

## SOMERSET VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

MARCH 20, 2018

**Members Present:** David Snider, Mechelle Siemer, Eric Emmert, Bill Mohler and Mike Lally. Also present were Solicitor Will Flautt, and Stacey Hicks. Mayor Johnson, Doug Fehrman, Kelly Beem, and Chief Pressdee were not in attendance.

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**Guests:** Rita Crossan, Grant Huling, and Cindy Musshel (USDA)

**MINUTES:** The minutes from March 6<sup>th</sup> were not reviewed because Eric Emmert had to abstain and there was a lack of quorum to approve. They will be reviewed at the next meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Innovation Gateway:** No updates

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Rita Crossan came to the meeting and requested the tree stumps be removed from the square. She also requested to plant another small hackberry tree for the square. She also requested to purchase 10 electric candles for the Courthouse windows from Underwood's. Rita also mentioned the Boy Scout room needs some attention. She informed that the Auxiliary is donating three banners for Memorial Day, but we really need two more because the current ones are old. She asked about having the window sills painted around the Courthouse before Memorial Day. President Snider suggested having Brad Agriesti see if there are community service workers that would be able to complete that project.

Mike Lally and the Council would like to sincerely thank those who take care of and maintain our public square.

Grant Huling and Cindy Musshel performed the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and presented more information on the USDA Rural Business Development Grant. Grant informed that Mayor Johnson made the suggestion to have him fill the Grant Coordinator position and then he will be paid from the Grant. A letter was also presented that explains the reimbursement process. The agency has at maximum 30 days to complete reimbursement requests but the usual turn around time is 48 hours. Cindy is going to send the scope of work submitted, and evaluation will occur. Grant is going to get a written contract from Commodore Bank regarding the Line of Credit option and bring it to the next meeting. Bill Mohler motioned to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, seconded by Mechelle Siemer. All voted Aye.

Mechelle Siemer stated the zoning board would like the Mayor to come to the next meeting or they will not hold any more meetings until he is able to attend.

Stacey presented an estimate for removal of a tree at Pig Foot Square. The Council would like her to see if AEP will remove the tree.

Mark Schmelzer emailed property maps of land he owns that is "landlocked" by the Village. He is considering selling the land and needs to know how to create access that is able to meet building regulations. President Snider said he would walk the land and this will be discussed at the next meeting when the Mayor is present.

Dave Emmert also has land he wanted to know if the Village would be interested in buying. This will be discussed at the next meeting when the Mayor is present.

Stacey presented the copier quotes that Kelly obtained. Council would like to go over them at the next meeting when Kelly is present.

Stacey presented an electric bill for the Boy Scout room upstairs because there is concern that they are paying for the entire upstairs area and now that there are more fitness classes the bill is increasing. The bill is about \$35/mo. Bill Mohler said that it was originally agreed that they Boy Scouts pay their own electric bill a while back and that their bill is just for their area, and not the entire upstairs .

The oil bid opening was on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Artex brought the only bid. Bill Mohler motioned to approve the bid, Eric Emmert seconded. All voted Aye.

**Res. 18-07: Authorize the Village to prepare and submit an application to participate in the OPWC State Capital Improvement Program** Stacey presented Resolution 18-07 that authorizes the Village to prepare and submit an application to participate in the OPWC State Capital Improvement Program that will provide financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to public infrastructure. Mike Lally motioned to approve the resolution, Eric Emmert seconded. All voted Aye. Kent Cannon is going to submit the amended list for paving for approval.

**PAY ORDINANCES 06-2018:** The payables were reviewed and discussed. Eric Emmert motioned to approve and pay the ordinance, seconded by Mike Lally. All voted Aye.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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

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President David Snider

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Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem