

**JUNE 4, 2019**  
**VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING**

**Members present were:** David Snider, Mechelle Siemer, Doug Fehrman, Mike Lally, Bill Mohler and Eric Emmert. Mayor Johnson, Chief Pressdee and Kelly Beem also attended.

**GUESTS:** Amy Queen is here to discuss concerns over a camper parked behind her property on W. Gay St. The camper blocks the view from the alley. In addition, the grass is getting high. The lot belongs to Jenny LaRues sister, and the camper is Jenny's. Jenny was here and said she will have her husband move the camper further on the property so not to block the view from the alley.

Jenny LaRue is here to talk about the Park. She informed council that the shelter house entrance will be made ADA compliant by adding two handicap parking spaces, additional concrete and ramp. The cost for this is \$5,555. Which is paid thru Park ADA improvement Funds and the Somerset Park Board. This could be used as Match for the Nature Works Grant.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from May 21, 2019 were sent to Council members. David motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye except Mechelle abstaining.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Nicholson Property:** Tom asked Council for their opinion on carving out 4-5 acres from the 30.46 acres to put in cabins. The Village will have to pay for the 4-5 acres and we will request the remainder from OPWC. Eric and Andy Knisley are working on a new survey. Council was on board with this. We could turn around and sell the property to a developer.

**Employee Handbook:** Kelly presented the Handbook to council as requested with a few modifications. Bill motioned to approve seconded by Eric. All voted Aye. Kelly will make sure each employee receive and sign that they are given the handbook.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Storm Sewer Ordinance 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Doug motioned to approve, seconded by David. All voted Aye.

**Commodore Bank Deposit Agreement:** This is an agreement The Village will appoint Commodore Bank as its depository and will deposit funds. Commodore Bank will accept a maximum of \$700,000 in Certificates of Deposit, and Money Market Accounts. The Bank will secure all public deposits. David motioned to approve, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

**EV Charging Station:** The Village was approved up to \$20,000 from AEP to install a charging port for electric cars. The port will be mounted to the back of the courthouse building in the alley. The cost of the port is \$11,605.00 and the Electrician is \$4,000.00 The Village will have to pay this upfront and then be reimbursed from AEP. Doug motioned to approve Mayor signing the contract and preceding with the purchase. Eric seconded his motion. All voted Aye.

**Genesis Access Road & ODOT Agreement:** Kelly presented a contract for an additional \$23,283 from ODOT for the new access road. Doug motioned to approve the contract, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye. Council would like to have Eric Bruckman attend the next meeting with a design plan for the road and wall.

**Employee Health Insurance:** Kelly informed council that our Health insurance renewal is up in August. She received a quote from Medical Mutual with only about 5% increase from last year, which is great news. Kelly shared the costs each employee who receives insurance will pay through payroll deduction. Bill motioned to approve, seconded by David. All voted Aye.

**Tree at 109 E Sheridan:** There is a large tree branch hanging over the house, and the homeowner is afraid it may fall on her house. Doug will look at this and determine what needs done.

Chief Pressdee said he was very happy with the way everything was handled while he was away. He would like to hire 2 parttime officers to fill vacancies throughout the week. Each will work 16-20 hours a week at \$13.00 an hour. The first officer to be hired Chief recommends Tyler Johnson. The other officer will be hired after Tyler is trained. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by David. All voted Aye. Doug wants to make sure that Jeff continues to earn retirement credits with Ohio Police and Fire. Kelly will followup on this.

John Bope would like a load of gravel in the Park before the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. Eric will contact Robinson Contracting to see when the paving will be done to fix the problems caused by their equipment.

Kelly stated that Ron Padgett said council needs to start thinking about a new tractor for the Street Department. His is very old and keeps breaking down.

Kelly was asked by Strong & Co. for a letter to State Liquor Control, stating council approves the setup they have outside. Council was not in agreement with this, and would Jeremy to attend the next meeting.

**PAY ORDINANCE 10-2019:** Council reviewed the bills. David motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

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

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President David Snider

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Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem