

MAY 25, 2021
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

Members present were: David Snider, Bill Mohler, Mike Lally, Mechelle Siemer, Eric Emmert and Doug Fehrman approved at 6:30. Also present were Mayor Johnson, Kelly Beem, Ryan Yzenski and Will Flautt.

Minutes: The Minutes from May 11, 2021 were reviewed. Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Mike. David and Eric abstained from voting. All others voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mower for Street Dept. Ryan Yzenski is here to present a quote for a new mower from Buckeye Valley Equipment. The quote is \$9,962.00 and is commercial grade. Mechelle motioned to approve, seconded by Mike. All voted Aye. Council would like Kelly to give a Street Dept budget at the next meeting in regards to overtime. Mike would like something done on Max Emmert Dr. to keep the dust down. Kelly to put on next agenda.

Somerset Builders Club: Alex updated council on the construction. Still needing floor tiles or carpet, but would like a wood grain to go along with the Historic look. The equipment will all be purchased by the end of the month and submitted for reimbursement. Council to take a quick tour of the building at next meeting.

Community Reinvestment Area Res. 1-21. Michelle Robinson gave a brief update on the importance of the CRA and the benefits to the Village. Res. 1-21 is on the First Reading to approve. This will be for the Historic District only. The Village and Northern Local School Board will meet to discuss as well. Eric motioned to approve the First Reading of Ord. 1-21, seconded by Doug. Eric and Doug voted Aye, David and Mechelle voted No, and Mike and Bill abstained from voting. Mayor Tom broke the tie with a yes vote.

DORA: Brett Alphin will be starting to review the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area next week. No permitting needed by ODOT for seating outdoor.

Traffic Study: ODOT will review with council by end of Summer or early Fall. New signage is necessary.

Broadband: Mayor will talk with Greg Litzinger about putting a new tower on the Gay St. Tank to allow free Broadband for the Builders Club and possibly the Village Office.

Earmark Request: Senator Brown will accept requests till June 9th. Mitch Altier submitted Streetscape, Water and Sewer Projects and Courthouse Renovations.

Mitch Altier presented a Village Wishlist of projects. Project Funding for 2021 includes Sidewalks for Phase III and IV, Water System Improvements and Waterline extension to Mt Perry, Sewer System PS Elimination and Improvements, Park Restroom and Broadband. Total of all is \$5,397,690.

Mitch is also submitting a Natureworks grant application for a new restroom at the Park by the Wilson Shelter House. Total estimated cost is \$89,500. Total amount a grant available for Perry County is roughly \$28,000.

Police Tax Levy: Council agreed to petition the Electors for a 6.5 mill Replacement Levy at the last meeting. This resolution is to request an Estimate Tax Certificate from County Auditor. Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Eric.

New Cruiser Proposal: Tom will review guidelines from the American Rescue Plan Funding and see what our options are. Our funding may be reduced if the State decides to give money to Townships.

Pop Up Competition: Todd Christensen will update at the next meeting.

Dead Tree in front of Dr. Shovers office. Kelly received a quote from Mike Fehrman for \$650.00 to remove the tree. Mechelle would like Ann Bonner to look at a tree on S. Market too.

Emerald Necklace III: Kelly made the final draw request and it was approved from OPWC. ODOT owns part of the Railroad from Columbus to Market and they will help us acquire the rest.

NEW BUSINESS:

Horticulture Club: Holly Schofield addressed council about the need for water around the square. It is too difficult to get all the plants watered and are asking for hydrant with spigots. They currently pull a wagon loaded with 450 gals of water. They would like 2 at Pig Foot, 4 on the square and 1 at the monument. Council and BPA will have to resolve this issue, but a temporary solution might be a golf cart. BPA will meet June 1 to discuss and make their recommendations to council.

Joey Hendrickson joined by Zoom. The National Endowment of Arts Grant is \$50,000. The Columbus Symphony will be back in Somerset on August 22. He is working on Pop Up Mural Program along the Winding Road. The Historic Signage4s have been updated.

PAY ORDINANCE 9-21: David motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

President David Snider

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem