

MAY 1, 2018
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE: Eric Emmert, Bill Mohler, Mike Lally, Doug Fehrman and Mechelle Siemer. **President David Snider fill in for Mayor Johnson who was absent.** Also present were Kelly Beem, Will Flautt, Chief Pressdee, and Stacey Hicks.

Guests: Gary & Susan Wills
Ken & Lydella Smith

MINUTES: The minutes from April 17, 2018 were mailed. With a minor correction, Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye except Mechelle abstained.

Gary Wills and his wife purchase a house on N. Market Street. They plan to demolish the old house and build a new one. They need to have a zoning variance approved to build the house. The house would have to be 20 feet from the front property line, which is 23 feet from road. This would make their new home looking at the backs of the homes already there. Council decided to hold a couple public hearings before the next two council meetings for variances. Council explained to Mr. Wills that he would have to file with County Court for variances. With Council approval for the variance, Solicitor Will Flautt will represent The Village.

Council wants to amend the current zoning ordinance, allowing them to have the ability to grant variances in place of having County Court. Ordinance 02-2018 for first reading was presented. Doug motioned to approve the first reading, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

Chief Pressdee spoke to council about a parking issue at 110 E. Sheridan. There is a yellow curb painted, and a resident parks there making it hard for others to get in or out of their driveways. The street and Safety committees are to review the area and report back at next meeting.

Chief Pressdee spoke about the Bomb scare on Monday. A woman found a pipe bomb in her yard and brought it in to the Chief. He then called the Franklin County Bomb Squad and Sheriff's office for assistance. The buildings on our side of the square were evacuated, and traffic deterred. The bomb squad detonated it in New Lexington at their gun range. Chief asked for permission from council to attend a week class regarding bombs. This is paid thru FEMA. He will be gone Sept. 16th for about 5 days. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye. Doug commented that Chief did an outstanding job with this and the Sheriff have nothing but good to say about Chief.

Chief Pressdee informed council that he sold the three old cruisers for \$4,500.00. He would like to find the K9 unit a newer one.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nicholson Property Appraisal: Kelly stated she should have the appraisal on May 11th. She questioned when the survey should be completed. Mr. Snider told Kelly to call Andy Knisley to see how soon he is available. This needs done soon after the appraisal is complete.

NEW BUSINESS:

USDA PROPOSALS: Kelly presented two proposals for the USDA Grant. The first was with MKSK for Zoning Assistance for up to \$25,000.00. Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye. The second was with Schooley Caldwell for architectural design to Somerset Historic district for \$15,000.00. Mike motioned to approve, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

NEW ZONING INSPECTOR: Kelly stated the need to get a new inspector, as she is not qualified to continue. It has been almost a year since we had an actual inspector.

NEW WORKERS COMPENSATION GROUP: We are members with Ohio Municipal League and they have chosen Caresource as the new BWC provider. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

AUDIT: Kelly received a letter from The State Auditor's Office. They will be performing the audit for years 2016 and 2017. They are planning on mid May.

PAY ORDINANCE 09-2018: Council reviewed the bills. Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Mike. All voted Aye.

With no further business to discuss, Doug motioned to adjourn at 9:08 seconded by Mike. All voted Aye.

President David Snider

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem