

Village of Somerset Council Meeting
January 5, 2016
Minutes

Meeting Called to Order: by Mayor Tom Johnson at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Mayor Tom Johnson

Roll Call: Dave Snider, Eric Huston, Bill Mohler, Mike Lally, Doug Fehrman
Eric Emmert, absent

Guests: Casey Sargel, Perry Co. Tribune, John Hayes, Artex

OLD BUSINESS:

Sanitary Sewer Improvements contract #1 – OWDA loan for sewer: \$115,493.19 –
Doug moved to approve, Eric seconded. All ayes

Request to conduct a geophysical seismic survey – John Hayes

John Hayes from Artex addressed Council on doing a Seismic Survey in Somerset. It will be done in January and it only takes a couple days to do. Dave said he talked to an expert who saw no problem with what they are going to do, although they did suggest that we get a written report when completed, which could take 6-8 months. Bill moved to allow Artex to proceed, Eric Huston seconded. All ayes to proceed.

Brownfields Update – Tom Johnson

The County has received a \$400,000 grant for Perry County. Tom will be going around the county to talk to residents about their land in search of possible old Petroleum Clean Up sites, including old gas station sites. Tom wants to do a Phase I Assessment before getting too deep. The Village will have a meeting with EPA next week.

Streetscape I Update – Tom Johnson

Sidewalks are finished but some bricks need to be taken up and re-laid. The street lights still do not have power to the light poles. AEP will give us temporary lights fueled by a generator. Tom asked when ODOT would be putting up the new poles and signage. Everyone thinks the trees look great. Tom said there will be a meeting with ODOT next week to start Phase II. Next, we will be applying to ODOT for funding for the bike paths. Last year the Village just received funding for the acquisition of land for the bike paths so we will build the paths this year.

Miscellaneous –

Dave said Tom needs to appoint committee members. Tom nominated Ronnie Padgett as Street Commissioner. Dave moved to reappoint Ronnie as Street Commissioner, Bill seconded the reappointment of Ronnie. All ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget – Tom Johnson

Tom said he and Kelly sat down and thoroughly went over the budget. We will be reimbursed for \$30,000 for the purchase of the Sheridan Ave. property, surveys and appraisals. Chief VanDermark said the Police Dept. cannot save money because costs are going up. Tom and Jeremy talked about renewing the police levy. Filing deadline is the same for candidates as for levies.

**Statement of Qualification's for Professional Design Services for Streetscape II – Tom
To be awarded at a later date**

Water & Sewer Bids.

BPA chose to take the lower bid from Downing Construction for \$250,446. Dave moved to accept the bid, Bill seconded. All ayes. Mitch said we need to apply for the bike path grant from ODOT by **February 1**.

MORPC Intern – Tom wants to hire an AmeriCorps worker from Heritage Ohio, Pearl Mabe, who he has met with and says she has the planning skills we need. She would start in a couple of weeks and the cost to the Village will be \$800 a month for two months. We need to be able to show that we can afford her for more than two months. We could fund her through various grants. Dave moved and Doug seconded to bring her aboard for contracted services. All ayes.

We have funding for new playground equipment in the park.

Pay Ordinance 16-01 – Dave moved to accept, Bill seconded to approve. Doug accepted all but payment to Mike Fehrman. All other, ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Mohler and Eric Emmert will be reappointed and given the Oath of Office.

ADJOURN – Doug moved and Bill seconded. All ayes. Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor Tom Johnson

President David Snider

Fiscal Officer, Kelly Beem