

**FEBRUARY 11, 2020**  
**VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING**

**Members Present** were Bill Mohler, Doug Fehrman, Mechelle Siemer and David Snider. Also present were Mayor Johnson, Kelly Beem, Will Flautt and Sgt. Matt May. Jim Wilson was here for BPA.

**GUESTS:**

**Judge Dean Wilson provided** Council with an update of cases from last year. The total caseload for Somerset was 218, which is down a little from last year. He stated that approximately 75% of crime is related to felony drug charges. He credits the decrease to our officers for being visible. He commented that our Police Dept. is very active and highly respected throughout Perry County. Judge talked about the need of a County Jail and talked about possible locations. The County spent about 1.6 million last year housing inmates at other facilities.

**Minutes:** Bill motioned to approve the minutes from Jan. 28, 2020, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye except Mechelle since she was absent.

**Old Business:**

**No old business was discussed.**

**New Business:**

**Street Commissioner:** Doug motioned to re-appoint Ron Padgett as Street Commissioner for 2020. Bill seconded. All voted Aye.

**Council President:** Doug nominated David Snider as President, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye. David accepted.

**Park Agreement:** The Township Trustees signed the agreement with a few changes. Council would like Will Flautt to review and advice before the next meeting.

**Streetscape:** The RFQ's were advertised and the opening of requests is in late February. Tom asked if a couple Council members would get involved and follow up with Kevin Wood at IBI. David and Doug agreed to do meet with Kevin.

**WSRLA 0% Loan for Water Improvements:** Tom asked Jim Wilson about the Infrastructure of water and sewer lines and which lines have not been replaced yet. Jim stated that he has the maps and will meet with Ike and Paul. He believes the maps are wrong. Tom also wants to know the amount of the loan. We used to be able to get 100% Grants and now it's split 50% Loan and 50% Grant. Jim Wilson also stated the need for a clerk. Tom said to focus on important things such as extending the lines, improvements instead of a Clerk. Tom also stated that Kelly is not a go between, between Council and BPA and appreciates that Jim is coming to the meetings.

**2020 Wage Increases:** At the last meeting, Council approved a 3% increase for the water and sewer departments. Tom asked Matt May on his recommendations for Police increases. Matt said that all Sgt. Pays should be equal. Mechelle motioned to give the Police and Street Commissioner a 3% increase. This was seconded by Bill. All voted Aye. Tom will meet with Eric Emmert on Matt's suggestion.

**Granite:** Kelly was contacted by Granit who is a supplier for AT&T, such as suppliers for Gas and Electric. Bill read the information and doesn't think it would be a good fit for Somerset.

**Ordinance 01-2020:** This ordinance is to accept the Ohio Revised Code. David motioned to approve, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

**Transportation Safety Grants:** Tom shared information about a Grant from ODOT that funds 100% for Transportation. Mechelle with work with Jenny and talk with ODOT.

**Pop Up Business Competition:** Tom stated this is the second week of classes and everyone is very engaged. Julie Paxton from North Valley Bank was there tonight discussing financing and Credit Scores.

Kelly presented the December 2019 and January 2020 Bank reconciliations. Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

**Pay Ordinances 3-2020 & 4-2020.** After reviewing the bills, Bill motioned to approve, seconded by David. All voted Aye.

Mechelle motioned to adjourn, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

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President David Snider

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Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem