

**JULY 14, 2020**  
**VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING**  
**LIVE STREAM**

**Members present were:** Mike Lally, Eric Emmert, Mechelle Siemer, David Snider, Doug Fehrman and Bill Mohler. Also present were Mayor Johnson, Kelly Beem, and Sgt. Matt May

**Minutes:** David motioned to approve The minutes from June 23, 2020 and Bill seconded. All voted Aye.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Design Review First reading:** Michelle Robinson gave a brief update on the Design Guidelines. Fees will be discussed at the next meeting. Michelle will talk to Bricker for more accurate information. Doug motioned to approve the first reading, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

**Babb House update:** Michelle Robinson shared a video of the work being done. The Historical Society received a grant to cover the cost to stabilize the shell of the building.

**Streetscape Phase III:** Kevin Wood talked about the walk through they had and the cost to upgrade the sidewalks along N. Columbus St. We could possibly get some ARC money or OPWC for the Village's match. Construction to start in early Spring 2021 possibly. Doug would like another walk through with Kevin. They also need to decide if they want concrete, brick or stamped concrete. Also, possible Lamp Posts.

**Bed Tax Resolution:** The Village is allowed to charge up to 3% Bed Tax for Hotels, B&B's or any lodging for a long period of time. David motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

**Ord. 4-20 Sign Ordinance. Second Reading:** This ordinance will prohibit the use of Electronic, scrolling signs in the Village, not just the Historical District. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by David. Roll call vote for all the Village were Doug, David, Bill and Mike. Roll call just for Historic District: Mechelle and Eric. Motion to approve the ordinance seconded reading to prohibit electronic signs in the Village Corp passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Courthouse Lighting:** Mayor informed Council they are receiving bids to light the Steeple on the courthouse. The money for this will be paid from the remaining ARC grant.

**Employee Medical Insurance:** The current policy expires on August 1, 2020. There will be a 7.8% increase in rates for the next year. Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye. Kelly is to give an Employee cost share proposal at the next meeting.

**Village Manager Position:** Tom reviewed the job description for the new position. Several council members agree we need a Manager while others are not convinced. Mechelle motioned to approve the description, authorize creating a new position, seconded by Eric. Mike, Doug, David and Bill voted No while Mechelle and Eric voted Yes. Tom will provide more information at the next meeting.

**Park/Pool Update:** Eric said the pool is doing well. The Park Board got a quote to power wash picnic tables and buildings that really need clean up. The quote was from Justin Lally for \$2,600.00. The Covid money the Village receives could pay for it. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by David. All voted Aye, except Mike abstained.

**PAY ORDINANCE 11-2020:** Doug motioned to approve, seconded by David. All voted Aye.

Meeting Adjourned with an all Aye voted.

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President David Snider

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Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem