

JUNE 23, 2020
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

Members present were: Mechelle Siemer, Bill Mohler, Eric Emmert, David Snider, Doug Fehrman and Mike Lally. Also present were Mayor Johnson, Kelly Beem and Will Flautt. Guests included Alex Bandar, Bob Loversidge, Mitch Altier, Tim Sword and Julie Stenson.

Julie Stenson is here to talk about her sign permit for B&K. Her permit was approved by the previous Zoning Inspector, but the new Inspector said it could not be flashing or scrolling. She is ok with that, and the new sign has been ordered with LED lighting.

Bob Loversidge from Schooley Caldwell gave a presentation of the new Somerset design Guidelines for the Historic District. The study is presented as a general guide for maintaining the existing character and charm of the Historic District through preservation of its architecture.

Mitch Altier gave an update from the Pre-Construction meeting for the Waterline project and Tank Painting. Both will begin mid July. He also asked council to choose a paint color for the tank. TAM will be doing the Waterline project, and D&M will paint the tank.

MINUTES: The minutes from May 26th and June 9th were presented for approval. Mechelle Siemer was not added on the member's present list for June 9th, so Kelly will amend that. Doug motioned to approve both minutes, with amendment, seconded by Mike. All voted Aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

POOL UPDATE: Tim Sword and Eric Emmert report the pool is 95%. The chemicals will be arriving soon, then the Health Dept. will inspect. The opening will be within the next week. Tim reviewed the Park/Pool Budget with Council. The Board manages the Budget, and Kelly will provide monthly financial updates to them. Kelly presented the Budget and amended certificate to County Auditor to council for approval. David motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

Res. 20-09 CARES ACT RELIEF. The Village is set to receive funds for expenses occurred from the Coronavirus. We should receive over \$22,000.00. We need to verify what we can spend this on and keep track. If money is not spent by Dec. 28, we will have to pay back any balance remaining.

Somerset Builders Club: Alex Bandar talked about the progress with the building. He is asking Council to approve extending his contract till May 2021, which the Grant has been extended to. Eric motioned to approve his extension, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye. Alex has requested proposals from bidders to provide Construction Manager Services for the Building. He is hoping the completion date is in September. Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye except David who voted no. Motion passed.

Ord. 4-20 Amending Ordinance 99-8: First Reading. This ordinance will amend Ord. 99-8 to prohibit Electronic Reader Board and message boards in the Village limits. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by David. All voted Aye, except Mechelle with a no vote. Motion passed.

Mileage Reimbursement: At the last meeting council approve using the State of Ohio Guidelines when it comes to mileage reimbursement for employees. Kelly added the clause to the Employee Handbook for approval. Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

Bed Tax resolution: This will allow the Village to collect 3% of bed taxes in the Village limits. Council asked Kelly to check around and see what the County rate is and other rates in the County.

Medical Insurance Rates: As discussed previously, our insurance rates are increasing. Wichert shopped around and could not find better rates. Currently the employees share 50% of a rate increase on top of what they are paying now. Council would like Kelly to show those numbers at the next meeting.

Tom spoke to Council of the need for a Village Manager. He presented a Job description and would like Council to approve establishing this position, and posting for resumes. Council agree the need is there, and would like to review the description till next meeting in July.

PAY ORDINANCE 10-2020: Kelly presented the payables. David motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

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

President David Snider

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem