

**Somerset Village Council Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**June 7, 2016**

**Council Members:** Dave Snider, Eric Huston, Doug Fehrman, Bill Mohler, Mike Lally  
**Others:** Kelly Beem, Jane Foulk, Chief VanDermark Kevin Wood & Mitch Altier, IBI Group, Gwen Young, David Kilroy & Brianna Shepherd (2 MORPC Interns)

**Guests:** Casey Sargel

**Minutes:** Tom asked if anyone had any changes to the minutes from May 17, 2016 as mailed. With no questions or comments, Eric H. motioned to approve, and seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

**Pay Ordinance 16-11** The Ordinance was reviewed. Dave motioned to approve, seconded by Eric H. All voted Aye, except Mike abstaining from the payment to Mike Fehrman.

**New Business:**

**Medical Mutual** – Kelly reported that the cost will be going up 15% (\$5,402.12 to \$6,154.76). July will be open enrollment. Tom asked Kelly to do a community survey on the employee share of medical insurance.

**Nellie Sheridan statue** – Gwen met with Ben Carpenter to discuss the statue. Ben recommended that the Village sell bricks as a fundraiser for the statue. Dave Snider wanted to distinguish between the old and new bricks. In next phase he would like to see the bricks installed diagonally. The project is \$25,000 underfunded at this point. Eric moved and Dave seconded to support the Historical Society to proceed with the plan. Roll call vote, all ayes.

**Resolution 16-09 – Apply for ARC Funds**

These funds will be used towards the total cost of the Somerset Learning Center and Technology Hub, which is approximately \$700,000 with the remainder of the funds to be provided by \$250,000 from the Capitol bill, \$50,000 from LGIF, \$200,000 from a USDA loan, and \$250,000 from ARC. Tom states that we will receive monthly rent payments from Underwoods to cover the loan payments.

**Resolution 16-11 – Approve Fiscal Officer to sign at closing of St. Joe's Lake for Emerald Necklace IV**

Bill moved and seconded by Mike to approve Kelly Beem to sign documents at closing.  
Roll call vote – all ayes, except Dave Snider abstaining.

**Resolution 16-12 – Award of Water Contracts – Mitch Altier**

Mitch presented an addendum to the water contracts. He added a 5% contingency to the Contract, and asked Council for approval. Bill motioned to approve the addendum, seconded by Dave. All voted Aye.

Doll Layman won the bid for Contract #1 and Larry Lang won Contract #2.. Work will start the first week in July for plant and spill upgrade and new intake structure at St. Joe's. Cost for the project is \$460,075. \$27,673.37 is set aside for change orders.

EPA gave us a grant for \$176,000 and a loan for \$265,615.06. EPA annual debt will be \$8,853.84.

Doug motioned to award the bids as presented, seconded by Mike. All voted Aye.

Mitch reports that the sludge has been removed by Burch Hydro and needs to be kept up on a regular schedule from now on. This will be funded with monies from the Sewer Project. Council recommends a planned schedule for sludge removal.

The sewer line installation is complete except a few leaks and repairs. Once complete, the clean-up will take place.

**Streetscape:**

Kevin said the Village only owes approximately \$1500-\$1600 to close out the Phase I. Council thanked Kevin for excellent job he did on Phase I. He said that Phase II is funded and ready to go. He suggests walking the rest of the project to clarify the plans. This is a \$1 million project: \$172,448 is for Consultants and the rest is for signage and graphics. ARC granted us \$250,000 for construction. Phase III grant funds will go for bike path, & railroad.

**New Water Improvement Project:** Kevin Wood presented Council with a Contract for Consulting Services with IBI. This contract was approved by The BPA. Bill motioned to approve the Contract, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

**Comments:**

Tom introduced his summer interns Brianna Shepherd and David Kilroy. David is paid thru the CIC, and Brianna with The Village. They are working on grants, and working with Jenny Larue on the Bike Project.

Chief Vandermark commented on revising the Levy for November. Kelly and Jeremy will work together to compare how other villages/towns/cities pay their Police Department. Kelly will also contact the Auditors Office for millage to cover the department.

Doug commented on trucks pulling in to park entrance and turning around. This will damage our pavement. He asks for chief to install a sign that states No truck turn around.

Doug would also like to say Thanks to everyone for a wonderful Memorial Day. The parade was wonderful.

Doug also states that the trees have been removed on Summit St. The residents send their appreciation.

Bill stated that there are weeds on the trail and asked if the summer youth can take care of it. Tom stated that the youth have not started yet, but they will.

Dave stated that the Library & Architect meeting is Mon. June 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm at the Courthouse.

Dave motioned to suspend rules and go into executive session, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

Doug motioned to go into executive session at 8:55pm to discuss Personnel issues, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye. Kelly was invited to join them.

Council returned to regular session at 9:10pm by a motion from Bill, seconded by Dave. All voted Aye. No action taken.

Dave motioned to give Paul and Ike a raise of \$1.25 starting the next pay period, and seconded by Doug. Roll call showed Dave, Doug and Bill yes, Eric no, and Mike abstaining. The motion passed.

With nothing further to discuss, Dave motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mike. All voted Aye. The meeting end at 9:15pm.

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Mayor Tom Johnson

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President Dave Snider

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Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem