**MAY 17, 2016**

**SOMERSET VILLAGE COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: DAVE SNIDER, ERIC HUSTON, DOUG FEHRMAN, MIKE LALLY, BILL MOHLER, AND ERIC EMMERT. ALSO PRESENT WERE MAYOR TOM JOHNSON, WILL FLAUTT, KELLY BEEM, CHIEF VANDERMARK, JANE FOULK AND STACEY LEWIS.**

**GUESTS INCLUDED MITCH ALTIER, JENNY LARUE, AND CASEY SARGEL FROM TRIBUNE.**

**MINUTES:**  Tom asked if there were any questions regarding the minutes from May 3 that were mailed out. No questions. Doug motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mike. All voted Aye, except Eric Huston abstaining since he wasn’t at that meeting.

Mitch Altier presented Pay Request #3 to council after having the BPA approve it. It is for $94,605.58 to Waugh Construction. The sewer project still has a few issues to complete, before hooking up. A motion to approve the pay request was made by Bill, seconded by Dave. All voted Aye.

Mitch also stated that the Water Project bids will be opened Thursday at 11.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**TOBACCO ORDINANCE:** Jenny Larue wants Council to motion to approve or disapprove the ordinance regulating Tobacco in Somerset. There was no discussion held and no motion made. So the ordinance is rejected. The tobacco Ordinance is now dropped

**STREETSCAPE II:** Tom, Dave, Doug and Engineers discussed the process and scope of work. Curb cuts were discussed, and trees were also brought up. Jane, Stacey and Tom walked around the streets with Ann Bonner looking at places for new trees.

**OUTDOOR WOODBURNERS:** Kelly stated she went to Ohio EPA website, and they do not have any regulations on outdoor furnaces.

**STUDENT ART SHOW:** Jane was invited to judge the art show. They had 42 submissions, and they chose 4 winners. She states the artwork was amazing.

Tom’s intern Pearl got a full time job and is no longer working for Somerset. He asks Council to approve Olive Miller to replace her at $15.00 an hour. She has a college degree and will work 20 hours per week for 2-3 months. A motion to approve Olive as a new intern was made by Eric H., and seconded by Eric E. All voted Aye.

Doug Fehrman had to leave meeting at 7:55pm.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Chief Vandermark** spoke to council about the upcoming levy for The Police department. He is suggesting increasing the millage. Kelly is to figure how much is needed to fund the Police Department and report at next meeting.

Chief also presented to Council a report of calls from 2016 that The Police Department has received.

A motion to suspend rules for executive session was made by Bill, seconded by Dave. All voted Aye. A motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters was made by Mike, and seconded by Eric H. All voted Aye. They entered executive session at 8:00pm. Council returned at 8:20pm by a motion from Bill, and seconded by Dave. All voted Aye. No action was taken.

Dave motioned to give all the Police Officers a pay increase to $15.00 each. Eric Houston seconded this motion. All voted Aye.

Dave mentioned that Ron needs help and wants to hire Chris Aliff at $10.00 an hour for about 20 hours a week. Chris has been helping Ron without pay for a while now. Bill motioned to approve hiring Chris as contracted services, and Eric E. seconded his motion. All voted Aye.

**RES. 16-07 EMERALD NECKLACE:** Eric H. motioned to approve, seconded by Mike. All voted Aye.

**RES. 16-08 STREETSCAPE III:** Mike motioned to approve, seconded by Dave. All voted Aye.

**PAY ORDINANCE 16-10:** The pay ordinance was reviewed by council. Eric E. motioned to approve, seconded by Dave. All voted Aye.

**ST. JOE’S LAKE:** Dave informed Council that we are waiting on Andy Knisley to complete the right of way easement so we can close on the property.

Bill mentioned that in The Ohio Fish Magazine, St. Joe’s Lake was listed as one of Ohio’s Best Inland Bass Fishing Lake.

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm by a motion from Dave, and seconded by Eric H.

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Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem