

APRIL 11, 2023
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

Members present were Bill Mohler, Eric Emmert, Mechelle Siemer, Ryan Green and Chris Shonk. Also present were Mayor Johnson, Kelly Beem, Chief Schons and Will Flautt.

MINUTES: Bill motioned to approve the minutes from March 29th, 2023, seconded by Eric. Mechelle abstained, but all others voted Aye.

POLICE UPDATE:

Chief Schons shared an ordinance from New Lexington to permit and regulate the operation of certain golf carts, utility vehicles, and ATV's. Solicitor Flautt will review it. Discussion on a County Wide Ordinance and Mayor asked Chief to talk with the Commissioners. Mechelle will also talk with the Commissioners.

The Car Show in September was discussed. Discussed the issues with closing the square. Emi's cannot maneuver on our side streets without damaging yards and signs. Chief Schon is meeting with Jonathon at ODOT about this.

There is an Active Shooters class on May1st at 1pm at the Library.

Mayor asked Chief Schons if he would work with the County Court to have Community Service workers come in and clean our office and the Builders Club.

The Horticulture Club is having their Spring Clean Up day on Earth Day, Sat. April 27th.

OLD BUSINESS:

W. Sheridan Alley: Eric and Ryan met with Tristen from AEP. Nothing to new to report at this time. Mr. McCallister is here to discuss his alley at 214 W. Sheridan. He states the alley is improperly paved, and it washes gravel with every rain. Kelly will have Ryan look at it.

St. Rt. 668 Property: Mayor stated he closed on the property on the 31st of March. We have the keys to the house if anyone would like to see it. Kelly and Tom are working on annexation of the property. Kelly states we need to petition the County. She will have an ordinance ready for the next council meeting. Tom is working with Environmental Design Group for a master plan. We need to sell the house with some acreage. He would like Community Input on the rest of the property, so a Public Meeting will be held in the near future. He asked Chief Schons if the Police could monitor the house and barns. It was also brought up to annex the Water Plant, Sewer Plant and St. Joseph's Lake so our officers can patrol it as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

SBC: The Builders club is hosting an Esports Smackdown event, a Medicare information class, Artificial Intelligence class and others. Tom stated Trace Johnson has done a great job and would like to have a contract with him and compensate him from the Grants we have received. He will have Trace draft an agreement contract with us.

ODOT SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL CONTRACT FOR 2023-2025: ODOT removes snow and ice on US 22, SR 13, SR 757 and SR 668. Mechelle motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

Chief Slack Memorial: Chief Slack served Somerset for 25 years and we would like to honor him. The Horticulture Club doesn't have any Flower pots available. It was mentioned to put a bench in front of the Police Dept. Kelly will talk with Jenny Larue about benches.

RES. 6-23: TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS: Kelly needs to increase resources and appropriations for the General Fund \$125,000 for the 668 property, and \$9,300.00 for the Park to purchase a new tractor. Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye. Kelly will send to County Auditor for approval.

PAY ORDINANCE 4-23: Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

MARCH Financials and Bank Reconciliation: Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

Kelly to have Ryan put up no parking sign at the boat ramp at St. Joes. People are parking there not allowing boats to dock.

Bill stated there is a zoning meeting Thursday at 6pm.

Eric stated that Ed Snider has retired from the fire department after 50 years of service to the community. Kelly will work on a proclamation for him.

Council would like an update on all the hydrants not working in the Village and would like to know when they will be repaired.

Kelly to find out when our last paving in the village was and how much we have available with the County Engineers Office.

No further business was discussed.

President Eric Emmert

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem