

NOVEMBER 9, 2021
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

Members Present: David Snider, Mechelle Siemer, Doug Fehrman, Mike Lally, Bill Mohler and Eric Emmert. Also present were Mayor Johnson and Solicitor Will Flautt.

GUESTS:

Kendra Schenk is from Burgess and Niple to update council with a presentation on the safety study on the square. The growth around the Village is about 5% each year, which increases the flow of traffic. There is no way to monitor the traffic flow at this time because everyone does their own thing. A short term solution would be to change the yield signs to vehicles up entry to the roundabout. A second option would be to make it a single lane roundabout. It would be safer for pedestrians and include a raised crosswalk. This will reduce speed and enhance visibility of pedestrians. Curb bumps cut out to street which would narrow the roadway for people crossing. Payment markings and parking could also be included. ODOT Street Safety Program and Transportation Alternative Grants would be used to cover all the costs. The Village will not have to pay anything. Mechelle doesn't think people will read the yield signs because they are so used to the old way. Eric would like to hear from ODOT on the roundabout before making any decisions.

Dave Emmert is here to discuss splitting his property to build another house. The access road is inside the Village limits but the house will be outside the limits. Tom stated there is no road frontage and will need easements to access. He would also like to see if Mr. Emmert would grant the Village an easement to access the Village property. Mr. Emmert agreed it could be done if he is granted permission to build from Zoning. Tom and Mr. Emmert will discuss with Zoning to expedite the approval by next council meeting.

Mitch Altier and Greg Litzinger are here to discuss the Mt. Perry Waterline extension. Mitch was here to discuss the water line extensions to Mt. Perry. There are 4 options:

1. 1.3 Million is the extension including W Gay St.
2. 588,500 just to Buckeye Valley Rd.
3. 1.19 Million to Mt. Perry Only with 55 taps
4. 1.26 Million to Mt. Perry with 100 taps.

Tap fees could be offered before construction at a reduced rate, just to lock in customers. After construction, tap fees could be higher. We are hoping the Capital Bill will fund the whole project, but we won't know till the end of November. Friday, Mayor Johnson, and Mitch are meeting with Madison Twp. Trustees. We still have an option for the EPA 50% Grant and 50% Loan, but would rather get the Capital Bill money. IF we get the Capital money we could also get radio read meters.

Mitch spoke briefly on the Streetscape project. ODOT needed to set a date for bidding. The date will be May 2022. And Kevin Wood is already working on the next phase.

Tom stated the LMI surveys were a success. We qualified for the low income.

MINUTES: Eric motioned to approve the October 26, 2021 minutes, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

136 W Main Update: Tom asked Dick Pettit to speak on the progress. He hasn't seen any physical activity. The trailer is now on wheels. We are not sure what or if any contamination is under the trailer at this point.

POP Up Competition: It seems that ARPA funds are not eligible to cover the costs of Todd Christenson. Mayor and Kelly will find another way to cover the \$2500.00. Sunny Creek donated \$2,500.00 already.

Transit Shelter: Perry County Mobility Management reviewed the proposed shelter location at #. Sheridan Ave. David Snider stated they need authorization to proceed with a 5W x 10L shelter with a bench on the SW corner of the lot nearest St Rt 13. David motioned to approve, seconded by Mike. All voted Aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

Safe Routes to School: Mayor will have Ben Boyer from ODOT to review the drop off zones at the school and give a presentation at the next council meeting.

Community Engagement through Technology: Job and Family Services are offering a Senior Technology Program the end of Nov-Dec. at the Builders Club. Seniors will be provided Chrome Notebooks for the classes and they will each be given one at the end of the class. There are 20 seats available.

Tom stated we still have around \$24,000 in ARC funding for the Builders Club. \$2900.00 estimate was given for the roof repairs, which should be started in a few weeks. He is also working with Hocking College. They will staff and launch the builders club. Hocking students would be able to install laminate flooring. The cost to install is free, but the laminiate would be \$3800-\$4500.00. David stated we should make sure we have enough funds to cover the roof before allowing more for the floors.

PAY ORDINANCE 20-21 Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

OCTOBER FINANCIALS: Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye, except Mechelle abstained.

With no further business to discuss, Doug motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

President David Snider

Mayor Tom Johnson