

**SOMERSET VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 2, 2018**

Members Present: Mechelle Siemer, Doug Fehrman, Mike Lally, Bill Mohler and Eric Emmert. **In the absence of Mayor Johnson, David Snider presided. Also present were Solicitor Flautt, Kelly Beem, Stacey Hicks and Chief Pressdee.**

Guests included: Ken & Lydella Smith, and Judge Dean Wilson

President Snider led The Pledge of Allegiance

Judge Wilson gave the Oath of Office to newly elected Council member, Mechelle Siemer
Judge Wilson gave the Oath of Office to re-elected Council members, Doug Fehrman, Mike Lally and David Snider.

Judge Wilson gave a review of the caseload for our Police Department. In 2017 there were 288 cases (Non Felony), in 2016 there were only 155 cases. The Police Department increase their revenue from Court Fines from \$1,561 in 2016 to \$3,258.50 in 2017. He commends the job that Chief Pressdee and Sgt. Matt May is doing for the Village. They are hard working, dedicated Officers.

MINUTES: The minutes from Dec. 19th, 2017 were reviewed. A minor change to state the BPA will increase The Water Improvement fund monthly to \$1500.00. A motion to approve the minutes with the change was made by Doug, and seconded by Mike. After rollcall, we did not have a quorum after Eric abstained from the vote. The minutes will be presented again on Jan. 19th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Innovation Gateway: Kelly informed Council that she is involved in the financial planning and implementation for this project. She is working with David Hansen and Michelle Robinson.

Streetscape: Nothing new to report

Alley: Ken and Lydella Smith are here for an update. David Snider said Tom needs to approach an outside group to advise the Village. We may need a Public Hearing in the future.

OML Insurance Consortium: Kelly reminded Council of the Consortium on Jan 11th The Village of South Zanesville Office. It starts at 10:30am. David, Bill, and Mechelle are attending.

NEW BUSINESS:

Street Commissioner Appointment: David Snider stated that Ron Padgett is a good worker who is a Self-Starter and can find work that needs done. Mike motioned to appoint Ron as Street Commissioner as required by The State of Ohio for 2018, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

Permanent Appropriations for 2018: Kelly presented Ordinance 18-01 for appropriations for approval. Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

Employee Handbook: Kelly gave Council revisions to the current employee handbook and explained her changes. This is the First reading. David asked council to review the entire handbook for any additional changes.

PAY ORDINANCE 01-2018: After review of the bills, Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kelly informed council the flow test for the New Library had been changed from Jan 3 to Jan 8th, weather permitting.

Council would like to see the Time Warner Cable agreement at the next meeting.

With nothing further to discuss, Mechelle motioned to adjourn, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye. Meeting ended at 8:45PM.

President David Snider

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem