

**May 7, 2019**  
**VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING**

**Members Present were: David Snider, Mechelle Siemer Mike Lally, Bill Mohler, Eric Emmert and Doug Fehrman. Also present were Mayor Johnson, Kelly Beem and Will Flautt.**

**MINUTES:** The minutes from April 16, 2019 was mailed and emailed to council members. Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Mike. All voted Aye.

**Guests:** Chuck Chapman and Diana Savage is here with concerns with the sidewalks. He and his wife use scooters to get around town. The new porch at Jenny Larue's barely leaves them enough room to travel by, and the steps at the new library come out too far. He would also like to have sidewalks leading down to Family Dollar so they do not have to travel on the road. Mayor Johnson said council would work better with the design review committee, and zoning to ensure safe walkways throughout the Village.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Nicholson Property:** Kelly gave an update on the purchase. The Nicholson's signed a new purchase agreement with the expiration date of June 13, 2019. We are still waiting on the Survey from Andy Knisley. Once Kelly has this, she will proceed with Title Agency for the closing and get it filed at the recorder's office. Bill motioned to authorize Kelly to close on the property, and have Mayor Johnson sign the new purchase agreement. Eric seconded his motion. All voted Aye.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Noise Ordinance:** Tom played a recording from inside his house on Monday night of the music from Wannabees. They have loud music on their patio until 2:30am. David Snider will talk to property owner and ask that he keep the music turned down at midnight or 12:30 during the week as people have to work the next day.

**Somerset Community Fund:** Tom stated that Century National Bank is committing \$6,000 donation and we need to raise about \$10,000. We need a total of \$26,000 in order to give back to the community yearly grants of \$1,000.00. This is the fund that Mary Beachum left after she passed.

**Nature Works Grant:** The deadline to file applications is the end of this month. We need some additional work done at Fincks Nature Preserve, so Doug and Eric will meet there and get back with Kelly. Also there was talk about putting in a dog park. We have several places that it can go.

**Open Burns:** Tom received an email from Linda Henery asking council to ban open pit fires within the village limits. Council members agree that there are more people in The Village that want the fire pits, so there is no action taken from council.

**Food Truck:** Kelly was contacted by Kyle Halsey regarding him to put his food truck on the square. Currently Somerset does not have any restriction on this, so he is able to come to Somerset. Parking is the main issue and since we have several restaurants, Kelly and Will, will gather information on this.

**K9 Vehicle:** Kelly shared a picture of the 2016 Ford Explorer Interceptor that Sgt. May found in Pennsylvania. The cost is \$12, 127. This includes an oil change, alignment, and safety inspection. A new insert for Dolly runs about \$3,000.00 and the stripping costs about \$500.00. Mechelle motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

**Street Dept. Summer Help:** Kelly would like approval to hire Noelle Davis at Ron Padgett's request to work with him during the Summer/Fall months for up to 20 hours a week. Her pay would be \$10.50 an hour. David motioned to approve, seconded by Mike. All voted Aye.

**Perry County EMA Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Plan:** Eric reviewed this plan with EMA Director Rita Spicer, and he says it is good to approve. Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

**2.1 Mil Replacement Levy:** Third and Final Reading to petition residents to pass this 2.1 Mil replacement levy. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by David. All voted Aye, except Mechelle with a no vote.

**PAY ORDINANCE 8-2019:** After reviewing the bills, Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

**BANK REC & FINANCIALS FOR APRIL:** Kelly shared with council the financials. David motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Kelly read a letter written by Sue Thomas to Mayor Johnson on how she loves all the flowers around town and that she really appreciates them.

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

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President David Snider

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Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem