COUNCIL MINUTES 1-20-15

On Tuesday, January 20, 2015 Council met in regular session. Present were Mayor Tom Johnson, Council members Dave Snider, Eric Huston, Doug Fehrman, Mike Lally, Bill Mohler, and Linda Henery. Also in attendance were Will Flautt, Village Attorney, Jane Foulk, Mayor’s Assistant and Kelly Beem, Fiscal Officer.

Guests included Casey Sargel and Mike Henery.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Johnson.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Johnson.

Tom read the minutes from January 6, 2015 meeting. Doug motioned to accept minutes, and seconded by Bill. All voted Yea except Eric who abstained since he wasn’t at that previous meeting.

7:36pm Executive session to discuss real estate property transfer with BPA Board. Motion to suspend by Doug and seconded by Dave. All voted Yea.

Motion for executive session was made by Mike, seconded by Eric. All voted Yea.

Doug motion to return from Executive session at 8:00pm, seconded by Dave. All approved.

Tom made a clarification of Kelly’s raise of $2.00 an hour was contingent on good evaluations.

Rushcreek Contract was discussed. Bill motioned to suspend the rule and make it an emergency motion to approve the Rushcreek contract starting Feb. 1, 2015 for 14 years to provide the Village access to water at St. Joseph Lake. Cost is $22500.00 annually, paid quarterly. Seconded by Eric . All voted Yea except Dave, he abstained. A motion was made to allow the Mayor to apply for Clean Ohio Funds to acquire St. Joseph’s Lake.

Tom reports that we have completed 3 phrases of Clean Ohio Project for the Emerald Necklace. Next round to require the Railroad Right of Way needs redone. The application was for $200,000. And needs changed to around $300,000. Deadline for the application is Jan 30, 2015. Motion to approve and submit Resolution 15-06, for new application was made by Bill and Eric Seconded. Approved by all.

Sustainability Road Map was presented to Council at the last meeting. Nothing to report at this time and will be reviewed in February.

Water issues at Burr Oak. Nothing to report at this time. Still waiting on their reply with Commissioners.

Committee Chairs. Tom reports that the current committees needs ratified. The Financial committee is resolved and incorporated with the Council. And other changes are needed. Board needs to confirm their committees and report to Tom for discussion at next meeting.

Will post open positions.

Dave brought up old ally. Doug looked at it and so did Dave. Thought Bob Clouse put barricade in for his sister. It lines up with the south line close to where all gets strange need to take his sign “This is not an ally” down and put a little gravel down.

The issue with the 200 junk cars that are not licensed and are an eyesore for Somerset needs more information. Tom suggests that the Chief do a more accurate count of vehicles before going forward.

Yard sales concerns are still at issue. Solicitor Will Flautt states that we can proceed any way we want. We can schedule 2 a year and enforce the placements of signs. Further discussion to continue.

Linda shared a newspaper from 1976. It had interesting history information on Somerset.

We were unable to meet the deadline for the Sustainable Communities Grant Application.

Retail is Detail. Three business moved forward with this project. There is still room for one more business to participate. The Snack Bar declined.

Lyft for Pool has not been paid yet. Kelly is to check on this immediately. Eric gave her the breakdown on payment.

New Business

Ordinance 15-03 to approve the use of Ohio Basic Code 2015 as we always do. Linda motioned to suspend the rule, seconded by Dave. All voted yea. Linda motioned to approve this ordinance seconded by Dave. All voted yea.

Kelly informs the Board of new hire applicant and describes Tiffiny Miller as water sewer clerk for $10.00 an hour. The BPA has approved Kellys recommendation to hire Tiffiny. Linda motioned to hire Tiffiny, seconded by Eric. All voted Yea

Pay Ordinance 15-08 was reviewed by Board. Linda questioned the Mastersons vets bill. She thought it was to be free services as per agreement. Kelly will check on this. Also a discussion on repair bills for the Police Dept. Tom wants the Chief to come to next meeting to review his budget. Bill motioned to accept and pay, seconded by Eric. All voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm. Motion to adjourn was made by Dave, All voted Yea.

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Tom Johnson, Mayor Dave Snider, Council President

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Kelly Beem, Fiscal Officer