

**Minutes of
Mar. 28, 2009
Meeting**

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**Somerset Government Efficiency
Committee Meeting**

**Meeting #8
03-28-2009**

**8:00 to 10:00 AM
Somerset Town Hall**

Meeting called by: Chairman: Supervisor - Richard Meyers
Type of meeting: Information Gathering re: shared DPW services with the Village of Barker.
Minutes by: Secretary: Councilman - Randall Wayner

Attendees: Supervisor: Richard Meyers, Councilman Daniel Engert, & Councilman: Randall Wayner.

Time Allocated: **Agenda topics**

110 min. Review and discuss the DPW total cost data that had been requested from the Village of Barker. Supervisor Meyers, Councilman Wayner, Councilman Engert.

10 min. Compile data into a format that will support any potential next steps that the Village and this Committee deem appropriate. Supervisor Meyers, Councilman Engert, Councilman Wayner.

Observers: Pat Fuller and Herb Meyer

Resource persons: Village Mayor: Hon. Joanne Greenwald, Village Trustee: Hon. Chuck Fuller, Village Clerk: Kathy Smith.

Special notes: The Committee wishes to extend a sincere thank you to all of the resource persons and observers listed above. Special thanks to Village Clerk Smith for her impressive command of the Village budget and expenses. As always, we appreciate the openness of today's dialog and the shared commitment to exploring initiatives that may achieve positive results for the taxpayers of the Town and Village.

110 min.	Discussion of shared DPW services with the Village of Barker.	Who: Mayor Greenwald, Trustee Fuller, Clerk Smith, Supervisor Meyers, Councilman Wayner, Councilman Engert.
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Status: The Committee reviewed a summary of the Village’s DPW itemized expenses as prepared by Clerk Smith. Clerk Smith was most helpful in clarifying the data presented so we could determine the total current cost of Village DPW services. Clerk Smith also provided copies of the Village’s 2009-2010 tentative budget. The Committee, Clerk Smith, Trustee Fuller, and Mayor Greenwald went line by line through this tentative budget and pulled out a few additional expenses that we felt should be included in our total cost of service calculations.

Conclusions: We are now in receipt of comprehensive and detailed cost information from the Village. As a result, this Committee can move forward with a cost / benefit analysis process.

Action items: The SGEN needs to conduct an analysis of the data provided as we move toward determining how much it would cost the Town to provide the same or higher level of DPW services to the Village.	Person(s) responsible: Supervisor Meyers, Councilman Engert, Councilman Wayner.	Deadline: 04-11-09

10 min.	Assign W-3 (What , Who, When) Activities	Chairman Meyers
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Assignments:

Council Wayner will prepare the minutes of this meeting and will forward them to Town Clerk Connolly for filing and web site posting.

The Committee will begin to compile cost comparison data.

Special notes: None	Next meeting: 04-11-2009	8:00 am at the Town Hall.
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