

JANUARY 15, 2019
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE: David Snider, Mechelle Siemer, Doug Fehrman, Eric Emmert and Bill Mohler. Also present were Mayor Johnson, Kelly Beem and Chief Pressdee.

MINUTES: The minutes from December 18, 2018 were mailed and emailed. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye except Mechelle abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS:

Genesis Access Road: Bids are to go out in 2 months, and should finish in August. The house still needs to be demolished. Fire Department can burn the house down, but Mayor Johnson said it might be cheaper to demolish without burning it. Eric will get a burning permit and contact Betty Young at Hocking College for students to take part in it. The house needs to be gone in March. Trees along the access road will be removed/trimmed too. The road needs to go to our property just past the hospital for access the Heli-pad. Utilities are needed there as well. In order for ODOT to pay for the road, a Public Entity must own the property. Which the village does own. Eric is to take charge and talk to Eric Bruckman.

Dave would like to see John Talbots wall repaired/replaced with concrete. It is infringing on our right of way and sidewalk.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kelly reported that BPA approved to add an additional \$500.00 a month to the Water Improvement fund. It will now be \$2,000.00 a month.

Election of Council President: Bill motioned to keep David Snider as President, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

Street Sidewalk Project:

For the Phase II letter of interest that is due in January, Mayor suggests that we ask for the amount to do the rest of N. Columbus, but we also add in one of the side streets.

With ODOT we score higher for state highways than we do for side streets, so Mayor recommends that we prioritize highway sidewalks as follows and pair each one with a side street:

1. North Columbus Phase I (this would go as far as funding allows, Kevin Wood to advise) Brick?
2. North Columbus Phase II (all the way to SR 757). Stamped Concrete?
3. W. Main St, Pigsfoot to Family Dollar. Stamped Concrete?
4. E. Main St (High to Finck's Ln). Stamped Concrete?
5. S. Main St (Holy Trinity to park & post office then to the new medical center). Only needed on East side of street on section from church to post office. Concrete to match existing?
6. S. Market, Pigfoot to Landmark. Stamped concrete since not much remaining concrete to match?

Each one would be paired with a side street which we'll need to prioritize as well. To start, Mayor suggests:

1. W. Sheridan, Columbus St. to Rt 22 (most houses close together in town). Brick since so historical.
2. W. Gay St. Rt. 13 to Market (contains historic Lutheran Cemetery). Brick, ditto.
3. E. Gay St. Rt. 13 to High (missing some sidewalk). Stamped Concrete?

4. Summit St. (in pretty good shape). Cement to fill in or stamped concrete.
5. W. Sheridan, Columbus St. to Market. Brick because historical?.
6. H. High to Cemetery (in pretty good shape) concrete to fill-in?

Bank Reconciliation: Kelly reviewed the Dec. bank rec. with council. Dave motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

2019 Committee Members: Kelly gave Mayor Johnson the committee list. Jim Clouse is stepping down from the planning committee. Mayor asked Kelly to send the current list to council members to review.

Street Commissioner: Mechelle motioned to appoint Ron Padgett as Street Commissioner, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

December and Year End Financials: Kelly reported the financials for 2018. She has completed the year end process and has started year 2019. Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

Tom talked briefly about an income tax levy. Kelly will have the levy that is due to expire this year at the next council meeting.

Kelly also stated that she is able to do her job and the clerk's job with no problem. She told BPA that she would like to wait awhile before hiring a person for that. BPA agreed to wait. BPA also approved closing the office on Mondays, instead of Thursdays. The office will be open Tuesday thru Friday 9-3 beginning in February. Kelly will post on webpage, bills, and office of the change in hours.

Council asked Kelly to contact Dicks Sales and Service to get the gas leak fixed in the courtroom.

Kelly said Gil Fulecki called in last week. He installed Bird Feeders along some paths at the park. He will keep watch and feed the birds as needed.

Chief Pressdee informed council the need to purchase new tazers for the officers. They have a few not working, and can get 5 with cartridges and holsters from Govdeals for \$1500.00. David motioned to approve, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

David motioned to suspend rules for executive session, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

Bill motioned to go into executive session for a Real Estate Transaction and personnel issues, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye. Bill motioned to return to regular session, seconded by David. All voted Aye. No action taken.

Mechelle is attending an ODOT meeting with Jenny LaRue for Safe Routes to School. Some parking spaces need to be blocked off by crosswalks that obstruct the view. At least 20 feet from crosswalks.

PAY ORDINANCE 1-2019 The payables were reviewed. David motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

President David Snider

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem