

JANUARY 12, 2021
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING
LIVE STREAM

Members present were: David Snider, Mechelle Siemer, Doug Fehrman, Eric Emmert, Bill Mohler and Mike Lally. All present were Mayor Johnson, Kelly Beem, and Will Flautt.

Minutes: The minutes from the January 5, 2021 Special meeting was motioned to approve by Eric, seconded by David. All voted Aye.

Bill Mohler motioned to nominate David Snider as President of Council. Mike seconded his motion. All voted Aye except David abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS:

Somerset Builders Club: No discussion

Cares Act Funding Update: Kelly shared the status of remaining funds with council. To date, we have received \$124,753.49 in funding. We have spent to date \$88,704.33. We used \$9,000.00 of the \$24,000 for dedicated employees, with a total funds remaining of \$51,049.16. There was discussion of using funds for new lighting in the courthouse and an Amphitheatre at the Park.

Safety Study: ODOT has additional funding to improve safety, signage, etc.

National Endowment of Arts: Joey Hendrickson shared with the Somerset Village Council that Sing Creative has updated the scope of our project plan with Somerset to include managing the Co-Sign installation process.

There have been 8 signs designed and 4 designed printed. Picking up where Rick left off, I have been gathering guidelines and requirements from 3 historic regulation organizations and working with Xpressive from Zanesville to detail the installation process to SHRB approval and SHPO approval so we can request funding from NEA.

New Furnace for Office: Kelly received a quote to replace the office furnace from Darren Emmert. The old furnace has a leak in the heat exchange. The quote was \$3,080.00 for a new furnace with installation. Kelly also asked Dicks for a quote, but never received it from them. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye, except Eric abstaining.

Streetscape ARC Funding: ARC has approved \$250,000.00 for a water main extension. The design and project is not ready to execute those funds, so Tom would like that money reallocated to the Phase III Streetscape Project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gravel of Allies: There are 2 allies that were deemed open, and needs gravel. Eric stated we need the Surveyor to come and mark where utility pools need moved to, plus a tree or two needs removed. Doug would like to move forward with this ASAP. Eric will get with Surveyor to get the new survey completed, hopefully by our next meeting.

Radio Remote Read Water Meters: The County still has Cares Act Funding we could request. The estimated cost from IBI was approx. \$500K. Mayor would like Mitch at the next meeting to explain in detail.

Riff Raff Arts Video Session: There will be a crew in Somerset on Feb. 3rd, to make a short video regarding Opportunity Zones in Somerset.

Carl Waibel Electric: Kelly received a quote from Carl to update the electric panel in the office and courthouse. We have additional money from ARC to pay all but around \$700.00 of the quote of \$3,855.00. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

Street Commissioner Position: Kelly would like Council suggestions on the job description so she can get the position posted. Doug expressed his gratitude for all the years Ron Padgett had with the Village, stating he was a true asset to the Village. He did a great job, and congratulations on retirement.

Our new Intern Alejandro Duque spoke a few minutes on the Bike path. He took a hike through the Cut, with Doug. He will focus mainly on the funding for the project.

Michelle Robinson joined via Zoom. She spoke on Community reinvestment. Within the district, a percentage of the tax exemption on the increase in the assessed valuation from improvements to commercial and industrial real property and the term of those shall be negotiated on a case-by-case basis in advance of construction or remodeling. There are several scenarios of tax abatements. She asked council to review the Ordinance given to them to discuss at the next meeting. She also presented a letter to Northern Local School letting them know of the Community reinvestment Agreement. All to be discussed at the next meeting.

Nov. and Dec. Bank Rec, and Financials: Kelly presented both to council. Mechelle motioned to approve, seconded by David. All voted Aye.

PAY ORDINANCE 1-21: Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

Bill motioned to suspend rules, for executive session, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye. Mike motioned to go into executive session to discuss Personnel, seconded by David. All voted Aye. Mike motioned to return to regular session, seconded by David. All voted Aye. No action taken.

The meeting adjourn with everyone's Aye vote.

President David Snider

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem