**DECEMBER 20, 2016**

**VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT WERE: Mike Lally, Bill Mohler, Eric Emmert, Doug Fehrman, Eric Huston, and David Snider. Also present were Mayor Johnson, Kelly Beem, Will Flautt and Officer Jeff Pressdee.**

**Guests attending were Casey Fulk from Tribune, and Mitch Altier.**

**Mayor led The Pledge of Allegiance to open the meeting.**

**Minutes:** The minutes from December 6, 2016 were mailed out. With no changes, Mike motioned to approve and was seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

**Mitch Altier** presented several pay requests for the Water and Sewer Project**.**

Pay request #2 for Sewer Project in the amount of $32,020.00 to Downing Construction. Bill motioned to pay, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

Pay request # 4 for Water Project in the amount of $78,228.67 to Doll Layman and Larry Lang Excavating. Pay request #5 for Doll Layman in the amount of $60,687.52. Eric E. motioned to approve and pay both requests, seconded by Eric H. All voted Aye.

Mitch also shared a change order request of $10,196.00 for electrical work needed, and a change order for -$17017.76 in our favor for adjustments made. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Dave. All voted Aye.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Streetscape:** Kevin Wood submitted the Final Plans. Tom requested a pre-review of the budget with ODOT.

**St. Joe’s Lake:** Tom and Kelly received the new appraisal today, and will work on the closing.

**Somerset Innovation Gateway:** Tom had a conference call with OSU. We received 250k from Capital bill.

**Employee Health Insurance**: Kelly shared with Council different ways to cut employer costs for health insurance. The Village is currently paying $100,000 a year for employee, spouse and dependent coverage. Employees currently only pay $25.00 a month for their share. Bill motioned to go with employer paying 100% of the employee coverage, and pay 80% of the spouse and dependent coverage, beginning March 1, 2017. His motion was seconded by Eric E. All voted Aye.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MOA with Ohio Historical Society:** Mayor presented this agreement to allow Mayor to sign for downtown revitalization. Per Will Flautt’s approval, Dave motioned to allow, seconded by Eric H. All voted Aye.

**BUDGET:** Kelly and Tom reviewed the budget for 2017 with council. Kelly will present monthly budget reviews in 2017 to keep a closer look on the budget. Eric H. motioned to approve the budget, seconded by Dave. All voted Aye.

**Police Department:** Dave motioned to suspend rules to go into executive session. Seconded by Bill. All voted Aye. A motion by Dave, to go into executive session to discuss an Employee matter. Seconded by Eric H. All voted Aye. Mayor invited Will Flautt, Kelly Beem and Jeff Pressdee. Executive session began at 8:00pm. Council returned at 9:30pm and a motion to return to regular session was made by Doug, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye. No action taken.

**Nicholson Trailer Park:** Kelly has a purchase agreement for the property around the trailer park ready to send to Dick Nicholson. The purchase price is $175,000, for just over 42 acres. Bill motioned to approve Tom signing the agreement, seconded by Eric E. All voted Aye.

**PAY ORDINANCE 16-24:** Tom stated the Kimple Contract expires the end of the year that is why there is a payment request on the pay ordinance to Randy Kimple for $5,000.00. Tom will contact Mr. Kimple to request a new extension of the contract.

After reviewing the pay ordinance, Bill motioned to approve, which was seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Bill stated that there are openings on the Zoning Board. He would like to appoint Rick Strohl and Sean Bartholic to the board.

With no further business to discuss Dave motioned to adjourn, seconded by Eric E. All voted Aye. The meeting ended at 9:40 pm.

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Mayor Tom Johnson President David Snider

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Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem