

MARCH 9, 2021

VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

Members present were: Mechelle Siemer, Doug Fehrman, Bill Mohler, David Snider and Eric Emmert. Also present were Mayor Johnson, Will Flautt, Matt May and Kelly Beem.

Minutes: Mechelle motioned to approve the minutes from January 26, 2021, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye, except Eric abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS:

SBC Construction update: Alex Bandar presented council with a change order for the plumbing and relocation of the bathroom. The change order is for \$20,177.00 which will still be under the estimated amount of the project. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

Community Revitalization Ord. 1-21: This is an ordinance to allow tax abatements in the Historic District of the Village. Tom is meeting with Northern Local School on Tuesday to review and discuss with them.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cares Act: Tom shared with Council with the new Cares Act Funding the Village will receive. It will be around \$269,593. Bret Allphin with Sixmo Inc has a proposal to coordinate Outdoor seating areas for local restaurants. His proposal is \$35,000.00 which would be covered under the Cares Act. Council would like Bret to take into consideration parking in those areas as well. Eric motioned to approve his proposal, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye. Tom stated the County is receiving over 7 million dollars, and he asked if they would consider covering the costs of radio read water meters. Mitch presented a quote of \$515,000.00 along with a quote for waterline extension to Mt. Perry of \$1,291,600.00 which could also be covered.

ARC Funding: Originally Somerset was awarded \$250,000. To be used for the waterline extension. But since that project is not ready, we can use it towards our match on the Streetscape Project. Our match is roughly \$100,000 for design and 5% match. The rest could be used on the next Streetscape or to expand the scope of the Bike Path Planning.

Traffic Study on the Square: Mayor is working with MORPC and Jenny Larue to work up a plan for safety around the square. This includes traffic, crosswalks, better lighting, etc. Mechelle attended an initial meeting regarding recommendations for safety.

Res. 21-02: To establish a New Sewer Improvement Fund: Kelly shared the wishes from The Board of Public Affairs to create a new account that they will deposit \$1,000.00 a month into, for Sewer improvements. This needs approved by Council, then the State Auditor's Office. David motioned to approve, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

Res. 21-03: To amend the appropriations: Kelly stated the need to increase the appropriations for the Water Dept., Sewer Dept. and the Park to cover unforeseen expenses that have occurred. Eric motioned to approve, seconded by David. All voted Aye.

Ord. 2-21 Ohio Basic Code: Every Year we must approve the American Legal Publishing Ohio Basic Code guidelines. Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

County Auditor Tax Budget: Kelly reviewed the estimated revenues from the County. This tells the Village how much we can appropriate each year. Kelly mentioned the Police Levy of 6.5 mill is up for the ballot this November. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

Pop up Competition Round 2: Mayor talked about a new Pop Up competition. He has confirmed \$4,000 in donations to cover the prizes. This is a 6 week, probably virtual class with winners awarded at the end of the program.

Street Superintendent: Mayor, Eric and David interviewed a couple applicants for this position. David motioned to hire Frank Bever at \$17.50 per hour up to 40 hours a week, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

Tom thanked Mr. & Mrs. Robert Muetzel for their \$3,000 donation to the Somerset Horticulture Fund through ARC. Their donation was match with \$1,500.00. Currently, the Somerset Horticulture will

receive around \$350.00 this year. The total fund balance is \$11,000. The club currently has 12 members. They are planning a Clean-up day on April 17th weather permitting, or the following Saturday. They hold monthly meetings the last Monday of each month at 6pm. March's meeting will be at the American Legion.

PAY ORDINANCES 3-21 & 4-21: After reviewing the bills, Doug motioned to approve, seconded by David. All voted Aye.

JANUARY FINANCIALS AND BANK REC.: Bill motioned to approve, seconded by David. All voted Aye except Eric abstaining.

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

President David Snider

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem