

**SOMERSET VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES  
JANUARY 16, 2017**

**Members Present:** Eric Emmert, Bill Mohler, Doug Fehrman and Mechelle Siemer. David Snider stepped in for Mayor Johnson who was absent. Also present were Kelly Beem, Chief Pressdee, Solicitor Flautt and Stacey Hicks.

**Guests:** Jodi Wilson

Jodi stated that she is upset about the plowing around her property on St. Patrick's Drive. She complained about Ronnie not doing his job. Mechelle also stated that a lot of people have complained to her about the same issue. The alleys are not being plowed. Stacey stated that Ann Bever wants the alley on Summit plowed as well. Doug stated that Ron plowed that today.

**Minutes:** The minutes from Dec 19<sup>th</sup> and Jan 2 were mailed out. Doug motioned to approve the Jan 2 minutes, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye. Dec 19<sup>th</sup>, minutes will be held for next council due to quorum issues.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Alley:** Ken Smith is here to hear any updates on the alley. With the Mayor being out, not much to report. Mechelle wants to know what the hold up is and why is it taking so long to reach a decision. It was explained that Mayor has an outside group working on this and the proper way to proceed to benefit all involved.

**Innovation Gateway:** Nothing new to discuss

**Streetscape:** Nothing New to discuss

**OML Consortium:** David Snider attended this Informational session in South Zanesville. This group is willing to give quotes to small groups. They are hoping to combine 50 recipients to join. Kelly has the forms to fill out.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

David Snider shared with council the drawing for the proposed Peoples National Bank from the Design Committee. He is asking council to approve the design, and a support letter for the project. Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

**Employee Handbook: 2<sup>nd</sup> reading:** A lot of discussion was held. Mechelle doesn't think that if an employee takes a day off before or after a holiday, that they should not get paid for that Holiday. And discussion the 4 hours Holiday pay for Part time employees were held. Eric Emmert will re-draft the revision and forward to Will and Kelly. No motion was made to approve the second reading until after a revision.

**Res. 18-01; Cash Transfer:** Kelly called President Snider with concerns of the checking account being very low, and with bills to pay and payroll expressed concerns and options. She sked for permission from President Snider to withdraw \$20,000 from a Savings account to deposit into our checking account. He approved her to do this. This is an emergency action that needs to be passed. A motion to approve this transaction was made by Doug, seconded by Bill, to approve the transfer. All voted Aye.

**Res. 18-02: Property Tax Lien.** Stacey has a tax lien approved by BPA for non payment of a property at 214 S. Columbus St. for \$335.70. Doug motioned to approve sending to Auditors Office as a lien, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

**Res. 18-03** Authorize Mayor to prepare, submit and execute an application to apply for funding to purchase the Nicholson property. A motion to suspend rules to go into execute

session was made by Bill, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye. A motion to go into executive session to discuss a real estate purchase was made by Doug, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye. A motion to resume regular session at 8:45 was made by Bill, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye. No action taken. A motion was made by Doug, seconded by Bill to allow Mayor to proceed with application process. All voted Aye, except Mechelle, and the motion failed.

Kelly asked council for approval to attend IIMC Conference in May. She is applying for a scholarship to defray the costs. She needs a letter signed by President of council showing support. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

**PROCLAMATION FOR BRAD BEACH:** Brad is a former resident of Somerset, and his office in Columbus contacted the Village Office, asking for a proclamation for Thursday Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, which is Brad Beach's birthday. Brad's firm has been awarded several top honors. Mechelle motioned to approve, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

**PAY ORDINANCE 02-2018:** Kelly presented council with the payables. Discussion on the Save A lot purchase. Council would like to see the Water and Sewer departments purchase locally if possible. Bill motioned to approve the pay ordinance, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Doug would like to thank the Village residents for being patient on the snow plowing. We were hit with a lot of snow and he would like to commend Ron and Chris for doing a good job at keeping the streets clear.

A motion to suspend rules for executive session was made by Doug, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye. A motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues were made by Mechelle, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye. A motion to return to regular session at 9:05 was made by Bill, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye. No action taken

Council asked Chief Pressdee to look into a new locks and security cameras.

Mechelle brought it to councils attention that she had multiple people complain to her about officers not running traffic in the school zone in the afternoon. Mechelle told council that she brought it up to Chief Pressdee, but nothing was done. She also stated that officer May is just sitting at the bank instead of the school zone and does nothing all day. Eric Emmert brought up that Judge Wilson was here at the last meeting commending our officers of a good job. Eric stated that he and the Chief of Police both know why they work traffic at the bank and fire department and that is was not his place to say anything

A motion by Eric to adjourn, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye. Meeting ended at 9:48pm.

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President David Snider

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Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem