

JUNE 8, 2021
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

Members present were: Doug Fehrman, David Snider, Mechelle Siemer and Mike Lally. Also present were Mayor Johnson and Kelly Beem

OLD BUSINESS:

SBC Flooring: Tom received a change order for the Luxury Vinyl Flooring and resin coating for the floors. The change order was too high so Alex recommended carpet squares, which would help with the sound proofing. We only have \$24,000 remaining.

Community Reinvestment Area: Michelle Robinson joined by phone. She is responding to questions regarding the property maintenance issues. He has contacted Heritage Ohio and received copies of agreements around Ohio pertaining to this. The Village could create an Ordinance for Property Maintenance and those in violation could be cited and pay a fine. She also provided information from Ohio Revised Code that Kelly will send to Council. The Council would appoint 2 members for the committee, the Mayor appoint 2, and County Commissioners would appoint 1 member. Mike suggests with get the County Auditor involved. Michelle will contact Drew Cannon.

Earmark: Tom is working on the application to renovate the Courthouse. It is due tomorrow to Senator Brown.

Outdoor Seating Area: Brett Alphin is working with businesses for cost sharing ideas.

Dr. Shovers dead tree: Last meeting we received a quote from Mike Fehrman of \$650.00 to cut the tree down. Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye, except Doug abstaining.

Tom received an email from Ann Bigelow regarding her tree. Tom will have Ryan look to see if it is something he could trim.

Dave Emmert would like to split is property into 3 lots. According to our Subdivision Ordinance, it would have to be cleared by Council. Tom would like Will to address at the next meeting. Tom will work with the Zoning and Planning Committees on this as well. Tom would like to set aside about a half hour at each meeting for discussions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sixmo Community Success Strategy: Bret Alphin will do a Pro-Bono proposal for Somerset up to 100. This will help activitly build our resilience against future challenges. He will provide a strategy document when completed.

Employee Health Insurance: Our current policy is up for renewal in August. Medical Mutual has quoted a 7.8% increase for the next year. Council agreed with Kelly to have Wichert Insurance shop around for better pricing.

Electric Aggregation Renewal: Our renewal is set to take place on July 15, 2021. There is a very slight increase of .0006. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by David. All voted Aye except Mechelle abstained. Council would like to know the rate to opt out verses staying in.

Alleys: Max Emmert drive needs dust control. The alley needs surveyed so we can put chip and seal down.

PAY ORDINANCE 10-21: - Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

Tom asked for a motion to suspend rules to go into executive session. Bill motioned, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

Mike motioned to go into executive session to discuss a real estate transaction, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

Doug motioned to return to regular session, seconded by David. All voted Aye. No action taken.

Doug authorized Mayor Johnson to enter into a purchase agreement for .26 acre on E. Sheridan Avenue that is connected to our property for the bike trail for \$17,900.00. David seconded the motion. All voted Aye.

Tom received a call from Chris Schmenk. Chris is leaving Bricker Eckler and we have a credit of \$10,249.13. We can either keep it there for another Attorney or have it sent back to us. USDA said that grant is closed, so we can use it however the Village wants. We will have her send the check to us to help purchase the E. Sheridan property.

David has found an electric golf cart for the Horticulture Committee. It could be a Village used vehicle. To purchase it would be \$5200.00. David motioned to purchase, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye, except Mechelle who left the meeting early.

David said Brad Knight will be working on the drainage issue on S. Columbus Street across from Kesslers. He will then work on the Fancy Hill drainage. This will be paid from the Storm Sewer revenues.

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

President David Snider

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem