

OCTOBER 3, 2019
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

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

GUESTS: Seth Ellington, Waste Away Services: Seth is here to confirm the transition was a success. He is still working a few bugs, but all in all, things are good.

Todd Christianson: Todd has been working on the Pop Up Business Competition. Mayor Johnson has collected \$4,250.00 for Awards. Classes should start within 30 days.

Mitch Altier: Mitch went to BPA meeting on Tuesday and got their Consulting Agreement approved. He stated a replacement line on S. Columbus and S. Market Streets and upgrades at the Water Plant will be done. In addition, the High Street Water Tank will be painted.

Cathy Ankrom: Cathy is here for the Small Town Christmas Committee, asking if the Village would be able to donate again this year. Doug motioned to approve \$500.00, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye. Doug also mentioned that if they need more, please come back and ask. Porta Potties have been donated by Waste Away Services this year.

MINUTES: The minutes from September 17, 2019 were mailed. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by David. Eric and Mike abstained, Doug, Bill and David voted Aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

Alley Surveys: Eric met with Kevin Cannon to do the Surveys. Kevin has them completed but would like a few council members meet him there to explain. Eric will follow up with him and schedule the walk thru.

St. Joe's Lake: OPWC wants activity to start soon, Council is requesting a plan for spending the remaining funds on a new parking lot and possible boat ramp.

ODOT Paving: ODOT patched 13 N and 13 S. We need to get the Spring on N 13 dug out and repaired so that water does not flow on the road. This was the agreement with ODOT to patch the road. David got an estimate from Brad Knight of \$2,000, to dig, find tile drainage. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

2020 Proposed Budget: Kelly reviewed with Council the budget for 2020. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

IPA Audit Agreement: Kelly presented an agreement with Wilson, Phillips CPA Group to do the 2019, 2012 and 2023 Audits. Their price is \$11,250.00 for each year. David motioned to approve, seconded by Mike. All voted Aye.

IBI Consulting Agreement for Water Project: Mitch shared with Council the project that will take place in the spring. BPA approved his agreement on Oct. 1st. David motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

Park Board Agreement: Will Flautt presented an updated version of the Park Agreement. The Village and Township would like Kelly Beem to handle all the funding for the park. Should the terms for each member be staggered? Bill motioned to deny the Park Agreement. Mike seconded his vote. David, Eric and Doug voted No, Bill and Mike voted Aye. Motion did not pass. More discussion will follow at the next meeting.

PAY ORDINANCE 17-2019: After reviewing the bills, Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

August Financials and Bank Statement: Eric motioned to approve, seconded by David. All voted Aye.

Public Comments:

Tom stated the new access road to Genesis is progressing. We need to name this street.

Tom stated Doug Price donated 3 shade trees, and Tom purchased 2. He will have the Horticulture club determine where to plant the trees. He also would like a small budget for flower beds on Pig Foot Square..

We also need to see about getting water supply to the square for watering plants. We have a cistern on the square maybe we could hook a pump up to.

Elaine Flautt is here. She and her husband moved to Somerset about 5 months ago. Mayor welcomed her to Somerset.

Doug mowed the E. Sheridan lot. He said there is a pile of tires there that need clean up. Tom will talk with Katrina Carpenter.

Doug motioned to suspend rules for Executive session, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye. Mike motioned to go into executive session to discuss Personnel Matters, seconded by David. All voted Aye. Mike motioned to return from executive session and resume normal meeting, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye. No action taken.

Mayor requested a motion to advertise and hire a Utility Billing Clerk. No motion was made. Council does not want to hire a clerk.

Mayor presented a proposal from Heidi Milner to be available should Kelly be absent for a period of time. Kelly and Heidi will meet monthly, to go over procedures. Heidi will be paid \$250.00 a month, plus if she has to cover for Kelly, her rate is \$20.00 per hour. Eric motioned to approve, seconded by David. All voted Aye.

Bill motioned to give Kelly a \$3.00 pay increase for doing both jobs, seconded by Mike. All voted Aye. Mike motioned to give Kelly \$1500.00 Bonus for doing a good job with both positions. David seconded his motion. All voted Aye.

Council approved paying Solicitor Will Flautt on a monthly basis.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

David Snider President

Kelly Beem Fiscal Officer