

**SOMERSET VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 3, 2018**

Members present were: Mechelle Siemer, Doug Fehrman, Eric Emmert, and Bill Mohler. Also present were Mayor Johnson, Kelly Beem, Chief Pressdee, and Stacey Hicks. Intern Grant Huling also attended.

Guests:

Jeff Emmert wants an update on the alley by his property. He stated his reasons for keeping the alley opened. Mayor Johnson informed Jeff that he is contracting with a company for legal review of the alley. In addition, we will have to have Public Meetings. We should know more in 6 weeks.

Jeremy Strong is the owner of Strong & Co. restaurant. He would like to put an enclosed seating area on the square sidewalk, and needs information on the proper way to do this. He was asked to measure the sidewalk and leave about 5 feet for pedestrians to walk, and draw up a plan to present. Tom has a firm to do a legal assessment of this.

Karen Cooperider was here on behalf of the 4th of July Celebration committee. She is asking for a donation for fireworks, and states the committee is about \$5,000 short, and she would like to see if Village could donate a little more this year.

MINUTES: The minutes from March 6 and 21 could not be approved and will be presented at next council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Innovation Gateway: Tom informed council that we are ready to sign the purchase agreement with Chuck Underwood. Chuck will lease a portion on the building at \$750.00 a month and after 5 years, there will be a 3% increase in the payment. Utilities will be split. The purchase price is \$350,000.00. Tom asked for council to approve him signing the purchase agreement. He also told council that David Hansen will be at the next council meeting with more information. Mechelle motioned to approve Mayor signing the purchase agreement, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye. Kelly shared an expense report showing what she has paid and what is still open at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

USDA Proposals: Grant Huling is not presenting any proposals at this time. He is still working on a few and will present at the next meeting. He share an activity report of the proposals.

Commodore Bank Line of Credit: Grant reviewed with council the terms of the revolving loan with Commodore for \$20,000.00. He needs approval from council to proceed. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

HAPCAP Summer Youth: Stacey shared information regarding the use of the courthouse on Fridays for educational classes for the youth and asked for council's approval. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

Copier quotes: Kelly shared with council that the costs to use our old copier exceeds the cost of purchasing/leasing a new copier. Our old copier could be sold or traded in since we own it. Kelly has three all-inclusive lease options. Eric motioned to approve option 1 a new Lanier copier for \$199.89 a month. Seconded by Bill. All voted Aye. Kelly is to see what the trade in value is for the old copier, or see what we could sell.

Mark Schmelzer email: Mark sent an email regarding his property off N. Columbus St., stating the alleys are not usable because they do not fit the necessary requirements as determined by the village regulations. He would like to sell the land, but can't because it is landlocked. He has approximately 3.87 acres. Tom said he would have MKSK review that area as well and make a recommendation.

1st Quarter Financials: Kelly shared with council the financials for the 1st quarter. She also stated the levy monies arrived so the balances look a lot better.

Commodore Bank Public Funds Agreement: Commodore Bank sent an agreement that needs signed to allow them to hold up to \$700,000 of village money. This is a pledge to deposit agreement that we sign every year or so. Bill motioned to approve as long as Will Flautt approves it, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

Email from Carrie Forgace: Carrie is hosting a flashlight tour of historic Somerset and a paranormal investigation. She would like to be able to have the jail as part of her tour. Mayor Johnson stated that this does not need council approval, that it is within his responsibilities.

Rita Crossan: Rita sent a letter stating several items that needed to be done. Stump removal, paint the courthouse windows, new candle lights, to name a few. Mayor Johnson stated this is also in his realm of responsibilities.

PAY ORDINANCE 07-2018: Kelly presented the pay ordinance to council. Discussion was held regarding the water and sewer guys purchasing t shirts from Kinsel. They would like to see them use Laura's on the square. No further comments, Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye. But Doug abstained from Mike Fehrman's payment.

There are stumps around the village that need removed. Doug will work with Ron on this and we are to walk around and make a list of the stumps.

Doug would like to Thank Andy Knisley and the Police Department for taking care of the alley for the Methodist Church.

A motion to suspend rules was made by Bill, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

A motion to go into executive session at 9:00 to discuss Real Estate Properties was made by Doug, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye. A motion to come out of executive session and resume regular session was made by Mechelle, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye. They returned at 9:16pm.

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

President David Snider

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem