GRADY, WILLIAM, Chair

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FRANCO, JOHN, 2nd Vice-Chair

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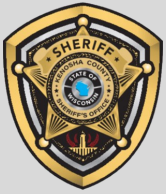
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GRAY, KEITH

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Kenosha County Sheriff's Office

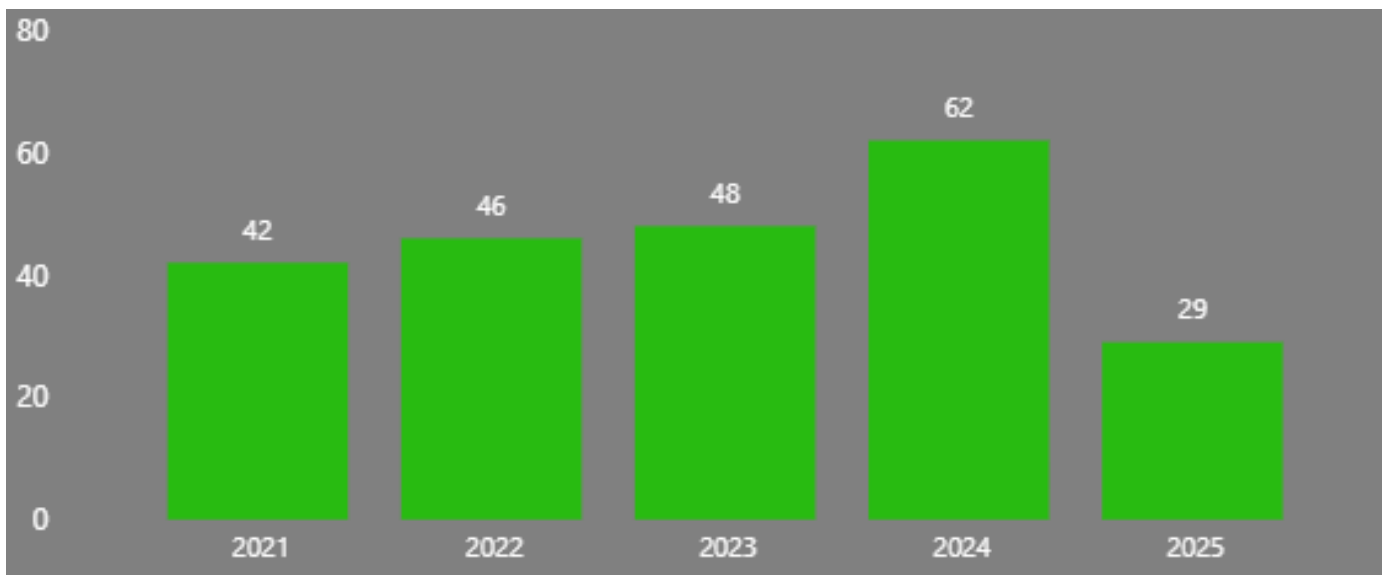
STH 32 Traffic Enforcement Summary

5-Year Analysis (2021-2025)



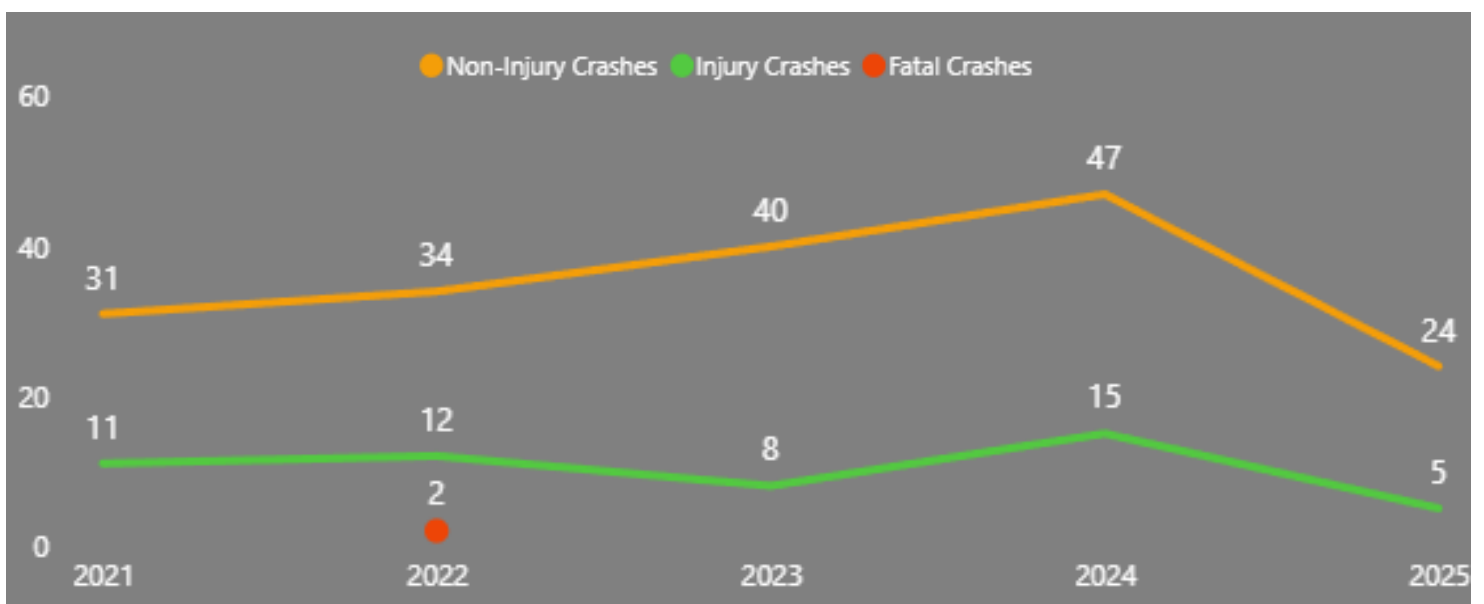
Crashes

Crash totals fluctuated from 2021-2024, peaking in 2024 with 62 crashes. Following the state highway speed reduction implemented in November 2024, crashes declined to 29 in 2025, the lowest level observed in the five-year period.



Crash Type by Year

Non-injury crashes steadily rose from 31 in 2021 to a peak of 47 in 2024 before dropping to 24 in 2025. Injury crashes fluctuated during the period, increasing from 11 in 2021 to 12 in 2022, decreasing to 8 in 2023, peaking again at 15 in 2024, and then falling to 5 in 2025. Fatal crashes were rare, with two reported in 2022 and none in the other years. Overall, while crash frequency varied year to year, the majority of crashes across all five years were non-injury incidents.



RESOLUTION 2023-018

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF
SOMERS STATING THE POSITION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AS TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S PROPOSED RESURFACING PROJECT ON
SHERIDAN ROAD (STH 32): ALFORD PARK DRIVE TO 21ST STREET IN
KENOSHA/RACINE COUNTIES, PROJECT ID: 3240-00-03/73

WHEREAS, State Highway 32 traverses the Village of Somers from North to South,
along Lake Michigan: and

WHEREAS, in May of 2021 the Village was notified by the Department of
Transportation (herein referred to as "DOT") of a proposed project to refurbish Sheridan Road
from Alford Drive (City of Kenosha) to 21st Street (City of Racine); and

WHEREAS, at that time the DOT suggested the following options;

- Option 1, resurface the road as currently configured;
- Option 2, resurface the road and reduce four travel lanes to two, with a center left turn lane; and
- Option 3, resurface the road, reduce four lanes to two with a center turn lane and a sidewalk on the east side; and

WHEREAS, in September of 2021, the DOT heard from the Village of Somers Board of Trustees at a Work Session that the Village had concerns regarding moving from four lanes to two, adding bike lanes and adding sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, at the above referenced Board Work Session, the Village of Somers Board of Trustees requested that the speed limit on STH 32 be reduced from the current speed limit of 45 mph; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2023, the DOT held a Local Officials meeting to reintroduce the Project with the same above referenced Options; and

WHEREAS, at the above referenced Local Officials meeting the DOT indicated that their recommended choice of action would be Option 2 that would include the following:

- Mill off 3 ½-inches of existing HMA, base patch and joint repair as needed;
- Replace all pavement marking and add new signage;
- Restripe the corridor as a 2-lane roadway with a two-way left-turn center lane;
- Add bicycle lanes;

- Alford Park to WIS 11: Bike lanes on both sides;
- WIS 11 to 21st Street: No new bike lanes;
- Add sidewalks for pedestrian safety;
 - Alford Park to 15th Place: Sidewalk on east side;
 - 15th Place to County A: Sidewalk on both sides;
 - County A to 21st Street: No new sidewalk;
- Reduce the speed limit from 45 mph to 40 mph; and

WHEREAS, at the above referenced Local Officials meeting the Village President and Village Staff expressed concerns over reducing the number of lanes, adding bike lanes, adding sidewalks and again requested that the current speed limit be reduced from 45 mph; and

WHEREAS, at the above referenced Local Officials meeting, the DOT indicated that they would not be willing to entertain reducing the speed limit unless the above Options 2 or 3 were chosen; and

WHEREAS, at the above referenced Local Officials meeting, the DOT cited the number of fatal accidents on STH 32 as a driving factor for recommending Option 2; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees believes the configuration of the road was not the main factor in these fatalities and that a main factor in these fatal accidents was excessive speed, the use of alcohol, and the use of drugs; and

WHEREAS the Village Board of Trustees again reviewed the proposed Options at a Village Work Session on August 15th, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees again expressed concerns with the DOT moving forward with DOT's preferred Option 2; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees believes that reducing the number of lanes from four to two, adding on-road bike lanes, and the proposed crossing at Carthage College will negatively affect public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has indicated that the Village will not be responsible for the maintenance on the proposed sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees request that regardless of the Options chosen by the DOT, the speed limit on Sheridan Road within the Village borders be reduced from the current speed limit of 45 mph; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Somers supports DOT's Option 1, maintaining Sheridan Road STH 32 as currently configured, with four lanes of traffic.

Dated at Somers, Wisconsin, this 25th day of October, 2022.



VILLAGE OF SOMERS

By: 

George Stoner, President

Attest: 

Brandi Baker, Clerk/Treasurer

VILLAGE OF SOMERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-012

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MAINTAINING SHERIDAN ROAD AS CURRENTLY CONFIGURED, WITH FOUR LANES OF TRAFFIC,

WHEREAS, planning is underway for a project to reconstruct Sheridan Road; and

WHEREAS, this reconstruction would impact Sheridan Road between Alford Drive in Kenosha and 21st Street in Racine; and

WHEREAS, officials from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) met with officials from the Village of Somers to present alternative plans for the reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, three options were presented: Option 1, which would replace the road as currently configured; Option 2, which would reduce four travel lanes to two, with a center left turn lane; and Option 3, which would reduce four lanes to two with a center turn lane and a sidewalk on the east side; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Somers indicated their concerns regarding Options 2 and 3 including that the addition of proposed on-road bike lanes would cause additional safety concerns and the reduction of lanes would negatively impact safety, and expressed their belief that any increased incidents of accidents on that roadway were not due to road design issues but were the result of other causes which would be unaddressed by the proposed changes to the road design; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the Village of Somers supports maintaining Sheridan Road as currently configured, with four lanes of traffic, otherwise identified as Option I; and

WHEREAS, at the Village of Somers' requests, the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution supporting the Village's position; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Somers has demonstrated its commitment to enhanced traffic safety on both STH 31 and STH 32 by implementing:

- a) a permanently increased number of hours of traffic safety patrol
- b) permanently installed 'moving radar' units into all squad car units to accurately enforce speed limits
- c) selectively expended overtime funds to monitor/enforce traffic laws
- d) conducted quarterly traffic evaluation enforcement meetings involving Village of Somers: president, fire chief, trustee(s), concerned citizens. Also in attendance was the Kenosha county: sheriff, deputies, director of highways, public works committee chairman, county supervisor(s), and

WHEREAS, the above referenced paragraph is not a short-term remedy but rather serves as a template for enhanced traffic enforcement that is to be budgeted in the upcoming fiscal cycle; and

WHEREAS, with the 35 m.p.h. speed reduction signage provided by the Wisconsin DOT, and local traffic enforcement, vehicular traffic speed has had a notable reduction. These observations are both anecdotal and have been recorded by the DOT in a series of traffic speed studies; and

WHEREAS, the number/severity of vehicular crashes on STH 32, within the speed reduction area have been notably reduced as reported by Kenosha Sheriff Office; see Attachment A; and,

WHEREAS, Kenosha County highway department has a longstanding policy of providing an additional paved area adjacent to new/existing roadways when being constructed. This additional paving is most often done on both sides of the road adjacent to the gravel shoulder and is intended to give additional separation between motorists and pedestrians/bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, Kenosha and Racine counties are noting substantial population growth, motor vehicle traffic is on the rise and will only continue to increase. Businesses and commuters depend on this road as a main thoroughfare. Reducing vehicular travel lanes at this time, on this road appears to be counterintuitive. The thoughts and intents of the DOT are well reasoned and intentioned. There is an understanding in Kenosha County of what DOT is trying to accomplish, namely safer roadways. By paying attention to the safety needs and balancing them with need for a vital four travel lane road, we respectfully submit the following for your approval,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Somers Village Board supports maintaining Sheridan Road as currently configured, with four lanes of traffic, otherwise identified as Option 1; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Kenosha County's state legislative delegation, Racine County Board, Racine City Council, Village of Mount Pleasant, City of Kenosha, Village of Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

VILLAGE OF SOMERS

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2026

George Stoner, Village President

Wendy Burnette, Village Clerk-Treasurer

2/3 vote required



**VILLAGE OF SOMERS
VILLAGE BOARD
MEETING ITEM MEMORANDUM**

MEETING DATE: April 28, 2026]

TO: Village President Stoner and Village Trustees

PREPARED BY: Kevin Poirier, Assistant Administrator

REVIEWED BY: Jim Hurley, Village Administrator

AGENDA ITEM: #9 Action on Licensing Agreement with Red Star Soccer Club for the use of Memorial Park Fields (agreement term April 1, 2026 through November 30, 2029).

BACKGROUND:

Since 2018, the Village has had a licensing agreement with the Red Star Soccer Club for the use of Memorial Park Fields. It was renewed in 2021 and 2023 for two-year terms. The current agreement expired late in 2025. Administration has been in contact with the non-profit to come up with a new agreement. The proposed contract presented to you tonight is agreeable to all parties. Changes from the last contract are as follows:

- Red Star has use of the fields Monday through Friday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on weekends between April 1 to Nov 30
- This agreement is now a 3-year agreement
- Red Star pays Village \$3,000 for the first two years
- Red Star pays Village \$3,500 for the third year of the agreement

PRIOR ACTION TAKEN:

This item was presented to the Board at its April 21 Work Session.

FINANCIAL OR BUDGET CONSIDERATION:

The contract is an increase of \$500 over last year's agreement for the next two years and an automatic bump of another \$500 on the third year.

SUGGESTED ACTION/ACTION REQUESTED/COMMENTS:

In the event that the Village Board agrees with the suggested action, a suggested motion to approve would be as follows:

“Motion to approve Licensing Agreement with Red Star Soccer Club for the use of Memorial Park Fields (agreement term April 1, 2026 through November 30, 2029).”

ATTACHMENTS:

Proposed Red Star Soccer Club License Agreement

LICENSE AGREEMENT

Agreement made on this _____ day of _____, 2026, by and between the VILLAGE OF SOMERS, a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Wisconsin (hereinafter referred to as “Village”) and RED STAR SOCCER CLUB, INC., a not-for-profit corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Wisconsin, maintaining a registered office at 6633 Green Bay Road, Kenosha, WI 53142 (hereinafter referred to as “Non-Profit Corporation”).

WHEREAS, the Village and Non-Profit Corporation desire to enter into a License Agreement for the use by the Non-Profit Corporation for a portion of that part of real property owned by the Village and known as Somers Memorial Park, a true and correct copy of which description is attached hereto, marked Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, Non-Profit Corporation was organized for the purpose of training youth soccer players in a competitive environment and sponsoring teams of youth soccer players to compete at the club level (e.g. above recreational soccer); and

WHEREAS, Village and Non-Profit Corporation have determined that the portion of Somers Memorial Park described on the attached Exhibit “A” is suitable for the use by the Non-Profit Corporation for practice, training and competitive games of soccer. Hereafter, that portion of the Somers Memorial Park to be utilized for these purposes shall be referred to as the “Facility”.

For the reasons set forth above and in consideration of the mutual promises of the parties to this Agreement and for such other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. **USE OF FACILITY.** Non-Profit Corporation shall be granted the exclusive use of the Facility on Monday through Friday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. between April 1 and November 30 and at such times and under such conditions as are agreed upon by the Village Administrator. Non-Profit Corporation shall be entitled to exclusive use of the Facility for league games on Saturdays and Sundays. It is understood and agreed that during such times when the Non-Profit Corporation is granted use of the Facility as stated herein, that use shall be exclusive to the Non-Profit Corporation. However, Non-Profit Corporation understands and agrees that at such other times when the exclusivity of use has not been previously agreed upon with the Non-Profit Corporation, that other individuals and/or groups are free to use all or portions of the Facility; that is to say, at such times when the Non-Profit Corporation has not been granted exclusivity of use of the Facility, such use shall be on a “first come, first serve” basis.

2. **TERM OF LICENSE.** The term of this license shall be for a period commencing April 1, 2026 and ending November 30, 2029. The parties may enter into subsequent renewals of this license by a memorandum of understanding executed by the Village President and the President of the Non-Profit Corporation.

3. **LICENSE FEES.** During the first two license years, which shall be defined as the period from August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2028, Non-Profit Corporation shall pay to the Village, in advance, the sum of Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars annually before August 1. For the third year, which shall be defined as the period from August 1, 2028 through July 31, 2029, the Non-Profit Corporation shall pay to the Village, in advance, the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred (\$3,500.00) Dollars.

4. **INSURANCE.** Non-Profit Corporation shall obtain and maintain appropriate liability insurance in such amounts as are acceptable to the Village Attorney and which names the Village as additional insured and shall provide to the Village a certificate of insurance for each year during the term of this License Agreement a true and correct copy of which description is attached hereto, marked Exhibit "B".

5. **LICENSEE OBLIGATIONS.** Non-Profit Corporation shall be responsible for the timely repair of any and all Facility/field damage caused by soccer activities and shall be responsible for the cost of any athletic equipment or additional landscaping equipment deemed necessary by the Non-Profit Corporation in maintaining the Facility beyond normal maintenance. This shall include the purchase of a line sprayer and paint for the same which shall be purchased by the Non-Profit Corporation. Village shall have no responsibility for lining the fields. Normal maintenance for purposes of this License Agreement shall include regular mowing, which shall be completed by the Village. Village shall also fertilize the Facility and spray for weeds in each case not less than once annually during the term of this Agreement. Non-Profit Corporation shall be responsible for the cost of any utilities or other maintenance services caused by the activities of the Non-Profit Corporation on the Facility property, including but not limited to, the consumption of electricity utilized in connection with the use of field lights. Non-Profit Corporation shall, at the end of each season, remove the nets and goal posts from the fields and store them at the south end of the paved driveway marked by arrow on Exhibit "A".

6. **CONCESSION RIGHTS.** Non-Profit Corporation shall not be entitled to operate any type of concession Facility or enter into an agreement with any third party for concessions. Village reserves all rights to enter into concession agreements with independent contractors for the Facility during the term of this agreement.

7. **LIAISON FOR VILLAGE.** Coordinating the use of the Facility by the Non-Profit Corporation shall be through the Village Administrator. While the license granted hereunder allows for guaranteed use of all or a portion of the facilities, it does not guarantee specific times, other than as is stated above and is subject to such other agreements as are entered into by Village and other third parties, dates or field locations. All scheduling of Facility use other than the exclusive use periods granted by this agreement and equipment left on the field must be with the express permission of the Village Administrator in writing. Non-Profit Corporation may place equipment, including but not limited to, portable goals on the Facility, but will be responsible for all maintenance, loss or damage to the same.

8. **DEFAULT.** Should Non-Profit Corporation fail in any respect to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and should Village notify Non-Profit

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Corporation in writing the matters in regard to which default is asserted, and should Non-Profit Corporation either fail to cure the default within thirty (30) days after the giving of notice of the commencement of the thirty (30) days to rectify the default and continue thereafter to use due diligence to rectify the default until it is rectified or cured, then Village may cancel this Agreement at any time thereafter during the continuance of the default by giving written notice to the Non-Profit Corporation of the election to terminate. In the event of termination of this Agreement, Non-Profit Corporation shall remove its personal property from the Facility forthwith.

9. **NON-DISCRIMINATION**. Non-Profit Corporation shall not discriminate against any person either for employment or for participation for programs run by Non-Profit Corporation because of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, age or national origin.

10. **ASSIGNMENT**. Non-Profit Corporation recognizes that this Agreement is based on Non-Profit Corporation's presentation to the Village Board. Non-Profit Corporation shall not assign or transfer this Agreement to any other person or corporation without prior written consent of the Village.

11. **MODIFICATION**. This Agreement supersedes all prior oral or written understandings or representations between the parties except as may be embodied by applicable state, county or Village statute, code or ordinance. Any modification to the terms of this Agreement shall only be enforceable if in writing signed by duly authorized representatives of each of the parties hereto in the same manner as this Agreement.

12. **GOOD FAITH AND FAIR DEALING**. The parties agree that they shall deal with one another fairly and in good faith. If this Agreement provides that any approving party may grant or withhold its approval or consent, the approving party shall not unreasonably withhold, condition or delay its approval.

13. **SEVERABILITY**. If any provision, covenant, or a portion of this Agreement or its application to any person, entity or property is held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of law or equity, such status shall not affect the application or validity of other provisions, covenants or portions of this Agreement which shall be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end, the provisions and covenants of this Agreement are declared to be severable.

14. **EXECUTION OF COUNTERPARTS**. This Agreement may be executed as two (2) or more counterparts, with each acting as an original.

15. **INTEGRATION**. This Agreement embodies the entire agreement and understanding among the parties hereto and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings relating to the subject matter hereof, except as subsequently agreed upon by Village Administrator and Non-Profit Corporation as relates to scheduling only.

16. **CHOICE OF LAW AND VENUE.** This Agreement shall be construed and enforced according to the laws of the State of Wisconsin. The parties agree that any matter which may be brought or pursued in court hereunder shall be brought and maintained only in the Circuit Court for Kenosha County, Wisconsin, and each party consents to such venue and the court's personal jurisdiction over each party.

17. **WAIVER OF BREACH OR VIOLATION NOT DEEMED CONTINUING.** Either party may, to the extent legally allowed, (a) extend the time for performance of any of the obligations or other acts of the other party(s), (b) waive any inaccuracies in the representations or warranties of the other party(s) hereto contained herein, or in any document delivered pursuant hereto and (c) waive any compliance by any of the other parties hereto with any of the agreements or conditions contained herein. The waiver by either party of a breach or violation of any provision of this Agreement shall not operate as, or be construed to be, a waiver of any or other subsequent breach or violation of any provision hereof. No breach or violation of any provision hereof shall be waived except by an agreement in writing signed by the waiving party.

18. **CONSTRUCTION.** Each party to this Agreement and its respective legal counsel acknowledge that it has had the opportunity to participate equally in the drafting of this Agreement and that in the event of a dispute, neither party shall be treated, for any purpose as the author of this Agreement nor have any ambiguity resolved against it on account thereof.

19. **NOMENCLATURE.** The use of the male gender shall include the female, the individual shall include the corporate, and the singular shall include the plural, and visa versa, wherever such usage is appropriate to the context.

20. **NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES.** This Agreement is not intended to benefit or be enforceable by any person other than the Village, the Non-Profit Corporation and their respective successors and assigns. This Agreement shall be binding upon and be for the benefit of the Village, the Non-Profit Corporation and their respective successors and assigns only.

WITNESS OUR HANDS AND SEALS this ____ day of _____, 2026.

VILLAGE OF SOMERS

By: _____
George Stoner, President

Attest: _____
Wendy Burnette, Clerk/Treasurer

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF KENOSHA)

Personally came before me this ____ day of _____, 2026, the above named George Stoner, President and Wendy Burnette, Clerk/Treasurer of the Village of Somers, to me known to be the persons who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same.

Printed Name: _____
Notary Public; State of Wisconsin
My commission expires _____.

LICENSEE
RED STAR SOCCER CLUB, INC.

By: _____
Printed Name: _____

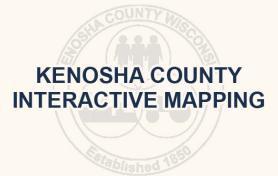
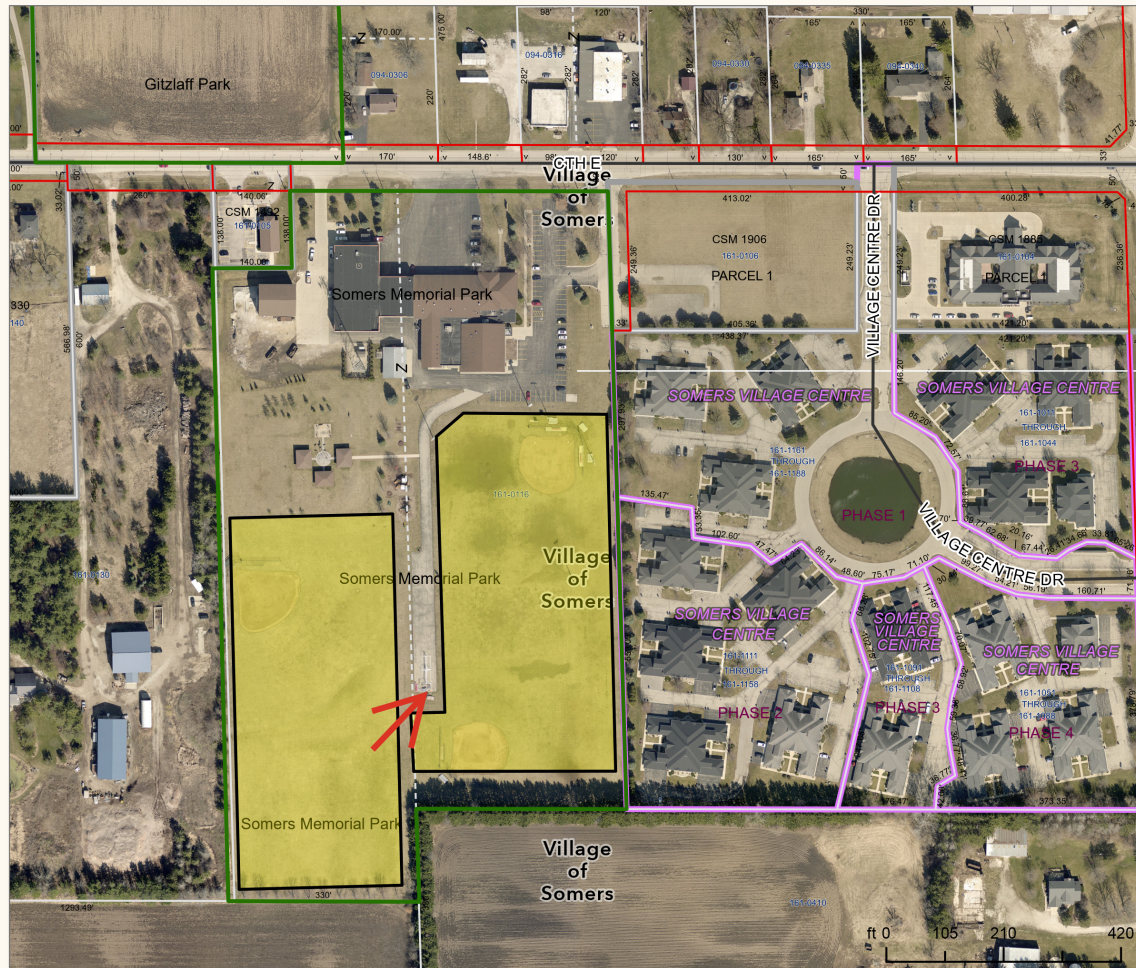
STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF KENOSHA)

Personally came before me this ____ day of _____, 2026, the above _____
_____ on behalf of Red Star Soccer Club, Inc., to me known to be the person
who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same.

Printed Name: _____
Notary Public; _____ County, _____
My commission expires _____.

Exhibit "A" FACILITY

Exhibit A - Red Star Field Usage



1:3,068
1" = 256'

DISCLAIMER This map is neither a legally recorded map nor a survey and is not intended to be used as one. This drawing is a compilation of records, data and information located in various state, county and municipal offices and other sources affecting the area shown and is to be used for reference purposes only. Kenosha County is not responsible for any inaccuracies herein contained. If discrepancies are found, please contact Kenosha County.

Date Printed: 3/19/2026

Exhibit “B”
PROOF OF INSURANCE



**VILLAGE OF SOMERS
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
ITEM MEMORANDUM**

WORK SESSION: April 28, 2026

TO: Village President Stoner and Board of Trustees

PREPARED BY: Wendy Burnette, Clerk/Treasurer

AGENDA ITEM: #10a Action on request for approval of a Recurring Special Event
Application from the J. Smith Farms, Inc. (Jerry Smith Farm)
located at 7150 18th Street

10b Action on request for approval of a Recurring Special Event
Application from the Petrifying Springs Beer Garden LLC located
at Petrifying Springs County Park Pavilion #1 7th Street

10c Action on request for approval of a Recurring Special Event
Application from the Hyslop Foundation, Inc. (Hawthorn Hollow
Nature Sanctuary & Arboretum) located at 880 Green Bay Road

BACKGROUND:

On January 24, 2023, the Board passed Ordinance No 2023-003 pertaining to Special Event permits. This created Recurring Special Event Permits to certain zoning located in the PR-1, A-2 or I-1 districts. The expiration date of the previous years permit is March 31st.

The above-mentioned establishments in the Village of Somers have submitted their Recurring Special Events applications. Applications are included.

Building Inspections & Fire Inspections will be conducted once the establishments are up and running.

PRIOR ACTION TAKEN:

The above referenced applications were discussed at the April 21, 2026, Work Session.

SUGGESTED ACTION/ACTION REQUESTED/COMMENTS:

Staff has reviewed the applications and recommends approval of the submitted Recurring Special Event Applications. In the event that the Village Board agrees with the suggested action, a suggested motion to approve would be as follows:

“Motion to approve Recurring Special Event Application from the J. Smith Farms, Inc. (Jerry Smith Farm) located at 7150 18th Street”

“Motion to approve Recurring Special Event Application from the Petrifying Springs Beer Garden LLC located at Petrifying Springs County Park Pavilion #1 7th Street.”

“Motion to approve Recurring Special Event Application from the Hyslop Foundation, Inc. (Hawthorn Hollow Nature Sanctuary & Arboretum) located at 880 Green Bay Road”

ATTACHMENTS:

Jerry Smith Farms Application

Petrifying Springs Beer Garden Application

Hawthorn Hollow Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum Application

Letter from Fire Department

Letter from Building Inspector



www.somerswi.gov

P.O. Box 197, Somers, WI 53171 PH: 262-859-2822 FAX: 262-859-2331

Village of Somers Recurring Special Event Permit

\$150.00 fee required upon submission

On a separate sheet, list the dates of any proposed events, providing a description for each and specifying the proposed hours of operation.

Zoning District of Event Location: _____

****Note:** If the property is not located in a PR-1, A-2 or I-1 Zoning District, it is not eligible for a Recurring Special Event Permit.

Licensee Name: J. Smith Farms, Inc.

Corporation, Partnership, or Individual - **Must be same name as beer/liquor license (if applicable)**

Trade/Event Name: Jerry Smith Farm

Trade/Event Address: 7150 18th ST Kenosha, WI 53144
Street Zip

If Licensee is a Corporation or LLC, list Agent's Full Name: Amy Kristen Sauter

List Date of Birth of Agent (If Corporation/LLC) or Individual: 01-24-1969

Address: 7150 18th ST Kenosha, WI 53144
Street City State Zip

Phone: ON FILE Email: _____
(Correspondence will be via email if address is given)

Driver's License: _____
Issuing State Number

1. Have you ever received any **tickets** or been charged with any **crimes** or **felonies** in any state? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If yes, provide: Charge, State, Date, Result (including pending charges).
(Examples: Speeding, WI, 5/8/2012, Guilty | Theft, FL, 5/22/2014, Dismissed | DUI, WI, 6/30/2017, Pending)

CHARGE	STATE	DATE	RESULT
Speeding	IL	1992	Guilty
Speeding	WI	1998	Guilty

2. Have you ever had your **driver's license suspended** or **revoked** in any state? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, provide: Charge, State, Date

CHARGE	STATE	DATE

3. Have you ever served or been sentenced to serve time in **jail** or **prison** in any state? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, provide: Charge, State, Date

CHARGE	STATE	DATE

4. Have you ever, while operating a business or engaged in a profession, been convicted of any charges involving unfair trade practices, unethical conduct, or discrimination in any state? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, provide: Charge, State, Date Result (Include pending charges).

CHARGE	STATE	DATE	RESULT

5. List the name and address of all employers for which you have worked and/or businesses you have operated in the **past five (5) years**. Jerry Smith Farm

6. Have you lived at your current home address for the **past five (5) years**? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If no, please list all addresses which you have resided at in the past five (5) years.

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING: Under penalty provided for by law, the undersigned states that each of the above questions has been truthfully answered to the best of his/her/their knowledge. False or incomplete answers will result in the denial/revocation of permit. (Individual applicants and each member of a partnership must sign; designed corporate officers must sign.)

Amyk Smith
Individual/Partner/Member Signature

4-9-26
Date

PLEASE NOTE: Attached as page 3 and 4 of the application is an **Operational and Security Plan**. This information is required. If not fully and accurately completed, the Special Event Permit application will be considered incomplete and will not proceed to any Committees for consideration until the information is provided.

PLEASE NOTE: Only the owner, lessee or licensee which has the exclusive right to possession of the property is eligible for a Recurring Special Events Permit. Any other person or entity seeking to hold a Special Event at a location which holds a Recurring Special Events Permit must apply for and receive a separate Single Day Special Event Permit

PLEASE NOTE: Special Events Permits confer no rights regarding alcohol licensing, which must be obtained by separate application and approval.

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT: OPERATIONAL AND SECURITY PLAN INFORMATION

Operational Plan

Planned Hours* of Operation:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hours: <u>11 AM</u> to <u>9 pm</u>	Hours: <u>4 pm</u> to <u>9 pm</u>	Hours: <u>4 pm</u> to <u>9 pm</u>	Hours: <u>4 pm</u> to <u>9 pm</u>	Hours: <u>4 pm</u> to <u>9 pm</u>	Hours: <u>11 AM</u> to <u>9 pm</u>	Hours: <u>11 AM</u> to <u>9 pm</u>

*be sure to list AM or PM

Legal occupancy limit for the premises: 150 persons

Attach scale drawing of parking plan

Number of off-street parking spaces used to service the premises: 100 parking spaces

Description of the off-street parking spaces used to service the premises: parking lot east of warehouse & parking in front of country store

Describe the sound amplification equipment to be used (if any): small bands, live music & D.J.

Identify any sound mitigation strategies to be implemented: small stage area located in beer garden

How will orderly appearance and operation of the establishment be maintained in regard to litter and noise: We maintain trash & noise. We have plenty of staff for trash & security for our events. Summer events end at 6pm, Fall events end Sun-Thur 8pm, Friday & Sat. 9pm.

Security Plan

Attach scale drawing of elements of Security Plan

Description of clothing to identify security personnel: Security wears Vests or clothing with Security on them.

Are security personnel employees? If not, provide contact information for outside security firm: We have our own Security as well as another firm. Todd Thorne (Retired KPD) does our Events in the Fall 262-945-3346

Plan to handle control and clearance of the parking lot and public right-of-ways adjacent to licensed property during hours of operation and at closing time: Security Manages parking & we have crowd control gates. Security also directs traffic. We also have plenty of signage directing customers

How will the entrance line be managed and controlled: Crowd control gates, signage & Security

Will any security personnel be armed? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, provide individual names and addresses
Todd Thorne does All our security. He can provide all names & all licenses needed. 262-945-3346

Plan for unruly patrons, intoxicated patrons, and physical disturbances (including fights):
Security is at all our events & handle these circumstances.

Underage drinking and fake ID plan: trained bartenders as well as Security.

Provide the first and last name of all management personnel: Amy Smith, JD Smith, Lauren Smith

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING: Under penalty provided for by law, the undersigned states that each of the above questions has been truthfully answered to the best of his/her/their knowledge.

Amy Smith

Individual/Partner/Member Signature

4-9-26

Date





OFFICE USE ONLY
DATE FILED: _____
INITIALS: _____

Village of Somers
P.O. Box 197
7511 - 12th Street
Somers, WI 53171
262-859-2822

Village of Somers Special Event Permit (Recurring)

Fee: \$ _____

On a separate sheet, list the dates of any proposed events, providing a description for each and specifying the proposed hours of operation.

Zoning District of Event Location: _____ **Note:** If the property is not located in the PR-1, A-2 or I-1 Zoning District, it is not eligible for a Recurring Special Event Permit.

Licensee Name: Petrifying Springs Beer Garden LLC

Corporation, Partnership, or Individual - **Must be same name as beer/liquor license (if applicable)**

Trade/Event Name: See attached event forms

Trade/Event Address: Petrifying Springs Biergarten Pavilion #1 7th St 53144

Street

Zip

If Licensee is a Corporation or LLC, list Agent's Full Name: Anthony DeBartolo

List Date of Birth of Agent (If Corporation/LLC) or Individual: 6-13-76

Address: 4512 19th pl. Kenosha, WI 53144

Street

City

State

Zip

Phone: 224-489-6313

Email: tjd6137@yahoo.com

(Correspondence will be via email if address is given)

Driver's License Number: WI D1630107621307

State

Number

1. Have you ever received any **tickets** or been charged with any **crimes** or **felonies** in any state? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, provide: Charge, State, Date, Result (including pending charges).

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CHARGE	STATE	DATE	RESULT

2. Have you ever had your **driver's license suspended or revoked** in any state? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, provide: Charge, State, Date

CHARGE	STATE	DATE

3. Have you ever served or been sentenced to serve time in **jail or prison** in any state? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, provide: Charge, State, Date

CHARGE	STATE	DATE

4. Have you ever, while operating a business or engaged in a profession, been convicted of any charges involving unfair trade practices, unethical conduct, or discrimination in any state? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, provide: Charge, State, Date Result (Include pending charges).

CHARGE	STATE	DATE	RESULT

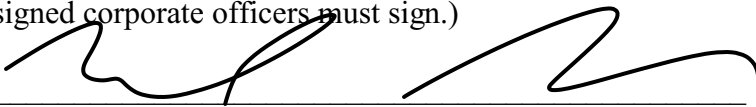
5. List the name and address of all employers for which you have worked and/or businesses you have operated in the **past five (5) years**. Performance Food Group 5030 Baseline Rd Montgomery, IL 60538

6. Have you lived at your current home address for the **past five (5) years**? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, please list all addresses which you have resided at in the past five (5) years.

4512 19th Place Kenosha, WI 53144

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING: Under penalty provided for by law, the undersigned states that each of the above questions has been truthfully answered to the best of his/her/their knowledge. False or incomplete answers will result in the denial/revocation of permit. (Individual applicants and each member of a partnership must sign; designed corporate officers must sign.)



Individual/Partner/Member Signature

4/3/2026

Date

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Operational Plan [SEE ATTACMENTS FOR SECURITY AND EVENTS](#)

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Will any security personnel be armed? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, provide individual names and addresses

Plan for unruly patrons, intoxicated patrons, and physical disturbances (including fights): _____

Underage drinking and fake ID plan: _____

Provide the first and last name of all management personnel: _____

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Individual/Partner/Member Signature

4/3/2026

Date



Security Plan: 12.5 (C) (2)

- (a) Security personal will only be used for Co-Sponsored County events that extend outside the premise
Depending upon the size of the event 1-3 personal will be employed for the sole purpose of crowd control or to intervene with anyone that appears to be disorderly
- (b) (i) parking lots inside the park do not require vehicles to be left overnight and are monitored by the parks night staff. Cross walks are visible from main parking lot to the Biergarten
(ii) Unruly patrons are given an initial warning and then asked to leave if they do not comply
(iii) Patrons who are intoxicated are asked to leave. We first establish if they have driven there if so an Uber is called
(iv) Patron presenting false ID will be recorded and confiscated
- (c) Sheriff's Department will be notified if a situation escalates. Management will try to deescalate situation and remove said parties from premise at different times so the problem does not continue outside premise
- (d) Michael Grab 2/25/79 Tony DeBartolo 6/13/76

(3) Operational Plan:

- (a) Biergarten will be open M-TH 4-9pm Fri-Sat 12-9pm Sun 12-8pm
- (b) Legal Occupancy inside Pavilion 77ppl Outside unlimited
- (c) We have parking for over 175 in main lot and another 500+ in the parking lots with in walking Distance of the Biergarten
- (d) Yes light german background music
- (e) Yes, Light german background music
- (f) Our facility is cleaned inside and out daily. Grass is cut 1-2 per week. Trash is emptied nightly in required trash or recycling bins. Staff is required to walk interior and exterior of premise and pick up any visible trash.
- (g) See included Map
- (h) List of larger events attached

HAWTHORN HOLLOW
NATURE SANCTUARY AND ARBORETUM

Wendy Burnette
Clerk / Treasurer
Village / Town of Somers
7511 12th Street, P.O. Box 197
Somers, WI 53171

March 19, 2026

Ms. Burnette,

Hawthorn Hollow Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum is applying for a Recurring Event Permit for 2026 to allow us to continue holding our major fundraising events such as the Pike River Benefit Concert Series, the Walk in the Woods Art Fair, and the Harvest Hootenanny, among others. If granted the 2026 Recurring Event Permit, will the Village please consider waiving the accompanying fees for these unique and essential fundraising events?

Hawthorn Hollow is owned and operated by the H. Chris Hyslop Foundation, a private 501c(3) non-profit organization. The now 90 acre Nature Sanctuary is comprised of over 3 miles of trails meandering through the woods of the Pike River Valley, virgin and restored prairies, perennial gardens, a Nature Center, 3 Historic Buildings, the Heritage Farmstead, an Observatory, and a 12 acre Arboretum. Hawthorn Hollow hosts over 6,000 students a year with over 30 educational programs. All proceeds from these events provide funds to continue the maintenance operations of this treasured natural resource

We are looking forward to another successful year and hope that you will join us. Please let me know if there are any issues or questions, and thank you for all your help.

Sincerely,



Jeremy Haag
Special Event & Administrative Associate
Hawthorn Hollow Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum



Village of Somers
P.O. Box 197
7511 - 12th Street
Somers, WI 53171
262-859-2822

OFFICE USE ONLY
DATE FILED: 3/19/26
INITIALS: VB

Village of Somers Special Event Permit (Recurring)

Fee: \$

On a separate sheet, list the dates of any proposed events, providing a description for each and specifying the proposed hours of operation.

Zoning District of Event Location: PR-1 **Note:** If the property is not located in the PR-1, A-2 or I-1 Zoning District, it is not eligible for a Recurring Special Event Permit.

Licensee Name: Hyslop Foundation, Inc

Corporation, Partnership, or Individual - **Must be same name as beer/liquor license (if applicable)**

Trade/Event Name: Hawthorn Hollow Nature Sanctuary & Arboretum

Trade/Event Address: 880 Green Bay Rd, Kenosha, WI 53144

Street

Zip

If Licensee is a Corporation or LLC, list Agent's Full Name: TJ L eve que

List Date of Birth of Agent (If Corporation/LLC) or Individual: 11/06/1981

Address: 1904 30th Ave

Kenosha

WI

53140

Street

City

State

Zip

Phone On file

Email: On File

(Correspondence will be via email if address is given)

Driver's License Number: WI

State

On-File

Number

1. Have you ever received any **tickets** or been charged with any **crimes** or **felonies** in any state? ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**

If yes, provide: Charge, State, Date, Result (including pending charges).

(Examples: Speeding, WI, 5/8/2012, Guilty | Theft, FL, 5/22/2014, Dismissed | DUI, WI, 6/30/2017, Pending)

CHARGE	STATE	DATE	RESULT
Unlawful U/Y Turn-1st Offense	WI	09/30/2022	Dismissed-Prosecutor's Motion

2. Have you ever had your **driver's license suspended or revoked in any state**? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, provide: Charge, State, Date

CHARGE	STATE	DATE

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If yes, provide: Charge, State, Date

CHARGE	STATE	DATE

4. Have you ever, while operating a business or engaged in a profession, been convicted of any charges involving unfair trade practices, unethical conduct, or discrimination **in any state**? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, provide: Charge, State, Date Result (Include pending charges).

CHARGE	STATE	DATE	RESULT

5. List the name and address of all employers for which you have worked and/or businesses you have operated in the **past five (5) years**. Hawthorn Hollow , 880 Green Bay Rd, Kenosha, WI 53144

6. Have you lived at your current home address for the **past five (5) years**? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If no, please list all addresses which you have resided at in the past five (5) years.

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Individual Partner/Member Signature

3/19/20

Date

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Operational Plan

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*be sure to list AM or PM

Legal occupancy limit for the premises: _____ persons

Attach scale drawing of parking plan: Attachment one is our Concert/Small Event Parking Plan, attachment two is our Art Fair Parking Plan, and attachment three is our Historic Building Emergency Access Plan.

Number of off-street parking spaces used to service the premises: 560 parking spaces

Description of the off-street parking spaces used to service the premises: Hawthorn Hollow has two parking lots on the premises, our Nature Center lot which holds 30 cars, and our Farm/Event lot which holds 25. In addition, we park cars diagonally at least 10 feet off the entrance road for concerts and other medium-sized events. For the art fair, we convert our arboretum meadow into a five-lane grass parking lot which can hold up to 375 cars with the required clearances.

Describe the sound amplification equipment to be used (if any): We use a 16-channel 1000 w Yamaha powered PA system with two 15-inch main speakers and two floor monitor speakers for the artist. For the art fair, we often have a second stage at the nature center with a second PA system donated for the day. Weddings often utilize a hired DJ who provides their own equipment.

Identify any sound mitigation strategies to be implemented: Volume is always kept as low as possible to reduce impact on neighbors and the general public. Wedding DJ's must set up so speakers face north-west, away from our closest neighbors. The amphitheater (concert location) naturally faces away from our neighbors as well. In the past, we have received no complaints from neighbors or the general public about noise levels from our events to the best of our knowledge.

How will orderly appearance and operation of the establishment be maintained in regard to litter and noise?: We provide numerous garbage and recycling receptacles placed throughout the event area, and these are monitored and emptied when needed. Refuse is then deposited in our garbage and recycling dumpsters, which are emptied once a week by our private sanitation vendor. See above for our noise mitigation plan.

Security Plan

Attach scale drawing of elements of Security Plan: See Attachment Four.

Description of clothing to identify security personnel: Security is provided by Hawthorn Hollow staff and a select group of vetted volunteers. All staff wear lanyards with identification cards attached, and volunteers wear a lanyard that states "volunteer". For the Walk in the Woods Art Fair, all staff and volunteers also wear a bright green t-shirt to make identification easier.

Are security personnel employees? If not, provide contact information for outside security firm: Yes, employees and volunteers.

Plan to handle control and clearance of the parking lot and public right-of-ways adjacent to licensed property during hours of operation and at closing time: The use of off-road diagonal parking spaces for the concert series allows for easy parking lot clearance once the event has concluded. For the art fair, we use numerous volunteers to direct and control parking, as well as enforcing one-way lanes throughout the arboretum lot. This, along with plentiful signage (over 20 different signs are used for art fair parking alone) has allowed us to control and clear the lot with ease.

How will the entrance line be managed and controlled: Our main concern is to keep the entrance line off of public roads, specifically Hwy 31. The actual point of entry, where patrons pay or give tickets, is set approximately 300 ft from the roadside, allowing a large number of vehicles to enter without disrupting traffic. If the line becomes too long, we can open up our Farm/Event parking lot as an additional point of entry, allowing more cars to enter. In the unlikely event that there is still a backup, we would forego entrance donation collection and allow cars to enter the event without stopping for tickets or payment, speeding up the process even more.

Will any security personnel be armed? If yes, provide individual names and addresses: No security personnel at Hawthorn Hollow will be armed.

Plan for unruly patrons, intoxicated patrons, and physical disturbances (including fights): If a patron is found to be unruly or seems to be causing a disturbance, they will be escorted by two security personnel to their vehicle and told to leave the premises (if they don't appear to be intoxicated or a threat to themselves or others). If a fight occurs, all parties will be separated and escorted off the property (again, if not intoxicated or a perceived threat). Patrons who appear to be intoxicated or unruly will not be served any alcohol, and if no other option is available, law enforcement will be asked to intervene. In over 30 years of events at Hawthorn Hollow, law enforcement has never had to intervene in any disturbance with our patrons.

Underage drinking and fake ID plan: When serving alcoholic beverages, we utilize a mandatory ID check and wristband policy for all purchasers. We will not sell any alcoholic beverages to anyone without a wristband (which indicates their ID has been checked and accepted), and we will confiscate any alcoholic beverages in the possession of anyone without a wristband. If an ID is found to be fraudulent, it will be confiscated and turned over to the proper authorities.

Provide the first and last name of all management personnel:

- Timothy J. Leveque, Executive Director
- Dr. William Parker, Observatory Director
- Nicole Zeisler, Conservation Land Manager
- Ryan Reske, Naturalist & Education Coordinator
- Chad Jocius, Observatory & Maintenance Manager
- Jeremy W. Haag, Event & Administrative Coordinator

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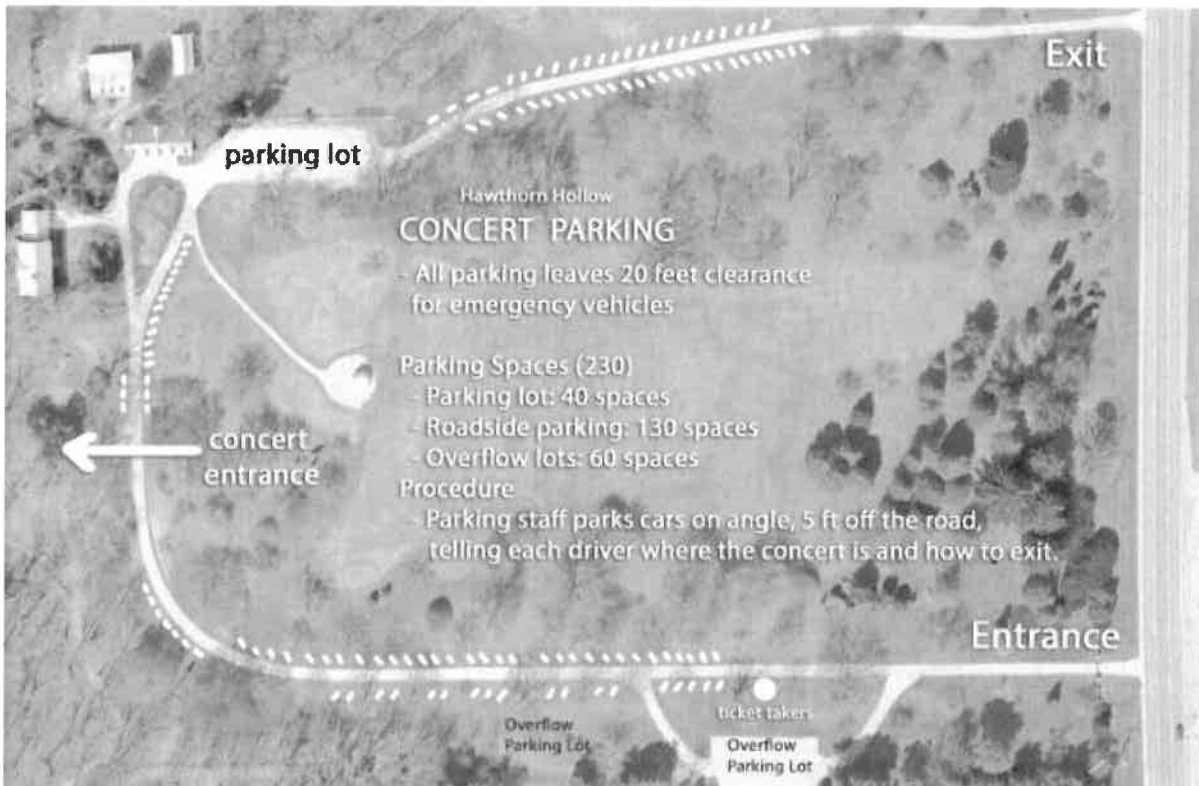
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Hawthorn Hollow 2026 Recurring Event Permit Events List

Date	Event Name	Description	Duration
5/09/2026	Birds & Plants	A bird walk & plant sale fundraiser, will include live amplified music (folk) and a bake sale.	9 am – 3 pm
6/12/2026	Pike River Benefit Concert Series 1	First in a series of fundraising concerts, will include live amplified music and alcoholic beverages for sale.	5 pm – 9 pm
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8/07/2026	Pike River Benefit Concert Series 3	Third (and final) in a series of fundraising concerts, will include live amplified music and alcoholic beverages for sale.	5 pm – 9 pm
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09/25/2026	Pike River Benefit Concert Series Rain Date	Rain Date for a series of fundraising concerts, will include live amplified music and alcoholic beverages for sale.	5 pm-9 pm
10/23/2026	Spooky Hollow Night 1	Halloween night hike/storytelling event, includes amplified music & sound effects.	6 pm – 9 pm
10/24/2026	Spooky Hollow Night 2	Halloween night hike/storytelling event, includes amplified music & sound effects.	6 pm – 9 pm
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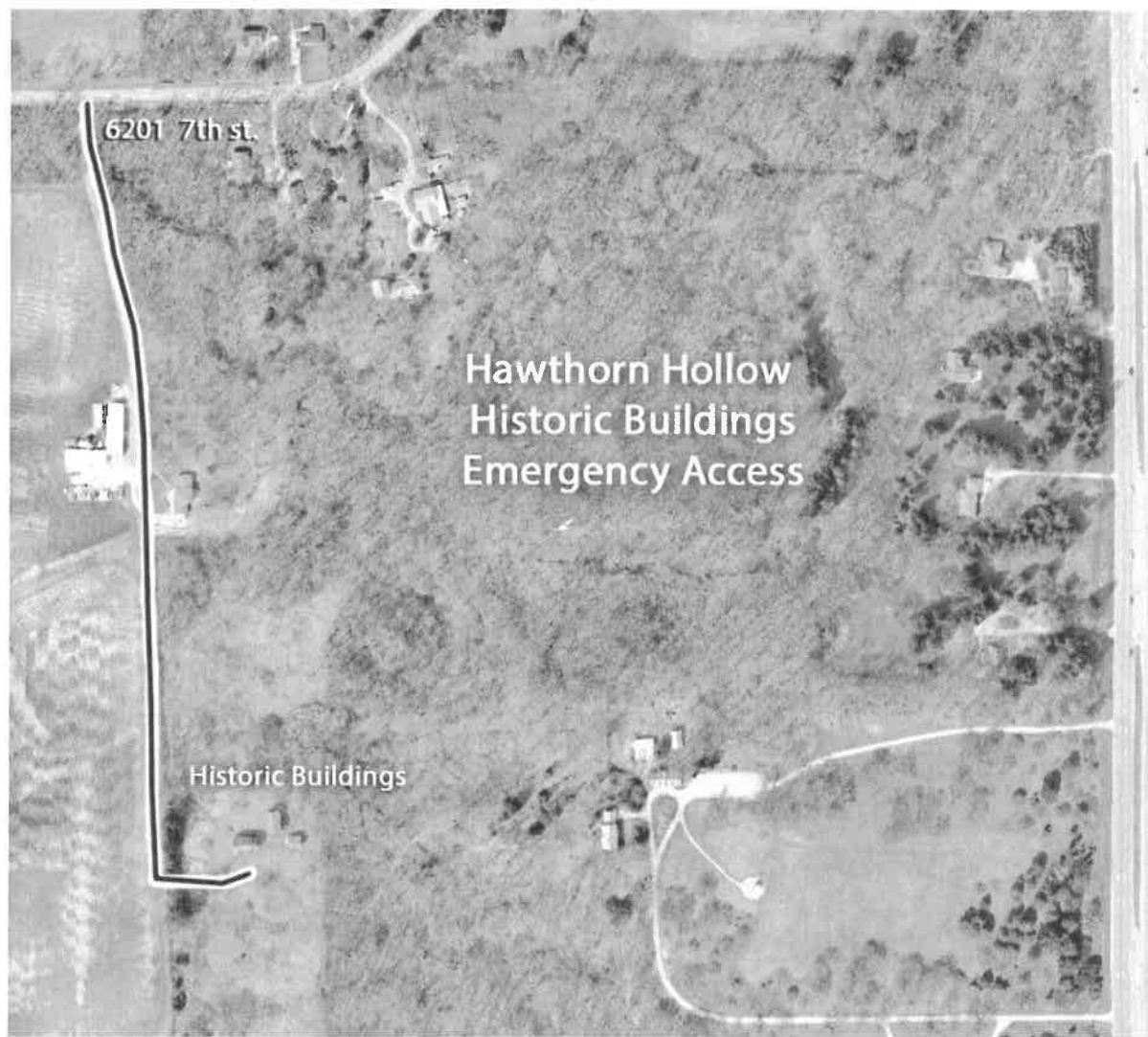
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Attachment Two: Art Fair Parking Plan



Attachment Three: Historic Buildings Emergency Access Plan



Attachment Four: Gates & Camera Locations



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To: [Wendy Burnette](#); [Scott Seymour](#)
Subject: Re: Inspections
Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2026 12:46:28 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Somers Fire & Rescue
(262) 914-1024 Office
apisula@somerswi.gov

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Wendy Burnette
Clerk/Treasurer



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Scott Seymour
Building Inspector
Village | Town of Somers
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**VILLAGE OF SOMERS
VILLAGE BOARD
MEETING ITEM MEMORANDUM**

MEETING DATE: April 28, 2026

TO: Village President Stoner and Village Trustees

PREPARED BY: Wendy Burnette, Clerk-Treasurer

AGENDA ITEM: #11 Action on Special Event permit for the Pritzker Museum to hold the 1st District Spring Conference for the American Legion on May 3, 2026, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and request to waive fees.

BACKGROUND:

The Pritzker foundation approached the Village to hold a special event at the Pritzker Museum for the 1st District Spring Conference for the American Legion. This event will take place on May 3, 2026, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Activities will be held both inside as well as outside.

As this is a charity event, they have requested waiver of fees associated with the applications.

PRIOR ACTION TAKEN:

None.

SUGGESTED ACTION/ACTION REQUESTED/COMMENTS:

In the event that the Village Board agrees with the suggested action, a suggested motion to approve would be as follows:

“Motion to approve Special Event permit for the Pritzker Museum to hold the 1st District Spring Conference for the American Legion on May 3, 2026, from 8-2pm and request to waive fees.”

ATTACHMENTS:

Special Event Application

Waive fee Letter



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P.O. Box 197, Somers, WI 53171 PH: 262-859-2822 FAX: 262-859-2331

Village of Somers Special Event Permit

\$75.00 fee required upon submission

Dates of Event: _____

Hours of Event: _____

Description of Event: _____

Licensee Name: _____

Corporation, Partnership, or Individual

Trade/Event Name: _____

Trade/Event Address: _____
Street Zip

If Licensee is a Corporation or LLC, list Agent's Full Name: _____

List Date of Birth of Agent (If Corporation/LLC) or Individual: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone: _____ Email: _____
(Correspondence will be via email if address is given)

Driver's License Number: _____
State Number

1. Have you ever received any **tickets** or been charged with any **crimes** or **felonies** in any state? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, provide: Charge, State, Date, Result (including pending charges).
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SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT (single Day): ALCOHOL BEVERAGE INFORMATION

To be completed by Agent of Event

Will you be selling or giving away Alcohol at this special event?

Selling _____

Giving Away _____

What types of alcohol beverages will be sold or given away _____

If selling, please contact the clerk for alcohol permits, if you don't already have them.

Name, address and phone number of the responsible person or third-party vendor for alcohol beverages.

Bartenders must have a bartender's license in the Village of Somers. Please include a copy with this application.

If one is needed, please contact the Village of Somers to obtain a one-day event operator's license.

Individual/Partner/Member Signature

Date

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT: OPERATIONAL AND SECURITY PLAN INFORMATION

Operational Plan

Legal occupancy limit for the premises: _____ persons

Attach scale drawing of parking plan

Number of off-street parking spaces used to service the premises: _____ parking spaces

Description of the off-street parking spaces used to service the premises: _____

Describe the sound amplification equipment to be used (if any): _____

Attach drawing of where stage will be located. Will it be roped off? Please provide full details.

Identify any sound mitigation strategies to be implemented: _____

How will orderly appearance and operation of the establishment be maintained in regard to litter and noise: _____

Security Plan

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Individual/Partner/Member Signature

Date



April 23, 2026

Village of Somers
PO Box 197
Somers, WI 53171

Dear Village Board,

I am writing on behalf of the Pritzker Military Museum & Library to respectfully request a waiver of the \$75 submission fee associated with our special event permit application.

The Museum is a registered non-profit organization, and we will be hosting the 1st District American Legion for its Spring Conference at our facility. This event is mission-aligned with our educational and civic purpose of honoring military service and supporting veteran communities. We are not charging the American Legion any rental or usage fee for the space.

Given the nonprofit nature of both organizations involved and the public-benefit focus of this event, we respectfully ask the Village to consider waiving the submission fee for this permit.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phyllis Brunt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Phyllis Brunt
Director of Operations
Pritzker Military Museum & Library



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**VILLAGE OF SOMERS
VILLAGE BOARD
MEETING ITEM MEMORANDUM**

MEETING DATE: April 28, 2026

TO: Village President Stoner and Village Trustees

PREPARED BY: Wendy Burnette – Clerk Treasurer

AGENDA ITEM: #12 Action on Operator’s Licenses Randall Sparks, Martha Saad, Lynn Wilk, Calie Perrault, Jessica Fisher, Jay Herr, Jackson Villarreal, Rebecka Persons and Stewart Boynton

BACKGROUND:

Randall Sparks, Martha Saad, Lynn Wilk, Calie Perrault, Jessica Fisher, Jay Herr, Jackson Villarreal, Rebecka Persons and Stewart Boynton have applied for operator’s licenses for the Village of Somers.

No discrepancies with the application.

SUGGESTED ACTION/ACTION REQUESTED/COMMENTS:

Staff recommends approval. In the event that the Village Board agrees with the recommendation to approve: Operators’ applications, a suggested motion would be as follows:

“Motion to approve Operator License for: Randall Sparks, Martha Saad, Lynn Wilk, Calie Perrault, Jessica Fisher, Jay Herr, Jackson Villarreal, Rebecka Persons and Stewart Boynton”

ATTACHMENTS:

None