

**APRIL 27, 2021**  
**VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING**

**Members present were:** Mike Lally, David Snider, Bill Mohler, Mechelle Siemer and Eric Emmert. Also present were Mayor Johnson, Kelly Beem, Will Flautt and Matt May and Aaron May.

Kelly Morman- from Foundation of Appalachian Ohio joined our Zoom meeting. We have \$19,722.94 in our Endowment Fund. We can distribute \$795.00 this year to a Community Initiative Program. We also have an additional \$1,500.00 Community Engagements to disperse this year. And she reminded us that every dollar donated is match up to 50%.

Talk asked for an update on the Farmers Market from Mechelle. The first market is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Mechelle is the Marketing Manager for P.C. Farmers Market. She is looking for 6' tables and some tents for vendors around the square. They are also offering online orders and credit cards. This Saturday they will be handing out 100 pine tree and seedlings. David motioned to give our Farmers Market the \$795.00 for the Endowment Fund, seconded by Mike. All voted Aye, except Mechelle abstaining.

Joey Henrickson joined on Zoom. Joey was the leader with the Columbus Symphony coming to Somerset last year, and he is also working on the Signage Program with the National Endowment of Arts. The NEA approved our additional funding, so draw requests will begin very soon. The Columbus Symphony is coming back to Somerset Aug. 22, 2021.

Alex Bandar also joined Zoom. Most construction is complete. Just a door and a ramp need to get done. There will be another small change order for about \$1200.00. The equipment Grant ends May 31, 2021, so the next meeting we will have to decide what to purchase in order to meet the deadline.

**Minutes:** David motioned to approve the minutes from March 23, 2021, and Eric seconded. All voted Aye, except Mike abstaining.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**OUTDOOR SEATING:** No update at this time. Brett Alphin has visited businesses and working on a plan.

**Traffic Study:** ODOT is working on a plan for the Square. Mechelle would like to see speed strips as you get close to the square.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Broadband:** Tom is focusing on Appalachian Ohio for better Broadband for Telecommunications. If approved, we could get free Broadband and SBC if we allow them to but a tower on our Water Tank. We received a quote from Spectrum of \$800.00.

**Police Tax Levy:** Kelly shared that the Police Levy expires this year. It currently is a 6.5 mill levy. We can either renew or replace the levy. David asked Kelly to get the comparison figures for next meeting.

**Res. 21-05 To Apply for ARC Funding:** Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

**Dead Tree:** Tom said there is a dead tree in front t of Dr. Shover's office. David said there is one Pig Foot Square as well. Tom would like to receive quotes on cutting the trees.

**Mower and Trailer:** Ryan has requested to purchase a zero-turn mower and a trailer to haul the mower and push mowers, etc. We currently do not have a trailer for the Street Dept. Kelly will get quotes for trailers by the next meeting.

**POLICE UPDATE:** Matt would council approval on a Mutual Aid agreement with Thornville. For emergency use only. Each department will back up the other. Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle.

Aaron May stepped in talking about the purchase of a new Cruiser through the American Rescue Plan. There are other departments utilizing the funds for Cruisers. The will allow for safe separation of officers. The cost of the cruiser would be \$39,858.00 fully equipment, painted etc. Council will take it under advisement.

David would like to increase Noelle Davis .50 an hour. She is a very hard worker. Mechelle motioned to approve, seconded by David. All voted Aye.

**PAY ORDINANCE 6-21:** Bill motioned to approve, seconded by David. All voted Aye.

Kelly shared the March Financials and Bank Reconciliation. Eric motioned to approve, seconded by David. All voted Aye.

With no further business to discuss, Mechelle motioned to adjourn, seconded by Bill. Everyone with a yes vote.

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President David Snider

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Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem