

NOVEMBER 28, 2023
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

Members present: Ryan Green, Bill Mohler, Chris Shonk and Mechelle Siemer. Also present were Mayor Johnson, Will Flautt, Kelly Beem and Chief Schons. Cindy Hayes was present. She will be on council starting in January.

Police Update: Chief Schons shared his stats for the 2-week period. Nothing much to report.

MINUTES: The minutes from November 14, 2023 was reviewed. Chris motioned to approve, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye, except Mechelle abstained.

OLD BUSINESS:

Appalachian Community Grant Application: Mayor Johnson reported the application is due next Friday. We are asking for funding for the Community Kitchen and Callahan property thru Hocking College. The Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachian is interested in submitting the Masterplan for St. Joes.

The Capital Bill is due Dec. 18th. We are submitting the same applications. Senator Matt Dolen will be in Somerset next Tuesday.

We will apply for the Urban Forestry Grant. The grant offers 50k- up to 100k. for trees and urban forestry.

ODOT/STREETSCAPE: Our Letter of Intent (LOI) was approved for 1.9 million. This is for all of Sheridan Ave. sidewalks. Tom would like to have an Infrastructure Committee. Ryan and Chris said they would like on the committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

COUNCIL VACANCY: Tom asked council for a recommendation for the open seat. Chris motioned to appoint Eric Emmert, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye except Mechelle with a no vote.

INSURANCE: Council received 2 quotes for liability insurance. The first was from USI PEP group and the second was from Wichert with Selective Insurance. Chris motioned to approve USI, seconded by Bill. Mechelle, Bill and Ryan voted No. Chris voted yes. Chris motioned to approve Wichert, seconded by Mechelle. Mechelle, Ryan and Bill voted Yes. Chris voted No. The motion to have Wichert serve our insurance needs passed.

2024 BUDGET: Kelly needs the budget passed as an emergency in order to have appropriations ready for the next meeting. Bill motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye. Bill motioned to approve the 2024 Budget on an Emergency Passage, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

The December meeting will be Monday, Dec. 11th at 6pm and not on Tuesday the 12th. That will be the last meeting of the year.

Tom presented an invoice for the Builders Club for \$370.00 for approval. Its for the Senior Tech Program. Mechelle motioned to approve, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

PAY ORDINANCE 19-23: Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye.

We need to approve the new Zoning Ordinance.

Bill motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye.

President Eric Emmert

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem