

**NOVEMBER 15, 2016**  
**VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING**

**Council members present were: Mike Lally, Bill Mohler, Eric Emmert, Doug Fehrman and David Snider. Eric Huston was absent. Also present were Mayor Johnson, Kelly Beem, Chief Vandermark, Solicitor Will Flautt, and Stacey Hicks.**

**Guests:** Casey Fulk from Tribune, Melissa Marolt from the Somerset Library, Eddie Smith from SEOPEC, and Mitch Altier

Mayor opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Melissa informed council that the Library design committee has completed a final plan for the Library Board's approval. Once approved, she will take to The Historical review board, then to council.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from Nov. 1, 2016 were mailed out to council. With no changes, Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye except David Snider, who abstained since he was not at that meeting.

Mitch Altier presented to council a change order for Doll Layman on the water project. BPA approved the change order for \$35,733.10 to install a Mixer on the lake to provide high quality freshwater circulation. A motion by Eric E. and seconded by Doug to approve the change order. All voted Aye.

Mitch also presented a disbursement request #3 to IBI for \$1447.20 and Doll Layman for \$30094.00. on the Water project. A motion by Bill and seconded by Dave to approve the disbursement request. All voted Aye.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Streetscape:** ODOT and Engineers did a walk around the town. Project is progressing well. Trees need planted where needed.

**St. Joe's Lake.** Tom reports that we should have the appraisals on Friday.

**Tree Assessment-** The sites on E Main Street for trees will be included in streetscape II, so we need to find other locations for trees to plant this fall. David will work with Stacey on this. A motion by Bill to authorize the purchase of trees for up to \$700.00, seconded by Mike. All voted Aye.

**FLSA:** A motion by Doug to suspend the rules to enter executive session was made, and seconded by Mike. All voted Aye. A motion to go into Executive Session to discuss an employee Pay and FLSA was made by Doug, seconded by Eric E. All voted Aye. They entered executive session at 8:00pm. Doug motioned to return from executive and resume regular session. This was seconded by Mike. All voted Aye. They returned at 8:30pm with no action taken.

According to the new Fair Labor Standards Law, the minimum salary to be earned is \$47,476.00 beginning Dec. 1, 2016. Since the chief falls into the required category, a motion to raise his salary was made by Dave, and seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

**Eddie Smith with Southeast Ohio Public Energy Council addressed council.** He spoke regarding the Electric Aggregation that the residents recently voted for. He explained briefly on the process of getting the best rates for the Village and ways of communicating to the Public. This will not happen overnight, but he will start to obtain rates in January 2017. The public will be kept informed of the process. He presented a copy of the By-laws and an Ordinance that need approved by council for him to proceed. A motion to suspend rules was made by David,

seconded by Mike. All voted Aye. A motion to authorize into an agreement was made by Doug, seconded by Eric, after review approval from Will Flautt. All voted Aye.

Mr. Smith also talked about Mercantile Accounts pulling together for better rates. He asked Kelly for copies of the village's electric bills, to see if he could save us money. A motion by Eric and seconded by Doug to include Somerset in the proposal and for Kelly to give him our electric bills. All voted Aye.

Due to a fire alarm, Eric and Doug had to leave. A motion to adjourn was made by Dave, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

Tom commented on the death of Gwen Young. Tom asked for help from David to write some words in her memory for her services on Saturday. Gwen was Mayor from 1976 to 1980.

Dave wanted to express his gratitude towards the Village for passing the Police Levy. Mike wanted to express his gratitude for the passing of the Electric Aggregation and the Legion Levy as well.

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Mayor Tom Johnson

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President David Snider

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Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem