

**SOMERSET VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2017**

Present were: David Snider, Doug Fehrman, Eric Emmert, Bill Mohler, and Mike Lally. Also present were Mayor Johnson, Kelly Beem, Will Flautt, Chief Pressdee and Stacey Hicks.

Guests included: Crystal Jourdan, Small Towne Christmas; Mallory Ferguson with Foodbank Ken and Lydella Smith

Mayor opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Crystal Jourdan announced to council the Small Towne Christmas celebration is Dec. 2nd. She also asked for \$500.00 donation as previous years. David Snider motioned to give \$500.00 donation, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

Mallory Ferguson spoke on behalf of the Foodbank. They have many Fight Hunger Programs going on, including one for pets. There are mobile food trucks that deliver goods to people.

Chief Pressdee addressed council. He presented Lifesaving awards to Officer Devin Skinner and Sergeant Aaron May. They saved a life of a man that severely cut his arm and was bleeding to death.

MINUTES: The minutes from October 3, have not been approved due to lack of quorum on Oct. 17th. Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye except Eric E. abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS:

Innovation Gateway: Tom read to council a Limited Scope Agreement Letter for approval. Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye. Tom also read a Partnership Agreement between The Village, Buckeye, Hills, Hocking College, and Building Bridges to Careers. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

Streetscape: Tom asked for a committee of Council members to start planning the 2018 Streetscape Project. Several streets are in need of repairs and many were discussed.

Alley Survey: There really isn't any progress on opening/closing the alley at this time.

Somerset Mobile Home Property: A new appraisal needs to be completed to see if the value of land has increased for the amount of land that is involved.

NEW BUSINESS:

MORPC request for Summer Interns: Tom asked to have another Intern for next summer.

Sustainable 2050 Resolution 17-20: MORPC launched a new program that replaces the Green Pact Program. The new program works toward common goals and we are protecting and preserving its natural resources and pursuing initiatives that will have positive impact on its environment.

Property Insurance: Kelly received the premium proposal from Wichert Insurance, and it was about \$1,000.00 less than last year. David motioned to approve, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

New Landline Provider: Kelly and Chief Pressdee worked with Verizon to obtain new landline phone systems for the Village. In all, the Village will be saving over \$2,000 a year if we switch from AT&T to Verizon. Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

Buckeye Lake Region Corporation: Tom presented council an invitation for Somerset to join the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation for Economic Developments. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Mike. All voted Aye.

Marijuana Dispensary: Tom stated there is a company wanting to purchase property in Somerset for a Medical Marijuana Dispensary. Council stated that it could not be close to schools or churches in the Village.

PAY ORDINANCES 17-19 & 17-20 After review of the bills, Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Bill. Doug abstained from the voted for the payment to Mike Fehrman. All other voted Aye.

A motion to suspend rules and go into executive session was made by Doug, and seconded by David. All voted Aye.

A motion to go into executive session to discuss Employee Pay raises was made by Mike, and seconded by David. All voted Aye.

A motion to return to regular session was made by Bill, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye. No action taken. Council resumed regular session at 8:47pm.

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

A motion to go into executive session to discuss a Real Estate Transaction was made by Bill, and seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

A motion to return to regular session was made by Mike, seconded by David. All voted Aye. No action taken. Council resumed regular session at 8:50pm.

With nothing further to discuss, Bill motioned to adjourn, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

President David Snider

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem