

THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, MAY, 5, 2015.

Present were President Dave Snider, Eric Huston, Doug Fehrman, Linda Henery, Bill Mohler and Mike Lally. Mayor Tom Johnson was absent so President Snider led the meeting. Others in attendance were Kelly Beem, Jane Foulk, Jeffrey Pressdee and Will Flautt. Guests included were Casey Sargel from Perry Tribune, Tim Young, Thad Cooperrider, Kathryn Padgett and Suze Litzinger.

President Snider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kelly read the minutes from April 23, 2015 meeting. Doug motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Mike. All voted aye except Eric since he was not at last meeting.

Dave opened the floor to our guests.

First, Tim Young. Culvert is completely covered with gravel in front of his property. Needs cleaned. Gravel from Cemetery is washing down to his property. Tim explained that we have told him that we would make repairs at his residence on N. High Street. He has requested this several times already and wants action as soon as possible. Dave will have Mitch and the street committee involved to get repairs done immediately.

Tim also is here for Pearl Bussey. Village charged her for putting in the tile for drainage. Pearl has a 200' easement signed by Village allowing us to cross her property and that we would maintain it. He says it needs dirt, graded and seeded and all should be good.

Dave asked Kelly to look for receipts from 2001 for Pearl Bussey where she paid for the pipe and we installed it.

Next was Thad Cooperrider. He is co-owner of Rundown Rentals on 111 W. Main Street. The inside building collapsed last Friday and is a safety issue. He is requesting permission to tear down the building. He is requesting that council waive the 45 day response time due to the fact that a public safety hazard may exist. Failure to immediately waive the 45 day response time may result in the Village sharing or assuming liability for any and or all damage occurred by the delay of demolition. Thad states that the front and back walls are ok, but putting strain on adjoining properties. Consensus from Architects, Engineers, and other professionals is that it's a major problem. Dave states that the Mayor is looking into Emergency Funds available for instances like this, and hopefully we should hear within the 45 day period. Thad asks Will for legal advice of what happens next from a liability aspect.

Dave asked for a motion to waive the 45 day wait period. He asked for a motion three times. No motion was made. No action taken.

OLD BUSINESS:

STREETSCAPE: Dave reports that we had one bidder for this project. The bid exceeded ME's Engineering estimate and also ODOT's estimate which was higher than ME's estimate. According to Kevin Wood, it appears to have been rejected. But they are eliminating the parking meter posts and one other item from the original bid, and will rebid for the first of June. Dave is concerned with the CDBG money. This money must be used before October. They are checking to make sure the funding is still available and if it is, we need to get the project started immediately after June bid opening, in order to complete in the allotted time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jeffrey Pressdee from our Police department informed the council that they found a 2006 Chevy Impala up to \$6,500.00. It comes complete with everything except a radio. Only has 49,000 miles. He asked council permission to purchase this vehicle from Emergency Remarketing. Doug motioned to allow them to purchase this 2006 Impala, second by Bill. All voted Aye.

Dave presented the Board with 4 resolutions that needed accepted.

Res. 15-13: To hire Troy Dupler as requested by BPA, as new water/sewer tech. He will start out at \$12.50 an hour. Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Linda. All voted Aye except Doug Ferhman, who abstained.

Res. 15-14: To empower Mayor Johnson to prepare and execute an application for Transportation enhancement for the Emerald Necklace project with the State of Ohio department of Transportation. Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Linda. All voted Aye.

Res. 15-15: To empower Mayor Johnson to prepare and execute an application for Transportation enhancement for the B&O Railroad project with the State of Ohio department of Transportation. Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye

Res. 15-16: To empower Mayor Johnson to prepare and execute an application for Transportation enhancement for the Streetscape project with the State of Ohio department of Transportation. Mike motioned to approve, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye

Kelly states that Julie Ward will be at the next meeting. She will present the Wastewater and the Water Capital Plan.

Kelly states the BPA approved to hire Mike Fehrman on a contracted basis to read the water meters monthly. He will begin with the May readings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kathryn Padgett stated what a great village we have here in Somerset. If it wasn't for the people we wouldn't be who we are. We need to reflect on the good and what we have. We have people their donate their time to keep Somerset as nice as it it.

Linda Henery reports that they had a crime watch meeting last Thursday. They were given stats from April from the Police department. She also reports that there is a new legal drug out there called Flakka, which give energy.

Linda also reports that there will not be a Village clean up day. Residents are doing a good job with their property. She states that the Street Commissioner is doing a great job keeping our streets cleaned.

Bill Mohler states that The Fourth of July committee is asking for security and a donation again. The Police department will be there as always, and the village will make their usual donation.

The Board reviewed the **Pay Ordinance**. Motion to accept was made from Mike, and Bill seconded. All voted Aye except Doug Fehrman, who abstained from the payment to Mike Fehrman for tree removal.

With no further business to discuss, Eric motioned to adjourn at 8:40 pm, seconded by Linda. All voted Aye.

Dave Snider, President

Kelly Beem, Fiscal Officer