

**DECEMBER 18, 2018**  
**VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING**

**Members Present were: Mike Lally, Bill Mohler, Eric Emmert, Doug Fehrman and President David Snider who filled in for the absence of Mayor Johnson.** Also present were Will Flautt and Kelly Beem.

President Snider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**GUEST:** Jenny LaRue and Chuck Underwood

Jenny and Chuck both need a zoning variance. Jenny is building two front porches she had to replace due to street construction. Chuck wants to replace the panels in his sign. Losing True Value and replacing with Stihl Logo. Both are grandfathered in and will not require a variance or permits.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> were mailed and emailed to council. With no changes, Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

**OLD BUSINESS: No old Business was discussed.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Crosswalk Lights:** Eric obtained quotes from Osburn Associates for solar powered crosswalk signs. We would need eight and each one is \$1,210.36 plus shipping. Jenny said she might be able to get 4,000 from Perry County since this is part of the Complete Streets Policy. Bill motioned to approve if we can get additional funding from Jenny, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

**2019 Permanent Appropriations:** Kelly reviewed with council about the budget form the finance meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Appropriations need approved and certified with Auditor. Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

**Res. 18-25 to Amend Appropriations:** Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

**Bank reconciliations** report for November. After reviewing, Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

**Office Holiday Hours:** Bill motioned for the office to close at noon on Christmas Eve, Close on Christmas, Closed New Year's Eve and Day. Doug seconded. All voted Aye. Council approved Kelly spending up to \$150 for pizzas on Christmas Eve for the employees. Council also approved purchasing Gift cards to all employees for Christmas.

**2019 Employee Salaries:** David Snider read BPA's recommendations for pay increase for their employees. Eric would like to see a cap on salaries at some point. BPA recommended 5% for Lane and Brandon, 4% for Ike, and 2% for Paul. Bill motioned to approve the recommendation of increases, seconded by Doug. Eric and Mike each voted No, Bill and Doug voted Yes. Since there was a tie in voting, David Snider casted a yes vote. However, these raises are in protest.

Police Chief is asking to hire Aaron May as full time, with a salary of \$15.00 an hour. Chief is requesting a 3% increase for Matt May. Chief and Kelly have reviewed the numbers and the department can afford this changes. Eric motioned to approved, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

Council discussed, the Street Commissioner, Chief and Fiscal Officer. Doug motioned to give Commissioner a 3% increase, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye. And without reluctance, Mike motioned to give Chief and Fiscal Officer a 5% increase. They are doing a fantastic job for The Village. Seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

**PAY ORDINANCE 23-2018**

After reviewing the bill, Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

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President David Snider

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Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem