**APRIL 18, 2017**

**SOMERSET VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**

**Members present were: David Snider, Bill Mohler, Mike Lally, Doug Fehrman and Eric Emmert. Also present were Kelly Beem, Stacey Hicks, Chief Pressdee and Solicitor Will Flautt.**

Guests included Kevin Snider and Mitch Altier

David Snider opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance

Kevin Snider approached council. The Methodist Church is wanting to separate 1 parcel into 2 at 119 W. Gay St. At the last Zoning meeting, which Will Flautt attended, they decided that the church needs to take this issue to Common Pleas Court. Mr. Flautt will attend on our behalf with approval from council. The Zoning committee is revising the zoning ordinance.

Mitch Altier gave a brief update on the water project. The new pumps and intake are installed at St. Joe’s Lake. Contractor is working on the VFD cards. The valve on lake was closed last Thursday and lake is starting to fill up.

**Minutes:** The minutes from April 4, 2017 were mailed out. Doug asked to have his name taken off the mowing on E. Sheridan St. Eric E. motioned to approve the amended minutes, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

**Old Business:**

**Streetscape:** Mitch reported the bid openings will be next Thursday at ODOT.

**Tax Levy:** No discussion or action taken.

**New Business:**

**Zoning Inspector:** Dean Throckmorton resigned last week as inspector. The Village needs to find a person willing to do this.

**Employee Evaluation:** Kelly had her evaluation with the Mayor. David Snider shared his comments with Council. The council made many positive comments about Kelly and praised her work.

David Snider presented an estimate for 2 tree removal at 218 S. Columbus St. from Mike Fehrman. The estimate is $1550.00. Bill motioned to approve and seconded by Eric E. All voted Aye, except Doug abstaining.

David Snider had Ron Padgett put up “No back end parking” signs back up on the square. People are still not paying attention to them. He also is having Ron paint the stripes for parking. He suggested to put up 2 hour parking signs as well. Kelly will talk with Police Chief on ordering signs.

Doug asked if we could get help from County to clean storm sewers.

Doug said that he had some boys pick up trash around St. Joe’s Lake. He will order pizza or subs for them as discussed at last meeting and return a receipt to Kelly for reimbursement.

It was mentioned that people are parking in a no parking area on E. Gay St. On the North side of Gay and High St., there is a yellow curb. Council would like to see curb repainted and a no parking sign installed. Kelly will get with Street Commissioner.

Kelly is also to tell Street Commissioner the storm sewer Kenny Smith’s house has sunk and needs raised.

Police Chief Pressdee stated that Ron installed 4 new speed limit signs around the Village, and they have been enforcing traffic more. Also Friday in Perry County, there was a Saturated Patrol Enforcement, which included 154 stops and some with drug arrests. He states that they are getting more pills than anything else right now.

Chief asked if he could trade a Glock 19 valued at $400.00 for a Marc’s radio valued at $1000.00 with Sergeant Matt May. May has an extra radio and is willing to trade for the Glock. Will Flautt will check the legality on this and get back with Chief.

Chief also talked about securing 2 2014 Dodge Chargers for $5,000, each. They both have only 70,000 miles and comes complete. He has an employee willing to donate 1 vehicle for a tax right off, if the Village would allow Chief to secure a loan for the other. David said to call area banks and ask for a Bridge loan or Promissory note for 1 year, until the new levy money comes in next year. Will Flautt is also to check the laws on an employee donating and get back with Chief.

**Pay Ordinance 17-08:** Council reviewed the payables and asked for the Water and Sewer departments to purchase items locally and not outside of town if possible. We need to support our Village businesses as much as possible. Doug motioned to approve the ordinance, seconded by Eric E. All voted Aye.

Doug motioned to adjourn the meeting with nothing further to discuss, seconded by Mike. All voted Aye. Meeting ended at 8:40pm.

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President David Snider Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem