**APRIL 4, 2017**

**SOMERSET VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**

**Present were: David Snider, Bill Mohler, Mike Lally, Eric Huston, Eric Emmert, and Doug Fehrman. Also present were Kelly Beem and Chief Pressdee. Mayor Johnson was absent.**

**MINUTES:** The minutes from March 21, 2017 meeting were mailed. With no corrections, Mike motioned to approve, and Bill seconded. All voted Aye.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Streetscape:** Doug met with Waibel Electric about installing the 4 light poles and arms on the corners of the square. Doug also talked to Gene Gable from ODOT about this. This is included in Phase II project. Kellyis to follow up with Kevin Wood before we hire an electrician.

Thad Cooperider also wants to install his sign that was removed with Phase I. There has to be some electrical work to do this. Council agrees to allow the sign to be installed.

**Innovation Gateway:** Kelly presented an invoice from Columbus Idea Foundry for $9625.00 for Consulting hours since last July. She is checking with Mayor and David Hansen to be sure that we will be reimbursed from the Grant money. Eric H. motioned to pay the invoice only if we will be reimbursed with grant, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

**Medical Center Project:** Eric E. is meeting with Architects and Engineers for the area around the center this week.

The 3 acres the Village is purchasing will be closing soon. Kelly is in contact with Peoples National Bank and the property owner. Doug suggests we close in Newark as not to inconvenience the property owner. Kelly will pass it to the banker.

**St. Joe’s Lake:** Dave presented council with an invoice from Frank Bever. Frank hauled almost 20 ton of limestone to St. Joe’s. Kelly will pay the invoice for $467.54 and this will be reimbursed from left over grant money. Doug mentioned that he along with the Fish/conservation Club will have students do clean up at the lake, along with learning about nature. He would like to have a pizza party for them as well. Council approved paying for the pizza and pop.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**General Tax Renewal Levy:** Kelly received tax estimates from County Auditor and shared with Council. They wish to discuss at a later date.

**Summer Intern:** Tom hired an Intern last summer from the MORPC program, and would like to do so again this year. Kelly stated that he interviewed Evan Hertzog and would like to hire her for this summer. She can start in April, and take the month of May off, then work the rest of summer. Doug motioned to hire Miss Hertzog at $10.00 an hour up to a total of 300 hours. Eric E. seconded his motion. All voted Aye, except Eric H., he voted no.

**Disbursement Request:** Mitch Altier was unable to come to the meeting tonight. He emailed a brief report of the Water Project.”Unfortunately, I cannot make it to tonight’s meeting.  A quick update on what has been going on.  The St Joes wet well and intake pipe have been cleaned and are good to go.  Unfortunately, MPW did not make it on site until Friday during the monsoon.  The lake levels rose and the intake float weren’t able to be installed. Doll layman has installed the new pump.  Rushcreek has the valve open and the floating intake will be installed as soon as the lake level drops below the intake pipe again.  It should only take a few hours to install.  I haven’t gotten any information on the test results or final cost from MPW.  I will forward them to you as soon as I get them.”

The EPA has approved the carbon replacement and has moved the funds to the admin line item.  Attached is a disbursement request to pay the $19,000 to the Village and our outstanding invoices.  Kelly has the requests that were approved by BPA earlier. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Eric H. All voted Aye.

David discussed the need to remove 2 trees at 112 and 110 W. Sheridan Street. The trees have been approved by Arborist Ann Bonner that these need to come down before they fall on a house. David received 2 quotes from Mike Fehrman to remove the trees at $550.00 each. Bill motioned to approve the quotes, seconded by Eric H. Doug abstained from the vote. All others voted Aye.

Doug mentioned the property on E. Sheridan needs mowed. But he asked if we could share the use of the brushhog at the sewer plant. Doug will talk to BPA members about using it.

Eric E. talked to Adam Dittoe. Adam would like to fill in his 30’well on his property. Kelly told Eric to have him call the Health Dept and they could explain the proper procedure.

Eric E. stated Jeff Emmert would like to open the alley around his property. Kenny Smith has a building in the middle of the alley that would need removed. Council will take a look at this.

A motion to suspend rules for executive session was made by Bill, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye. A motion to go into executive session with Police Chief at 8:30 to discuss a legal matter was made by Mike, and seconded by Eric E. All voted Aye. A motion to return from executive session to regular session at 8:40 was made by Mike, and seconded by Eric H. All voted Aye. No action taken.

**PAY ORDINANCE:** A motion by Eric H. to approve the pay ordinance was seconded by Mike. All voted Aye.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill, seconded by Eric H. at 8:50. All voted Aye.

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