

## Somerset Village Council Meeting

November 17, 2015

**Meeting Called to Order** – Dave Snider

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Dave Snider

**Reading of Previous Minutes** – Dave Snider read 11/3/15 minutes. Eric Emmert moved to approve and Doug Fehrman seconded. Eric Huston abstained. Roll call vote, all ayes.

**Roll Call:** Dave Snider, Eric Huston, Doug Fehrman, Mike Lally, Bill Mohler, Eric Emmert, Will Flautt, Kelly Beem, Jane Foulk, Chief Vandermark

**Guests:** Casey Sargel, John Mc Gaughey, Dean Throckmorton, Chrystal Jordan, Deborah Raney

### Old Business:

**CDBG Income Survey** – Kelly Beem Kelly reports that it is coming along, and with the help of the Police Department, we should have it completed on time.

**Streetscape Update:** - Dave Snider reports that the brick is almost finished. Light poles should be arriving soon.

**Proposed Tobacco Ordinance** – Deborah Raney, Perry Co. Health Dept. to limit the number of businesses that sell tobacco products. 6 businesses now, but don't want any more. No more retail tobacco outlets. For every 247 residents, there can buy from 6 outlets. Huge amount of people use tobacco in Perry Co. Medicaid clients use the most tobacco. 31% of pregnant women in Perry County use tobacco products. Setting a precedent in the country – no other doing this. Tom wants ordinance to go through the Zoning Commission. Nonconforming use – doesn't match ordinance, but still continuing to sell tobacco. E-cigarettes, no taxes yet, would be under the same ordinance as tobacco. Want to keep our kids away from tobacco and e cig advertising. Can add marijuana to the ordinance.

### New Business:

**Christmas Activities** - Chrystal Jordan filled the Council in on the activities planned for Christmas. Chrystal asked for permission to use courthouse which was granted.

The Small Town Christmas date is December 5. In addition to the parade, there will be many other activities in the square. The tree lighting will be at 6:30. Chrystal asked if they could use the courthouse thanksgiving weekend to set up. Council gave \$500 towards the events.

John McGaughey asked Council for the use of the Courthouse for the annual Historical Society Cookie Walk on December 19. This was granted.

**Fink's Parking Lot** – Dave Snider said the Village has \$14,000 from Emerald Necklace Phase II. He suggested the Village use it to build a parking lot on the Fink property. Charlie Shafer resurfaced the access road going to the parking lot. His bill was \$13,887. Doug moved to approve the expenditure and Mike seconded. Roll call vote, all ayes.

**Resolution 15-35** – Authorization for Cooperative Agreement for Construction of Sanitary Sewer Improvements between the Village of Somerset and the Ohio Water Development Authority and Declaring an Emergency. Bill moved and Eric Emmert seconded to approve the project. Roll call vote, all ayes with minor editing corrections. Bid openings will be next Tuesday morning.

**St. Joes Lake** - Rushcreek Conservancy District has signed the purchase agreement for 130 acres, not 135. Survey and closing costs have been paid.

**Ethics Training** –All elected officials are required to attend an ethics training once a year. You can attend a live training in the Worker’s Comp. Building in downtown Columbus, or you can attend via webinar. Kelly will send out details to each member.

**Pay Ordinance 15-28** – Doug moved and Eric seconded to approve. Roll call vote, all ayes.

**Public Comment**

Chief Jeremy Vandermark discussed the successful drug raid. The K9 Dolly hit on the car immediately at the traffic stop. Jeff could not have made this arrest without Dolly. Dolly is state and federally certified.

**Parking meters** – Discussion held on the issue of not replacing the parking meters with new ones, or doing away with them entirely. Both options are expensive so it was decided to continue to use our old ones.

**Adjourn** – Mike moved to adjourn and Bill seconded. Roll call vote, all ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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David Snider, President

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Tom Johnson, Mayor

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Kelly Beem, Fiscal Officer