

APRIL 12, 2022
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

Members present: Ryan Green, Bill Mohler, Chris Shonk, Doug Fehrman, Mechelle Siemer and Eric Emmert. Also present were Mayor Johnson, and Kelly Beem. Jeff Pressdee and Matt May joined by Zoom .

Minutes: Mechelle made a comment on the minutes from March 23, 2022. The Tavern is owned by Mike Flautt and not the Historical Society. Kelly will change that. Eric motioned to approve with the change, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye, except Mechelle abstained.

Tim Sword is here with an update on the Builders Club: Most all of the equipment has been installed and working. The flooring will be purchased by Hocking College. It was agreed to have a wood floor put down. Hocking may install the floor with students as a class. Structure issues need addressed. Tim received a quote for up to \$3,500 for a structure report. Hvac also needs looked at. Council would like to see if the roof would hold an HVAC system in the study. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye. GED classes will get started soon. Tim is working with Will Flautt to establish a non-profit for the Builders Club and an SBC advisory board.

Bill motioned to suspend rules and go into executive session to discuss Personnel, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye. Kelly and Jeff Pressdee were invited. Bill motioned to return from executive session back to regular session, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye. No action taken.

Mayor Johnson has been in contact with an Attorney in Municipal Law. Bill also stated to contact Ohio Municipal League for Attorney.

Matt May joined by phone now. Cruiser turbo is out and \$4,375 in repairs. Mechelle motioned to get the 2017 Explorer repaired, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

Mayor shared that Jeff has received Medical Disability and will not be able to return to work. Bill motioned to approve Mayor signed a disability letter for Jeff, upon Will Flautt's approval, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

Matt reviewed with Council some applications that have been received for Police Officer. Mayor wants Council to go into executive session again to discuss Police Personnel and the Chief position.

Matt presented Mayor and Council with a letter from his Attorney to address any personnel issues, we are to contact his.

Doug motioned to suspend rules and go into executive session, to discuss Personnel, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye. Bill motioned to return from executive session, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye. No action taken.

Eric motioned to authorize Mayor to hire outside Council to handle the Police Department Personnel issues, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

Doug motioned to post the Police Chief position due to the retirement disability of Chief Pressdee, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

Doug motioned to give Kelly a pay increase to \$25.00 an hour, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

Social Media Policy: No Discussion

Roundabout: We need more information about Pedestrian safety.

ODOT Paving 757 Agreement: Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Garage Doors for Street: To discuss further at next meeting with Ryan.

Strong & Co. are looking to put benches and planters out on their patio instead of the black fence. We need to discuss with Sam Tuten on the design. Council is concerned with the sidewalk space being too crowded.

PAY ORDINANCE 8-22: Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

MARCH BANK REC & FINANCIALS: Kelly reports ending the month with \$790,834.36. Mechelle motioned to approve, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

Doug brought up the mowing at cemetery on Market St. Council needs to have a conversation with the Township Trustees. Costs for fuel are increasing rapidly, and we want Ryan and Noelle compensated. Eric is to ask Trustees to attend next meeting.

No further business to discuss, Doug motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem

President Eric Emmert