

APRIL 23, 2020
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT BY ZOOM: David Snider, Bill Mohler, Doug Ferhman, and Mechelle Siemer. Also present were Mayor Johnson, Kelly Beem, Sgt. Matt May, Will Flautt, Tim Sword and Todd Christenson.

MINUTES: David motioned to approve the minutes from February 25th and March 10th. Doug seconded his motion. All voted Aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

Somerset Community Fund Update: Mayor reports we currently have \$1,500.00 in mini grants yearly. We have a challenge to match \$3,000. Grants could be distributed to local businesses struggling to keep open with Covid-19.

NEW BUSINESS:

USDA WHITE BOARDS: We can purchase 10 White Boards for area businesses thru the USDA Grant. The total for these are \$1,743.00. David motioned to approve, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

Res. 20-02: Doug motioned to send to County Auditor to certify resources for a Replacement .5 mill levy. David seconded his motion. Bill, David and Doug voted Yes. Mechelle No. Motion passed.4

Res. 20-04 Create New Park Fund: Discussion on the Park Agreement was held.

Doug motions to authorize the new fund of 2041 for Parks and recreations, also it is Councils opinion that all Village and Township Parks are to be included. Council would like to have a Park Board Designee delegate up to \$500.00 spending. And anything over will be approved by Park and Council.

David seconded his motion... All voted Aye except Bill abstained. Mayor requests a formal budget from Park Board.

Ord. 2-20 Permissive Motor Vehicle Tax (Second Reading) Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye. Mayor stats that revenue will be decreasing because gas tax and sales tax are decreased due to Covid 19. We need information on an Income Tax that does not increase taxes, but is sharable for work and residents areas.

Spring Clean-up day will be May 16th. Century National Bank is donating \$5,000 to the Horticulture Club. The Horticulture club held a spaghetti dinner and raised \$1500.00. The focus will be on Pig Foot Square.

FARMERS MARKET WILL BEGIN AS WELL. There are special guidelines that must be made. Masks, Hand sanitizers, paper towels, water must be available.

Designate six-foot distances between vendors/people

Hand sanitizer and products readily available

Hand washing stations

In order to purchase these and promote the Market, Tom asked for Council to match \$500.00 the Market has raised already. Doug motioned to allow up to \$500.00 for marketing and supplies, seconded by David. All voted Aye.

HOSPITAL ROAD: The road is about ready to be paved in May. The curb was cut for Saums to get to the back of their property. David motions to name the road "Dr Charles E Bope Dr". Bill seconded his motion. All voted Aye. Kelly will contact the Engineers office and order a street sign. Tentative, there will be a ribbon cutting on May 31.

LETTER OF COMMITMENT FOR SOMERSET BUILDERS CLUB. Todd Christensen requested that council authorize the Mayor to submit a commitment letter to the Appalachian Regional Commission committing available funds if the project is awarded. The Commitment letter states: The Village of Somerset brings \$102,000 in match funding to the project through the remaining uncommitted value of the SBC building, \$6,000 in match funding through North Valley Bank rental commitment, and \$9,000 in match through Underwood's rental commitment, for a total of \$117,000.00. David motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

Trees: 204 N. Columbus St. Owner wants tree trimmed. Council will trim tree this fall.

Doug received a quote from Arbor Barbers of \$,4500.00 to remove the tree at 204 S. Columbus. It is a dead Ash tree. They will bring a crane in and remove tree. The stump will be removed at property owner's expense. Tom would like to repurpose as much of the tree as possible. Traffic Control will be needed. Bill motioned to approve seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

PAY ORDINANCE 7-2020. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

March Financials and Bank Rec was shared by Kelly. David motioned to approve, seconded Doug. All voted Aye.

Fourth of July Celebration. Doug motion to approve up to \$2,000 for the celebration, Mechelle seconded. All voted Aye. This will be contingent if the Park is opened, and gatherings are allowed due to Covid-19.

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

President David Snider

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem