**VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2016**

**Council Members present were: Doug Fehrman, Eric Huston, Mike Lally, and Bill Mohler. Dave Snider was acting Mayor in Tom Johnsons’ absence. Employees present were Kelly Beem, Stacey Hicks, and Chief VanDermark. Solicitor Will Flautt was also present.**

**Guests included Casey Fulk from Tribune; Melissa Marolt from PC Library System, Sam Staschiak from AmeriCorps with Lincoln Whitlow and Sarah Landers.**

**Dave Snider opened the meeting by leading The Pledge of Allegiance.**

Dave opened the floor to Sam Staschiak from AmeriCorps. Sam introduced Lincoln Whitlow. Lincoln explained his project to help promote water quality. Volunteers are painting “No Dumping, Drains to Rivers” on storm drains to raise awareness about storm water pollution. Storm drains are connected to local waterways, emptying directly into nearby stream and rivers. This project is called “Rain to River” from Appalachian Ohio Clean Watershed Initiative.

Next the meeting was turned to the Library with Melisa Marolt. Melisa explained the details and reasoning on building the new library at the Park. But also has concerns. Her main concern is Mike Clouse Drive. Is it an entrance to the Park or a Public Road? Other concerns she shared is, if Zoning has road frontage requirements. The Zoning Board was present at this meeting and discussed. Lots of questions and concerns from the public were heard as well. Will Flautt is to check all the Zoning regulations and report back to Council.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from September 6th, were mailed in advanced. Doug motioned to approve the minutes, and Mike seconded. All voted Aye.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

 **Streetscape: Nothing to report.**

 **Nellie Sheridan:** Stacey asked Council if they would be interested in signing a Letter of Interest for the Statue in order for the committee to apply for grants. A motion by Doug, and seconded by Eric H. to approve the letter. Stacey will give it to Gwen Young.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

 **Aflac:** Aflac is offering the employees of The Village free Fraud Protection for 12 months. It is available for everyone whether they have Aflac or not. On the 13th month, The Village will be charged .35 cents per employee to continue. Aflac is also introducing Telemedicine to our employees. Employees can go online or call and speak to a doctor or nurse instead of going to Urgent Care or Emergency room. A co-payment of $25.00 will be paid each time by the employee. This is also a free service to employees and families.

 **Upstairs Rentals.** We have been contacted by 2 people to rent the upstairs for Yoga classes and Pi-yo (Piliate-yoga) classes. We will charge the same as the Zumba classes and obtain schedules from them all.

**PAY ORDINANCE 16-18:** Council reviewed the pay ordinance. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Doug would like to thank the Fire department for flushing culverts on High St. during construction.

Dean Throckmorton stated that the road on Fancy and St. Patrick Drive needs repaired after a sewer force main was repaired. Dave will look into this.

Doug mention the fire department is hosting a Bean Dinner on Oct 23rd and they are also doing a raffle. We will post this on our website as well.

With nothing further to discuss Doug motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mike. All voted Aye.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.

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Kelly Beem Fiscal Officer