

AUGUST 23, 2022
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

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

Mayor opened the meeting by discussing Appalachian Grant Funding. On Wednesday, there is a tour of Perry County including Somerset with Ohio Dept of Development Director Lydia Mahalik, Governor's Office of Appalachia Director John Carey, and many others. Topics to include all the possible funding options to our area. Senator Jay Hottinger and State Rep. Kevin Miller will also be attending with about 30 other dignitaries Purpose is to prepare for Appalachian Community Funding.

MINUTES: The minutes from August 9, 2022 was reviewed. Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye, except Mechelle abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS:

OUTDOOR SEATING: Jessica is here from Strong's showing drawing of what their outdoor seating will look like. The total cost for her project is \$35,315.26. Chris motioned to approve our cost share amount of \$26,486.45 from ARPA Funds, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye, except Ryan abstained.

SCHOOLEY CALDWELL PROPOSAL FOR SBC: Their proposal is for structural stabilization report, for basic services of \$8,000.00 and expenses will be billed at a rate not to exceed \$500.00. Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Schons reported that Officer Barringer is leaving his part time duty here for a full time position in Morgan County. The property room door has been replaced with a steel door. Ryan installed the door and he did a great job. The Elementary School Outreach program would like community leaders to read a book to their second graders. Speeding is an issue. Noise is an issue, and properties are an issue. Mechelle motioned to approve the first reading for an ordinance for property code enforcements. Seconded by Eric. All voted Aye. Ryan motioned to create a Noise Ordinance, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chris motioned to suspend rules, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

Eric motioned to go into executive session to discuss personnel, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye. Mechelle motioned to return to regular session, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye. No action taken.

Village Manager Position: Ryan motioned to authorize Mayor and Kelly to create a Village Manager position subject to funding, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye except Mechelle with a no vote.

Municipal Income Tax: Ryan motioned to approve the beginnings of imposing a 1% Income tax, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

PAY ORDINANCE 16-22: Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye. Mechelle abstained.

BANK REC AND FINANCIALS: Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye.

With no further business to discuss, Eric motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

President Eric Emmert

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem