

# SOMERSET VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

JUNE 5, 2018

**Members Present:** David Snider, Mechelle Siemer, Eric Emmert, Bill Mohler, Doug Fehrman, and Mike Lally. Also present were Solicitor Will Flautt, Stacey Hicks, and Chief Pressdee. Mayor Johnson and Kelly Beem were not in attendance.

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**Guests:** Jenny LaRue

**Chris Farmer, Genesis Community Ambulance**

**MINUTES:** The minutes from May 15<sup>th</sup> were reviewed. Doug Fehrman motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Bill Mohler. Eric Emmert abstained, all others voted Aye.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Innovation Gateway:** Financing update material was presented but will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting.

**Nicholson Property:** Materials about the property were presented but will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting.

Alley (Smith): No updates

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

John Miller stopped into Dave Snider's office because he was concerned about crosswalks and speeding in the Village. Dave encouraged him to attend the meeting, but he did not come. There are concerns about the decrease from 35mph to 25mph and the lack of distance between the speed change and entering the square. ODOT needs to approve speed limit changes. These issues are also part of Jenny LaRue's Complete Streets project. Jenny LaRue would like to bring a presentation to the July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting on the project. She would also like to see an increase in the number of crosswalks in the Village. She has attended two safety training and requested that two members from the Streets and Alleys Committee would walk the Village with her to see her recommendations. The next step would be to present to ODOT and then pass a resolution to adopt the Complete Streets concept. Piano key crosswalks, handicap crosswalks, parking on Main Street and a yield sign at the alley behind Underwoods by Carpenter's Market are some examples of ideas she has. Doug Fehrman and Eric Emmert said they would walk the Village with Jenny.

Jenny also asked if the Community Garden could be tilled. She has several residents that would like to utilize the space. Mechelle said she could get her husband to till the garden. Jenny also asked if Olive Miller could park her Veggie Bus in the 10 min parking space in front of the Courthouse on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for about an hour. The bus will have fresh fruits and vegetables available for residents to purchase.

Chris Farmer with Genesis Community Ambulance told the Council that the access road would be delayed for about a year. The federal funding for the road requires different types of environmental testing that are delaying the construction. The ambulances are able to go in and out of the nursing home entrance until the road is constructed.

**Zoning Ordinance:** The Village Council held a second Public Hearing at 6:30 regarding the changes to the zoning ordinance. The third reading was completed. Doug Fehrman made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Mechelle Siemer. All voted Aye. Now variances can be appealed within 60 days from tonight if the permit is under 12 months old. Appeals needed to be put in writing and brought to a Village Council meeting.

Solicitor Will Flautt said that he typed a resolution to give the Mayor the ability to appoint an Interim Police Chief with Council approval should our Police Chief be deployed for military duty. He was not able to bring the resolution due to computer issues but asked that Council verbally approve. Eric Emmert motioned to approve, seconded by Bill Mohler. All voted Aye.

Chief Pressdee told Council about the issues with the new Verizon office phones and asked for approval to go back to AT&T. Doug Ferhman motioned to approve, seconded by Mike Lally. All voted Aye.

Chief Pressdee also informed Council that two police cruisers were purchased for \$2,500 and we have a canine cage for one of them so we can replace Matt's damaged cruiser.

Eric Emmert said that the Wilson property needs to be mowed. The Fire Dept is willing to mow it in exchange for the ability to use it for search and rescue training.

**PAY ORDINANCE 11-2018:** The payables were reviewed and discussed. Bill Mohler motioned to approve and pay the ordinance, seconded by Doug Fehrman. All voted Aye.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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

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President David Snider

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Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem