

MAY 26, 2020
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING
LIVE STREAMING

Members present were: Bill Mohler, Doug Fehrman, Eric Emmert and Mechelle Siemer. Also present were Mayor Johnson, Kelly Beem, Will Flautt, Sgt. Matt May, Jenny Larue, Tim Sword and Michelle Robinson.

MINUTES: Bill motioned to approve the minutes from April 23, 2020, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye, except Eric abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS:

Design Review Guidelines: Tom has all the ordinances regarding the Preservation of Historic District. The Committee needs to review and go thru the process of boundaries, and giving governing docs to all business owners in the district. He will schedule a design review meeting by next council meeting. MKSK is updating the Zoning for this as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

Zoning Inspector: There are a lot of permits and violations in the Village that need addressed. Mayor talked with Inspector Brian Boyle and Brian said he doesn't have time to do all this, but will continue until a new person is appointed. Jenny questioned, how are the permits to be finalized? Michelle Robinson will coordinate a Zoning/Planning meeting for Tuesday, June 1 at 6pm, to discuss Inspector, and take final issues to council on June 9th. Jenny thinks a council member needs to be on the Zoning committee.

Street Dept. Summer Help: Ron would like to hire back this summer Noelle Davis. She will work 15-20 hours a week as needed. Doug motioned to hire Noelle at \$10.50 an hour for up to 20 hours a week as needed, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye. Noelle does a very nice job.

Ordinance 2-20 Third reading for PMVL Tax Increase. This ordinance will create an additional \$5.00 per motor vehicle in Somerset. Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

Streetscape Design and Fees: Kelly presented the agreements from IBI pertaining to the design along with fees. Tom would like a couple council members, himself and Kevin Wood walk the proposed project for input before deciding on which contract. This will be next week so Council can approve at their next meeting. Tom stated that John Ruyf on N Columbus would like to have a driveway cut in. This can also be looked at.

Sensible Marijuana Petition: Kelly received thru the Nite Box another petition. Someone will be out petitioning signatures again and just wanted Council to know.

Bed Tax: Jenny LaRue sent Kelly a Bed Tax Resolution from Thorn Twp. Will Flautt will look at it and advise at next council.

Community Yard Sales: Kelly has had several requests for the yard sales. The dates of June 5-7 has been chosen. Kelly provided a guidance for the yard sales for social distancing.

Park/Pool update: Eric stated the Park Board met today, and voted unanimously to open the pool. No date for opening as of yet because there is a lot of work to the pool that is needed. Tim Sword also asked if the water bill to the pool can be forgiven by BPA since they will be losing money this year and asked if Council would purchase and fund all the Hand Sanitizers, and disinfectants. Mechelle texted BPA President Jim Wilson. Jim will talk with the other members and get back.

Dedication of New Access Road: The new road is about complete and we need to schedule the dedication ceremony. We will work with ODOT and hopefully this can be done within 2 weeks.

Employee Medical Insurance: Kelly reports our current policy expires August 1. She received notice from Jeff Cashman at Wichert Insurance that our current plan will increase by 7.8%. Kelly said we have options. We have time to shop around for better rates, approve the policy as is, increase deductible, etc. Council agreed to have Jeff shop around and see what is available.

PAY ORDINANCE 8-2020 Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

April Bank Rec and Financials: Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

Tom received complaints of our field on E. Sheridan needing mowed. Doug stated Ron can hook up with the Brush Hog from the Water/Sewer departments and mow. Mechelle will talk with BPA regarding this. BPA previously said we could use it, but if we break the Brush Hog, we pay for repairs.

Jenny talked with Josh from Barnes Advertising regarding the signs for Genesis. Zoning approved the new signs, and they requested they remove the 2 signs at the Post Office.

Tom asked BPA (Jim Wilson) and Paul how much it would cost to install water spigots to water plants around the square. Paul gave a price of around \$3,000, plus they would have to cut into the new sidewalk. Doug stated there used to be a spigot on the corner of the courthouse. Doug also mentioned to put a hand pump on the cistern on the square.

Bill questioned if the property we own by the trailer park could be used for farming until Council decides what to do with it. It would help so we wouldn't have to worry about mowing it. Tom would like to refer this till next meeting.

Michelle Robinson had a Pre-Construction Meeting today regarding the Babb house. They will need to close off the street in front (about 5 parking spaces) to have a crane and trailers to remove debris. Kelly mentioned that ODOT will be paving soon and they should contact them.

Tom shared with council the 3 winners for the Pop up Competition. It was a 6 week program and the winners are: Terri Reichley, Maxwell's Pizza and Reid Curtis with a Mid-Western Used clothing store. Tom will have a media promotion to award the winners.

Sgt. Matt May confirmed that all area businesses are staying compliant with the Covid-19 specs.

Tom and Ann Bonner walked the streets looking at trees. There is a big maple tree on Pig Foot square with dead wood. This will be pruned in September.

Doug would like to Thank the Horticulture Club and everyone involved for making the square look beautiful.

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

President David Snider

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem