

SEPTEMBER 8, 2020
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING
LIVE STREAM

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

MINUTES: David motioned to approve the minutes from August 25, 2020, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye except Eric abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS:

Streetscape: Kevin Wood is still looking for ways to fund the Village portion of the project without taking out a Loan. We need for our share \$122,650. Kevin said there is a State Infrastructure Bank that offers up to a 25 year loan at 3% interest. We can shorten the years on the loan for our needs if we want to go that route. Council would like him to continue to look for Grants and not loans.

The past Streetscape project still has around \$17,000 grant funds from ARC. Waibel Electric won the contract to light the Steeple, leaving approximately \$3000.00 available to paint the steeple. We need to get 3 local contractors to give us quotes on painting, but must comply with Federal regulations and prevailing wage.

NEW BUSINESS:

Designated Outdoor Areas: Eric said it take around 30 days to get permits for outside drinking in a designated area. People will have to purchase alcoholic beverages and use cups with that business name, in order to drink in that area. This would prevent the need for fenced in areas at businesses within the district.

CARES Act Funding: Kelly received the additional \$11,090.78 in Covid Funding. Tom mentioned another \$33,000 will be coming our way too. Discussion was held as to how to spend this money. There are many options available including Food Pantries, Community Action, Allocate for water bills, HVAC & Electric upgrades, Covid testing at the Park, Hazard Pay for employees, Broadband update, to name a few.

Property Tax Lien: Kelly presented resolution 20-13 to place a tax lien at the property of 215 W. Main St. The owners have left and water was shut off for non-payment. Kelly got this approved with BPA last week. The amount is \$353.36. Eric motioned to approve, seconded by David. All voted Aye.

County Auditor Estimated Revenue Rates: Kelly shared the rates from Drew Cannon with Council. This is used to help with the Budgeting for next year. Bill motioned to approve, seconded by David. All voted Aye.

CD Rates/Maturity: Kelly shared that our CD's at North Valley Bank are about to expire. The current interest rates are 2.28%. The new rates are .15-.30% which is a big decrease. We have an option to take out a lessor month term with a one-time bump should rates increase. Council would like Kelly to go with a low monthly term and review when that matures.

PARK UPDATE: The Park Board would like to add 2 additional members. One from Trustees, and one from Village. Eric would like to get more people involved and would like a motion to approve. David motioned to approve, seconded by Mike. All voted Aye except Bill abstaining. Eric will talk with Trustees about amending the agreement.

Eric announced the Columbus Symphony is coming to the Park on September 20th for a concert at 3pm. The funds will go toward the new fire station.

Kelly brought up Trick or Treat in the Village. Halloween is on a Saturday, so Trick or Treat would be on Thursday, Oct. 29th from 5:30pm to 7pm. Mechelle brought up having a Trunk or Treat at the Park. More info will be provided to residents who wish to participate in this.

Bank Rec & Financials: Bill motioned to approve, seconded by David. All voted Aye.

PAY ORDINANCE 15-2020: Eric motioned to approve, seconded David. All voted Aye.

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

David Snider President

Kelly Beem Fiscal Officer