

APRIL 2, 2019
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

Members present were: Mike Lally, Bill Mohler, Eric Emmert, Dough Fehrman and Mechelle Siemer. Also present were Mayor Johnson, Will Flautt, Kelly Beem and Sgt. Matt May.

Guests:

Dave Marsh was here to discuss sidewalk issues. He owns 6 acres out 22 past Family Dollar. He would like to see sidewalks to Family Dollar and up to his property. He rents cabins and that would allow people to walk to the square. Jenny LaRue was here as part of Complete Streets and Safe routes to school. Mayor asked Jenny to include sidewalks at least to Family Dollar.

Alex Bandar gave an update on his plans with the Somerset Idea Foundry. He wants to use the available money to complete both upstairs and downstairs. He can make them into classrooms, meeting rooms, etc. We can also apply for additional funds after this phase. Council was all in with his idea. Mayor Johnson said we need to do a bidding process for qualifications. Alex said he would start working without a contract to make sure our completion date is met by November. Alex also brought in a virtual reality game that he has in Columbus. Most council members took a turn participating. This can be used as an educational item for many people.

Mayor Johnson asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss Personnel Matters. Bill motioned to suspend rules, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye. Doug motioned to go into executive session, seconded by Mike. All voted Aye. Only Council members, Mayor and Solicitor to stay. Mike motioned to resume regular session, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye. No action taken.

Jennifer Young is here to announce that they raised \$8,374.00 for our K9 Unit. This was a great event and very well done.

OLD BUSINESS:

Somerset Community Fund: Tom gave an update on the Endowment Fund left by Mary Beecham. It is now over \$6,000.00. There is \$3,000.00 available as match by an anonymous donor. There is \$1,500.00 available for current grant making which can be used as recommended by the fund committee to support community engagement through Village festivities.

Community Clean Up Day: Altercare is sponsoring a clean-up day in the Village. The day is scheduled for April 27th. Rain day in May. Andrea Cullinan is in charge and has over 30 volunteers. She is asking for ideas of what all needs done. Kelly asked council for ideas so she can get back with Andrea. Altercare will provide hot dogs, chips, fruit, and water for volunteers. Genesis is also a sponsor to this event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Genesis Doctor Office: The signs for the front of the building was presented at last council meeting, but since there was no quorum, Council needs to vote today to approve. Eric motioned to approve the signs, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

Property Tax Levy: The Village has a 2.1 mil levy expiring this year. This is the First Reading. Doug motioned to petition a 2.1 Replacement levy, Bill seconded. Mechelle voted no, and all other yes. Motion passes.

Tax Lien for 205 N. Columbus: This home is in foreclosure due to the owners' health. BPA approved Kelly filing the tax lien with Perry County Auditor's Office. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Mike. All voted Aye.

Parking on Pig Foot Square: The house on the square is for sale and Mayor Johnson would like to see a No Parking sign posted. Doug motioned to have Ron install a sign, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

USDA Payment Request: Kelly present invoices for Miller tavern of \$9,400.00 to submit to USDA for reimbursement. There is a quick turnaround once submitted for the reimbursement.

Health Insurance Change for Ron Padgett. Ron now has Medicare and Medicare Part B. Since the Village has fewer than 20 employees, he is not eligible for our insurance any longer. His wife still will have coverage through the Village. They are asking if council would pay for is Part B coverage a month of \$135.50, which replaces his part of the health insurance. Mechelle motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

MINUTES: The minutes from March 5th and March 22nd were mailed and emailed. With no corrections, Mechelle motioned to approve both minutes, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye except Eric abstaining.

Bank Statements for February and Credit Card Statement: Kelly shared the bank statements and financials with council. She also shared the credit card statement that needs approved and signed. Mike motioned to approve both, and have David Snider sign the Bank statement, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

PAY ORDINANCES 5-2019 & 6-2019: Kelly shared both ordinances. Mike motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kelly brought up the need to get the LMI surveys started. Mechelle and Jenny Larue came in last week to organize the papers.

Kelly also shared the link for Public records trainings.

Discussion was held on the ripples in the new pavement on N. Columbus and North Drive. Mechelle will call Kent Cannon to inform him of our concerns.

Matt May gave an update on the B&K Burglary. Arrests were made and they are waiting indictments. He is waiting on BCI to process evidence in the Hole break in. And he is still actively working on the Wannabee break-in. There has not been any more break-ins since February.

With no further business to discuss, Doug motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mechelle. The meeting ended at 9:45PM.

President David Snider

Kelly Beem Fiscal Officer.