

JANUARY 3, 2017
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE: David Snider, Doug Fehrman, Bill Mohler, Mike Lally and Eric Emmert. Also present were Mayor Johnson, Kelly Beem, Stacey Hicks, Jeff Pressdee, and Will Flautt.

GUESTS: Included Casey Fulk from Tribune
John Hays and Don Huck from Artex Oil. Co.

Mayor led The Pledge of Allegiance to open the meeting.

Mayor Johnson asked John Hays to address council. John introduced himself and Don Huck. Last Spring they conducted a seismic study in Somerset, and Don is here to give a report of their findings to council. He shared charts and graphs of the test sites. They tested 24 sq. miles around Somerset and didn't find anything usable.

MINUTES: The minutes were mailed/mailed to council. With no further discussion or changes, Bill motioned to approve the minutes from Dec. 20, 2016, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

STREETScape: Doug has a list of light poles that he needs to match locations with AEP pole numbers. Randy Comisford from AEP has scheduled a meeting in Somerset. Kelly is to find out when that meeting is.

ST JOE'S LAKE: Kelly states that the review appraisal should be in next week, then she can get the closing scheduled in January.

SOMERSET INNOVATION GATEWAY: Nothing new to report.

CONNECT OHIO AGREEMENT: Somerset has been awarded LGIF grant to development of the Somerset Innovation Gateway. This agreement allows Mayor to work with Connect Ohio Broadband and the needs of the Village. A motion to approve was made by Dave, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

TRAILER PARK PROPERTY: Kelly mailed out 2 copies of the purchase agreement to Dick Nicholson.

KIMPLE PROPERTY: Kelly mailed out 2 copies of the purchase agreement to Randy Kimple along with the \$5,000.00 check.

NEW BUSINESS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Acting Chief Pressdee gave a brief report of cases for 2016. He states that there were 264 cases in the year. He will start issuing tickets for parking meter violations.

A motion to suspend rules to go into executive session was made by Doug, and seconded by Dave. All voted Aye. A motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel position was made by Mike, and seconded by Bill. All voted Aye. They entered their session at 7:50pm with Fiscal Officer and Solicitor. Council returned from session at 8:45pm by a motion from Mike, and seconded by Bill. All voted Aye. No action taken.

Eric Emmert motioned to appoint Jeff Pressdee as the New Police Chief at \$17.50 per hour for 44 hours a week. Dave seconded his motion. All voted Aye. Mayor Johnson swore Chief Pressdee to office. Everyone congratulated him.

STREET DEPARTMENT: A motion to re-appoint Ron Padgett as Street Commissioner was made by Bill, and seconded by Mike. All voted Aye. Chris Aliff was hired as contracted laborer last summer to assist Ron. A motion to hire Chris Aliff as a part-time employee working 20-30 hours a week was made by Dave, and seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

A motion to appoint Dave Snider as President of council was made by Bill, and seconded by Mike. All voted Aye except Dave Snider, abstaining.

A motion to approve the 2017 Committee members with the approval of two new members (Sean Bartholic and Rick Strohl) to Zoning, was made by Doug, and seconded by Eric E. All voted Aye.

A motion to approve the 2017 Appropriation Budget, 17-01 as presented by Kelly was made by Mike, and seconded by Dave. All voted Aye.

PAY ORDINANCE 17-01: After reviewing the bills, Bill motioned to approve the payables, seconded by Dave. All voted Aye.

With nothing further to discuss, Mike motioned to adjourn at 9pm. All voted Aye.

Mayor Johnson

President David Snider

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem