

JANUARY 5, 2021
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING
SPECIAL SESSION

Members present were: David Snider, Mechelle Siemer, Doug Fehrman, Mike Lally, Eric Emmert and Bill Mohler. Also present were Mayor Johnson, Will Flautt, Matt May and Kelly Beem.

Tom introduced John Largent from Mt. Perry Foods. Mt. Perry Foods is closing down due to the Corona Virus and John is putting together a committee to open a Food Production Center at the Mt. Perry Foods location, and a smaller place here in Somerset. Tom wants to have online cooking classes, food safety, etc. and could possibly be funded with Cares Act Funding and Grants. Tom and John have talked with Jessica from Strong's, Ben Carpenters, David Snider and Mechelle Siemer and they have agreed to be on the committee.

Brian Vadakin joined the meeting via Zoom to discuss the Rural Action Small Business Grants. The Village agreed to offer \$3,000 grants to 7 businesses in Somerset. Brian received 8 applications. Those awarded so far are: The Hole in the Wall, Laura's Custom Embroidery, The Clay Haus, Strong & Co., Somerset Barbershop, Katz Kupcakes and Goobers. The 8th business, Powerful Synergy Massage has yet to complete the paperwork. Tom would like to amend the original contract from \$21,000. To \$24,000. To include the 8th business. Doug motioned to amend the contract per Tom's recommendation, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

Res. 21-01 Amend Appropriations, retro dated back to Nov. 24, 2020. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by David. All voted Aye.

Property Tax Liens: Kelly has 3 liens to file with the County Auditor of homes that have been vacated and leaving water/sewer balances. The addresses are: 2085 Twp Rd. 45 NE, 215 W. Main St., and 111 E Gay St. BPA had previously approved these liens. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Mike. All voted Aye.

2021 Permanent Appropriations: Kelly presented the appropriations for 2021. The grand total for all departments is \$1,633,637.92. Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Eric.

PAY ORDINANCES 20-2020; 21-2020; AND 22-2020: Doug motioned to approve all 3 ordinances, seconded by David. All voted Aye, except Eric abstaining from the 21-2020 ordinance.

Bill motioned to suspend rules, seconded by David. All voted Aye. Mike motioned to go into executive session to discuss personnel, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye. Mechelle motioned to return to regular session, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

No action taken.

Motion to adjourn made by all with an affirmative vote.

President David Snider

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem