

OCTOBER 20, 2015

The Village council held their regular scheduled meeting with Mayor Tom Johnson, Dave Snider, Eric Huston, Eric Emmert, and Bill Mohler present. Kelly Beem, Jane Foulk, Julie Ward, Mitch Altier, Casey Sargel were also present. Greg Litzinger from BPA attended with Karen Coperider.

Guests included Judge Dean Wilson, and Mickey Danison

MINUTES: Mayor Johnson read the minutes from October 6, 2015 meeting. Bill motioned to approved the minutes, seconded by Eric Huston . All voted Aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

CDBG INCOME SURVEY: The committee has started taking the surveys and should have it completed on time.

EMERALD NECKLACE UPDATE: Phase III budget is \$345,000 to acquire the B&O and has been approved by Clean Ohio. ODOT paid for the acquisition of railroad. Price was reduced to \$42,500.00 because it has been changed to 6 acres and not 32 as previously presented.

Phase II Charlie Shaffer will extend an access road and parking lot at the old kiln site at Finks parking. We still have \$14,000 available in Grant money so we are having it covered with surface material.

Phase III We have submitted the Request to Proceed for the Sheridan Property. Closing should be in December.

Phase IV. Dave reports that the survey for St. Joe's Lake should be here any day. Steve Blake saw a Bald eagle on the lake. Tom states it would be nice to have a picture of the eagle for the headlines.

Phase V. Our application will be reviewed on Wednesday. There is 4.2 million available and 4.2 applied for. So if our project meets their guideline, we should get funded.

STREETSCAPE UPDATE: Dave reports that the contractors are now laying brick in front of Underwoods. The 3 cellar doors by Anthony's and Somerset grille have been concreted over, and 3 stoops on West Main have been removed. Shelly and Sands will have spot lights on square for our Trick or Treat night.

Tom states that ODOT has funded \$680,000 for Phase II and III. We are waiting to hear if we will receive the \$215,000 from ARC. Engineering costs is \$95,000.00. ODOT requires a 5% match. Tom asked Kevin Woods if there are other potential funding options. We could have \$80,000 left in grants for signage or other items.

Perry County will be celebrating 200 years.. Our Courthouse is the original courthouse in Perry County. Jane talked about the teacher at Sheridan doing a mural.

Dave will be meeting with Jay Russell with some sidewalk projects that needs repaired and concreted.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 15-32 WINDING ROAD A motion by Dave, seconded by Eric Emmert to approve Mayor Johnson to sign Partnership Agreement with Perry County Community Improvement Corp. All voted Aye.

Tom showed a Kiosk for The Winding Road Project. He handed out brochures with different tourism sites.

SOMERSET LEARNING CENTER: Tom said that Job and Family Services want to create a learning center in Somerset for workforce development programming. Connect Ohio trains people to be service workers. We are looking at possibility of finding space to do this.

ENERGY AUDIT REPORT: Julie handed out The Energy Audit report which was done by RCAP in the summer. It shows Council several ways to be more energy efficient such as room sensors. Council will review.

JUDGE DEAN WILSON: Judge Wilson reviewed the Somerset Police Caseload for 2015. Up to September 30, 2015 he saw 60 actual cases and estimates another 20 for the rest of the year. He has sentenced 76 hours of community service in Somerset.

MENTAL HEALTH LEVY: Mickey Danison handed out flyers and cups for The Mental Health Levy, and is asking for everyone's support at the upcoming election. The Mental Health and Recovery Services, provides services through Perry Behavioral Health Choices, Six County, and Thompkins Treatment.

MITCH ALTIER said the Sewer Project was approved by BPA and ready for Bids. This will be for upgrades to plant, new lines and sludge removal. A motion to approve the bidding process by Eric Emmert, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye. Once bidding is complete, the project could start in January, and commence for about 90 days.

Greg Litzinger from BPA asked the Mayor to appoint Karen Cooperider to the open BPA seat. Mayor Johnson formally appointed Karen Cooperider to the BPA and welcomes her. A motion by Bill, seconded by Dave, to approve the Mayors appointment of Karen. All voted Aye.

A motion to suspend rules and go into executive session was made by Bill, seconded by Eric Huston. All voted Aye.

A motion to go into executive session to discuss A Real Estate Purchase was made by Dave, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye. They entered executive session at 8:36PM.

A motion to return to regular session at 9:05 was made by Bill, seconded by Dave. All voted Aye.

A motion to suspend rules and enter back into regular session was made by Dave, seconded by Eric Huston. All voted Aye. No action taken.

Dave made a motion to sign agreement with The Kimple Co for \$5,000 a year or additional 6 mo option of \$2500.00 for 5 parcels. Bill seconded his motion. All voted Aye.

PAY ORDINANCE: Council reviewed the pay ordinance 15-26 for \$66,716.95. A motion to approve was made by Dave, seconded by Eric Huston. All voted Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Tom stated that a family wants to donate \$5,000 to the Somerset Community Foundation, and asked if Council could commit \$1,000.00 a year for 5 years to match their donation. The council will take this under advisement.

The Community is reminded to rake their leaves to curb for pick up.

With nothing further to discuss, a motion by Bill, seconded by Dave to adjourn at 9:15pm. All voted Aye.

Mayor Tom Johnson

President Dave Snider

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem