

MARCH 7, 2017
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE: Dave Snider, Eric Huston, Doug Fehrman, Eric Emmert, Bill Mohler and Mike Lally. Mayor Johnson arrived at 7:40pm. Also present were Kelly Beem and Will Flautt.

GUESTS: Mitch Altier, Tammy and Daniel Saum and Jenny LaRue

President Snider opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance:

President Snider asked Tammy Saum to address Council. She is building on to her porch and needs information on the zoning regulations. She is concerned about keeping the house and renovating it, if we develop that neighborhood. Kelly said she could pick up a zoning ordinance in the office and she will give her Zoning Inspectors phone number. Tammy would also like to be put on the next meeting agenda.

Jenny LaRue addressed council. She has been approved to spend \$8,000 on the Emerald Necklace Nature Preserve Park. She would like to have an art student design signs for the park. She also asked council to name the park, and the road going into the park. She mentioned the tobacco free ordinance for the park as well and she will come to next meeting regarding that. Eric H. motioned to name the park "FINCK'S NATURE PRESERVE" and the road "FINCK'S SPRING DRIVE" Eric E. seconded his motion. All voted Aye.

MINUTES: The minutes from January 3, January 17 and February 21 were discussed. A motion by Doug, seconded by Mike to approve all the minutes. All voted Aye to all three except Eric H. abstained from Jan 3 minutes since he was not present. Mike abstained from Jan. 17 minutes since he was not there. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

STREETSCAPE: Mitch presented quotes for interpretive signage. Mitch needs a final resolution passed and a contract passed in order to proceed with the next phase. Doug motioned to approve Mayor signing both the resolution and the contract, seconded by Eric H. All voted Aye.

WATER/SEWER PROJECTS: Mitch Altier gave a brief update on the water project. The aerator is installed on the lake, and the intake replacement has begun. He is still getting quotes to replace the GAC filters.

SOMERSET INNOVATION PROJECT: Tom stated they applied for additional ½ million in grant money, making the total project 1.1 million. The team is looking at a sewing, weaving, and fabric classe to be offered as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

BANKING PROPOSALS: At the last meeting, Kelly was asked to check on several banking options who would not charge the village monthly fees. She received quotes from North Valley Bank and Commodore. With North Valley, they have a courier service that comes through Somerset on a daily basis and will pick up the deposits. Bill motioned to change to North Valley Bank, seconded by Eric E. All voted Aye except Mike abstained. Kelly is to negotiate the courier fee if possible.

PROPERTY CONTRACT/LOAN: Kelly gave all the documents to Todd Stevens at People National Bank to proceed with the Loan for 3 acres at \$30,000.00.

RESOLUTION 17-07 Requesting estimated resources from tax levy from Auditor Drew Cannon. A motion by Eric H. and seconded by Mike to request estimated resources on a 1 mill, 2 mill, and a 3 mill tax levy. All voted Aye.

CONTRACT FOR BRINE APPLICATIONS: Kelly shared with Council the application from ODNR regarding Brine. It was decided that there is nothing we need to do since we have not had any brine application last year.

SMALL TOWNE CHRISTMAS SUPPORT LETTER: Tom was asked by Cathy Ankrum if council would write a support letter offering support for them to obtain a grant to build a Santa House on a trailer. Eric H. motioned to support Small Town Christmas, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

OPEN BRUSH BURN: Mr. Henderson from 202 N. Market Street has a lot of brush he would like to burn, but would like to know the proper ordinance restriction. Kelly is to give his information to Eric E. and he will contact him.

ORDINANCE 17-05: (Second reading) AMEND HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE. Council briefly discussed the changes. Bill motioned to approve the second reading, seconded by Eric H. All voted Aye.

PAY ORDINANCE 17-05: The payables were reviewed and vouchers signed by council. Bill motioned to approve and seconded by Dave. All voted Aye.

A motion to suspend rules and go into executive session was made by Bill, seconded by Dave. All voted Aye. A motion to go into executive session to discuss a real estate transaction was made by Mike, seconded by Dave. All voted Aye. They entered session at 8:30pm. At 9:10pm Dave motioned to return to regular session, seconded by Eric H. All vote Aye. No action taken.

A motion to approve Mayor to enter into purchase agreements with Mike Flautt and Commodore Bank was made by Bill, seconded by Dave. All voted Aye.

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

Mayor Tom Johnson

President Dave Snider

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem