

AUGUST 9, 2022
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

Members present: Ryan Green, Bill Mohler, Chris Shonk, Doug Fehrman and Eric Emmert. Also present were Mayor Johnson, Chief Schons, Will Flautt, Kelly Beem, Karen Cooperider and Jim Wilson.

Mayor opened the meeting by introducing Preston Frick. Preston is an Intern for County Commissioners and is working on all the new Grants coming in to Perry County. Tom wanted everyone to hear about all the future grants that may be coming. Preston stated there is a meeting on Wednesday in New Lex to inform everyone of the grants, and application process.

The Reading Twp Trustees, Wes Snider and Jim Emmert were here along with their Fiscal Officer Ann Sweeney. They discussed the possibility of establishing a Joint Cemetery District with the Village. Ann stated they would need to form a committee or Board of Directors. Then, a levy would need to be placed on the ballot for operating expenses. The Board would be a separate entity apart from the Township and Village, and hire their own Fiscal Officer. The Board would consist of Township and Village appointed people. Ann also requested the Village and Township provide some funds to this Cemetery Entity for start up until a Tax Levy is approved by voters. Eric motioned to have our Attorney research this and report at the next meeting.

Jessie Moore was here to discuss the storm water drainage at her resident on Fancy Court. Chris and Ryan Yzenski checked the situation along with having the Fire Department blow out the line. It was found that there is a pinched drained about 4 foot inside the grate. Chris is working on a solution.

A motion to suspend rules was made by Doug, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye.

A motion to go into executive session to discuss Personnel Issues was made by Doug, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye. Mayor invited, Karen, Jim, Kelly and Will to attend.

A motion to return to regular session was made by Bill, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye. No action was taken.

Doug motioned to approve BPA's request to raise Ike Hynus to \$27.50 an hour, and Lane Mulford to \$18.50 an hour, and to hire Kenny Beisser for \$30.00 an hour for 4 hours a day five days a week as the Wastewater Operator on file. Bill seconded his motion. All voted Aye. Kelly will post the Operators position and W/s Technician positions.

Chief Schons gave an update for the Police Dept. He asked council to approve purchasing 3 laptops for the department complete with everything they need for around \$750.00 and to approve new street parking signs and a new Police Dept sign for around \$2700.00. He is working with Brian Nash on the signs. Bill motioned to approve the purchase of Laptops and signs, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye. Officer Rushing is checking around for prices of Gun Safes to hold their evidence.

MINUTES: Doug motioned to approve the minutes from July 12, 2022, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

PAY ORDINANCE 15-22 Eric found an error on the ordinance for Kelly to correct. Doug motioned to approve the Ordinance once adjusted, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

Kelly is to search for an Ordinance created years ago regarding back end parking on the square and report at the next meeting.

Res. 9-22 to approve OWDA Loan for an emergency repair to the Water Tank on Gay St. Mayor would like to hold off on this 100% to see if IBI can find a Grant to cover a portion of this. Mayor will go to the next BPA meeting and have Mitch attend.

Discussion was held that with all the new funding becoming available, it would be nice to have a Village Manager who can administer the Grants, and manage the Village. Kelly will prepare a budget at the next meeting. An Income Tax was also discussed.

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

President Eric Emmert

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem