

**SOMERSET VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20, 2018**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Guests:

Chris Farmer from Community Ambulance Marketing Coordinator announced they are coming to Somerset and will be locating 405 S Columbus St. Future development plans will be presented later.

Kevin Snider, Somerset United Methodist Church. Kevin is here to talk about the variance needed to split a property. Solicitor Flautt, stated that according to Zoning Ordinance, he must file an appeal with Common Pleas Court. Eric motioned for the church to file the appeal, seconded by David. All voted Aye.

Michelle Robinson provided Grant documents to council for USDA amount of \$169,092.00. She has four proposals for council review and hopefully vote on at the net meeting. She has plans of a community contest designing signs for area businesses. Other proposals include Miller Tavern, Hotel Swisher, and MKSK for Zoning assistance. Council was asked to review all the documents, and bring them to the next council meeting on March 6th.

Jenny LaRue is here from the Health Department sharing some upcoming events, such as their Open House on April 3, Partners for your Health Training, and Neighborhood Connection on April 17th. The district Advisory Council Meeting is March 14th, and she would like to have a Somerset Council Member attend. Jenny also stated that she has \$1,500.00 set aside for someone to mow the Finck's Nature Preserve and asks council to budget that in for next year. She also purchased Tobacco Free signs for Parks.

MINUTES: The minutes from Dec. 19th were reviewed. Doug motioned to Approve, seconded by David. All voted Aye, except Mechelle who wasn't on council then. The minutes from Jan. 16 were reviewed. David motioned to approve, seconded by Mike. All voted Aye except Eric who abstained.

OLD BUSINESS:

Innovation Gateway: Tom shared the design pictures from Idea Foundry for the woodshop space. He wants them to manage our makerspace. Kelly has a bill for Olive Miller for her work on the project for \$640.00. David Snider motioned to pay Olive, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye. This will be reimbursed from grant money. Tom would like a formal request for payments from David Hansen.

NEW BUSINESS:

President of Council Appointment: Bill motioned to appoint David Snider as President, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye except David, abstaining.

Streetscape: The new project will be on N Columbus from Gay Street to 757, Market St. from Main to Gay, and Main to Sheridan. The application deadline is in April. The Village will have to pay 5% of project and the Engineers expenses.

Street Paving: Kelly provided Council with a list of streets and alleys to be paved. Bids will go out in mid May, for paving in the Fall. Tom asks the Street Committee members to meet and discuss changes to list. The committee needs to hold a Special meeting and give Kelly time to post it.

Emerald Necklace: The Nicholson property grant application was delivered to Buckeye Hills. There is a few items still needed for the application that is due by March 2nd.

CSX Railroad: Betsy Ehler submitted an application for over 1 million for the Bike Path.

Res. 18-03: Authorize Mayor to prepare, submit and execute the application to purchase Nicholson Property. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

Res. 18-04: Authorize Fiscal Officer to create new funds for the Gateway Project and Downtown Revitalization. This will allow Kelly to keep all the Grant money in separate accounts as required by State. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

Res. 18-05: Authorizes Fiscal Officer to do an Emergency Cash Transfer. Kelly explained the need to do this transfer to council and it should be retroacted back to Feb. 8th. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Mike. All voted Aye.

Ord. 01-18 : Approval of the Ohio Basic Codes for 2018: This ordinance approving, adopting and enacting American Legal Publishing OBC 2018 edition. This allows our Officers to write tickets under OBC Laws. Mike motioned to approve, seconded by David. All voted Aye.

Committee Appointments: Tom shared his appointments to the various committees. Council would like to see a Preservation Committee added. Kelly will update the list and share at next meeting.

Legal Notice for Oil & Gas Drilling: Kelly shared with council the need to advertise for 5 weeks for the Oil & Gas Drilling. The cost of the Legal notices will be \$379.00 and will be paid by the highest bidder. We will accept the bids until March 19th at 11am. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by David. All voted Aye.

Smoking Violation: The Health Department received a complaint on smoking at the Sewer Plant Lab. They issued a letter of warning and did an inspection on Feb. 9th. The Sewer plant passed the inspection and the issue is dismissed. It was agreed upon that all smoking would occur outdoors in designated areas moving forward.

Painting Classes in Courthouse: Stacey mentioned that someone wants to hold painting classes in courthouse since there isn't any tables and chairs upstairs. Mayor denied this and stated there are other places to hold such events.

PAY ORDINANCES 03-2018 & 04-2018: The payables were reviewed and discussed. Bill motioned to approve and pay both ordinances, seconded by David. All voted Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Eric spoke with Ryan the Project Engineer with Genesis. They are using our parking lot as a storage yard. The ground has ruts, there is a broken bench at Basketball Court. He explained they are overstepping the use permitted to them for using the road as an access road for construction. And with Baseball/softball practices and games, there is no room for parking. Doug motioned to support Eric in resolving these issues, seconded by David. All voted Aye.

MKSK is asked to come to the March 20th meeting to discuss the Alley, and also attend the next Zoning meeting.

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

President David Snider

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem