

AUGUST 15, 2017
SOMERSET VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

Present were: David Snider, Bill Mohler, Mike Lally, Eric Emmert, and Doug Fehrman. Also present were Mayor Johnson, Kelly Beem, Stacey Hicks, Chief Pressdee and Intern Evan Hertzog. Eric Huston was absent.

Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance

Guests: Rick Strohl was in attendance.

Betsy Ehler and Jeff Kerr with Environmental Design Group. Reviewing two proposals that utilize left over funds from the clean Ohio Fund Grants from CSX corridor. They have created proposals to design a master plan for both the CSX and Emerald Necklace projects to determine what the uses of both properties are. Items that are included in the proposal are: potential construction costs, identifying grants, applying for ODOT funding for the bike path. The master plan would look at the surrounding properties instead of just the footprint. They are working with Bricker and Eckler to ensure that they clearly understand the legal documents. Acquisition of McGaughey property and will create a tunnel under 22. St. Joseph's lake plan will include a path around the lake and connect to Somerset and a floating boardwalk. Dave said that the village does not own the dam, so they will have to work with a 3rd party. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

Eric Bruckner from engineering company for Genesis: Updated council on where they are with the site plan. They had engaged the contractor for pricing, and looked into building permit process and worked with Dr. Clouse. Last time they talked to Dr. Clouse he said no approvals would be needed because it's zoned S1t. Eric came to ask council if there is anything that council needs to do before they finalize the plan so they can set up a building construction date. Ground breaking is August 30th. The plan previously intruded on neighboring parcel, but now all permanent structures are on their parcel. Tom asked if they would want to acquire the neighboring parcel. Eric said it's a possibility, but they are so focused on the current footprint that they haven't decided. Doug asked for him to make sure they work with the neighbor who has the property on the access road off of 13. Dave asked what the access is for Eric said construction. Greg from Genesis asked him to put together a scope and process proposal. The construction access road would come directly from Dr. Mike Clouse Drive. Eric asked if he needed any approval and wants to ensure they are covered with council. Bill said we need more information to say 100% go ahead. Dave said that they really do not need anything from council to move forward. Tom said council needs to approve the site plan and Dave said it must include State Route 13. Dave motioned to approve, but there must be a plan with the access road and surrounding context incorporated. Seconded by Bill. All vote

Michelle Robinson:

Revised copy of Muskingum County Building Dept. was reviewed by Bricker and Eckler, then Will. Will said as long as the attorney that specializes in it from Bricker and Eckler is comfortable with it he is too. Asking for agreement to be signed and for two ordinances before that to be agreed upon. Muskingum acts on our behalf. 1st reading. Dave asked for a note from Bricker and Eckler to approve #5 that they created and approved the language. Motion: Bill motioned to approve the first reading, seconded by Doug. All Aye. Michelle also gave council a Municipal CRA Legislation Ordinance stating the Village desires to pursue all reasonable and legitimate measures to assist and encourage development in specific area of the Village.

Denise Wingard from Somerset Health & Rehab: She is here representing her boss who couldn't make it tonight, but wants to become more involved with our community.

MINUTES: The meeting minutes from August 1st were discussed. Eric E. motioned to approve, seconded by Bill. Dave abstained. All others voted Aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

Innovation Gateway: Nothing discussed.

Streetscape: The project is moving along quickly

Commodore Purchase Agreement: Dave motioned to allow Mayor to sign the purchase agreement, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

USDA Rural Business Grant Agreement: The Village was approved for a grant of \$295,000.00. Dave motioned to allow Mayor to sign the documents, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

Certificate of Deposits: Kelly informed council that we have 4 CD accounts maturing soon. She received quotes from US Bank and North Valley bank. Eric motioned to approved moving the CD's from US Bank to North Valley Bank. This was seconded by Doug. All voted Aye except David voting No.

ODNR Agreement: David Snider explained this public land agreement for St. Joe's Lake between the Village and ODNR. A motion by Doug, seconded by David to approve the Mayor signing the agreement. All voted Aye.

Zoning Permit Fees: 2nd reading. Doug motioned to approve the second reading to increase permit fees, seconded by Dave. All voted Aye.

Email from Jeff Emmert: Jeff is requesting The Village to open the alley surrounding his property at 115 W Sheridan Ave. Discussion was held as to who would pay to have the alley surveyed then graveled. The costs involved needs to be determined. A motion was made by _____ seconded by _____. Roll call: David yes, Bill yes, Mike No, Eric E and Doug Abstained. Motion failed.

Res. 17-16, 17-17, and 17-18: These three resolutions will allow Mayor Johnson to prepare and submit applications for capital improvements through OPWC for Water, Street and Sewer Projects. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Dave. All voted Aye.

A motion to suspend rules was made by David, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye. A motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters was made by Mike, seconded by David. All voted Aye. They entered their executive session at 9:00pm. Mike motioned to come out of executive session at 9:15pm and return to regular session, seconded by David. All voted Aye. No action taken

Pay Ordinance 17-15: Council reviewed the pay ordinance. Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Eric E. All voted Aye.

Chief Pressdee informed council they are having a birthday party for Dolly at the Park on Sunday. There will be a bounce house, snow cones and cotton candy. They are asking for school supplies to donate to both elementary schools. Our officers also did Street Smart for children and the girls in the office handed out treat bags. He reports several stolen cars in the area have been recovered and doing lots of patrolling on Market Street.

Tom asked council to hire Steven Smedley who has been a summer intern here for 20 hours a week and pay him \$13.00 an hour till the rest of the year. He will be hired under contracted services not an employee. Bill motioned to approve, seconded by David. All voted Aye.

With nothing further to discuss Bill motioned to adjourn, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

President David Snider

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem