

JULY 18, 2017
SOMERSET VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

Members present include David Snider, Bill Mohler, Mike Lally, and Eric Huston. Also present were Mayor Johnson, Solicitor Will Flautt, Stacey Hicks, and intern Evan Hertzog.

Guests: Terry Hatcher and Don Hucks from Artex, Steve Herendeen (220 S Columbus St), David Hansen from Innovation Gateway (and Sean Terrell from the Perry County CIC via telephone), and Mitch Altier with IBI Group.

Minutes: The minutes from June 20th were discussed. Mike Lally made the addition that Eric Huston was present. Mike Lally motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by David Snider. All voted Aye.

Terry Hatcher and Don Hucks from Artex spoke to council regarding the sizemics that they performed in Somerset a year ago. There is a 40-acre lot in Somerset to drill on potentially. They secured an easement that certifies right of way. They are seeking a three-year lease for the Village to become part of the unit. It would be a declining asset with 2.7% interest towards the Village. David Snider said Council would review proposal first.

Steve Herendeen at 220 South Columbus Street is seeking review of the ODOT Streetscape project taking place in front of his home. His vehicle bottoms out on the cement sidewalk or apron while pulling into and out of his driveway. Tom said Council would bring the issue to ODOT to see how the issue can be corrected.

Mitch Altier with IBI Group updated Council that there is no new sewer project beginning at this time. He also informed that two residents had approached the county (Northern Perry Water) about running water lines to their homes to provide new water service. Mitch and Northern Perry Water agreed to talk to the Village first to see if we would want to extend our service to them. The BPA is going to gather information to see if it would be beneficial to extend services and will revisit the issue.

Old Business:

Somerset Community Kitchen: Sean Terrell called in and presented with David Hansen to update council on a collaboration with the innovation gateway. They have \$250,000 funded out of the \$300,000 needed for the project and have received a \$50,000 grant to start the project. One key goal is to figure a way to keep the community kitchen open and staffed. Also, they need to find a champion to take over the facility. Hocking College wants to have a program in the kitchen, which will also help sustain it. \$20,000 of the funds for the innovation gateway would go to the community kitchen. They want to integrate the Community Kitchen into the Innovation Gateway. Council had no questions and supported the collaboration.

Innovation Gateway: David Hansen updated council that the project is now fully funded. There are three main activity spaces to be created which will be a makers space, technology hub, and a learning center. Bill Mohler asked for a potential start date, David said one year from now. David mentioned that we should be closing on 104 Public Square within 3 months.

Medical Center Project: Tom is continuing conversations with Jack Dittoe to make sure we are on track. 1/2 million is for the access road and 1/2 million is for equipment which is being sent to Columbus Developmental Services for review and approval.

Streetscape: The car lot on S. Columbus (Blackburn's Auto) would rather have the entrance on North side, which would flip the template and original design. David Snider worked with ODOT to resolve the issue. Also, there is asphalt in some places over the brick sidewalks; Tom is going to follow up and try to have the brick exposed.

Property Tax Levy Board of Elections: Tom read resolution 17-13. Mike Lally motioned to suspend the rules requiring a second reading based on emergency, David Snider seconded. Evan confirmed it is a 1 mil replacement levy. Bill Mohler motioned to approve, seconded by Eric Huston 2nd All voted Aye.

New Business:

Building Ordinances & Application: Deferred

USDA Rural Business Development Grant: Deferred

Purchase Contacts: Res.17-08, for Mayor Tom Johnson to enter into a purchase agreement on behalf of the Village for Mike Flautt's property for 5 years at \$1,000.00 a year, for up to five years and it will come off of the purchase price.

Res. 17-09; \$175,000 based on appraisal for Nicholson's property, and \$3000.00 to establish sincerity of the purchase the land surrounding the Trailer Park.

Bill Mohler motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Eric Huston. All voted Aye.

Pay Ordinance 17-13: Eric Huston motioned to approve the ordinance, seconded by David Snider. All voted Aye.

Stacey informed council that Doug and Mike Fehrman were not able to handle all the trees that fell or were damaged during the storms on July 7th. ODOT workers assisted and cut the trees into pieces that the Village employees were able to haul. Stacey sent a letter to ODOT District 5 thanking them for their assistance.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

David Snider, President

Kelly Beem Fiscal Officer