

## VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

August 2, 2016

**Council Members present were:** Dave Snider, Eric Huston, Doug Fehrman, and Bill Mohler. Others attending were Mayor Johnson, Kelly Beem, Stacey Hicks, and Interns Brianna Shepherd and David Kilroy.

**Guests:** Tom Piolata (Remax Commercial), Richard & Sara Nicholson (Nicholson's Mobile Home Park) David Henson (LGIF), and Eddie Smith (SEOVEC)

Mayor led the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from June 19<sup>th</sup> were sent to members. Dave Snider abstained from approving the minutes because he conducted the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting in Tom's absence. Eric Houston abstained because he did not attend the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Minutes will be read again for approval at the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Streetscape:** The final walk through was last week. The lights on the square will be in phase 2.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION:** Eddie Smith of Southeast Ohio Public Energy Council (SOPEC) spoke about electrical aggregation. This SOPEC reduces costs for residential and commercial energy assessments and determines where energy reductions offer large utility savings, leaves more of each utility dollar within the local energy economy by collaborating with local government and business partners, and they also ensure that the benefits of the energy economy continue for future generations. Customers who switch from AEP save an average of 24% per year. The deadline to have electrical aggregation as an option on the November 15<sup>th</sup> ballot is August 10<sup>th</sup>. Doug Ferhman motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Bill Mohler. Doug Ferhman motioned to place energy aggregation on the ballot as an emergency measure, seconded by Dave Snider. All voted Aye.

**SOMERSET LEARNING CENTER & TECHNOLOGY HUB (SLCTH):** David Henson of Local Government Innovation Fund (LGIF) spoke about options for the Somerset Learning Center. The Village of Somerset would be working with Buckeye Hills – Hocking Valley Regional Development District (BHHVRDD) to complete the grant payment process. The SLCTH would offer leisure learning as well as digitally connecting residents reducing barriers from high school diploma to college degree and offering work from home options. This is similar to the Columbus Idea Foundry/Makers Space in Franklinton. The Columbus College of Art & Design (CCAD) is interested in offering classes at the SLCTH and Perry County Job & Family Services (PCJFS) would assist with exposure. Doug Ferhman made a motion to authorize approval for the Mayor to sign the cooperation agreement pending Will Flautt's review, Eric Houston seconded. All voted Aye.

**SEWER PROJECT** Piping for the North Columbus St lift station has begun, waiting on screen to arrive before installation. He also produced a change order for Downing Construction for the stainless steel gate costing \$5,757.02. He requested pay app for \$64,148.86 for lift station and concrete channel. Bill Mohler motioned to approve, Dave Snider seconded. All voted Aye.

Mitch Altier spoke of the dam classification. Currently the dam is classified as a Class I. The dam was a Class II until 1990 when it was changed to Class I due to the water treatment plant location. Mitch drafted a letter to ODNR to request the classification be changed back to a Class II. He also requested the Water Department to pay past due invoices to IBI Group. Bill Mohler motioned to approve the signing of documents for the water project, Dave Snider seconded. All voted Aye.

**DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT ORDINANCE:** Intern David Kilroy researched our Preservation Ordinance with a checklist to become a Certified Local Government, which would allow us to

apply for Local grants. David Kilroy produced a draft of Downtown Business Historic District Review Board Rules of Procedure in order to update council and encourage the Somerset Downtown Business Historic District review Board to adopt a rules of procedure document. The Board was established by Village Ordinance 13-9 by Council of the Village of Somerset on May 21, 2013. No action needed now.

Tom requested to suspend rules to go into executive session, Bill Mohler motioned, seconded by David Snider. All voted Aye. A motion was made to go into executive session to discuss a real estate transaction. David Snider approved, seconded by Doug Ferhman. All voted Aye. Executive session began at 8:11.

A motion from Bill Mohler to return to regular session at 8:30pm was seconded by David Snider. All voted Aye. No action taken.

A motion by Bill Mohler was made to apply for funding to purchase 30+ acres around the Somerset Mobile Home Park for \$175,000.00, David Snider seconded. All voted Aye.

**POLICE LEVY-- RES. 16-10** Third and final reading. Doug Ferhman motioned to approve submission to the Board of Elections, seconded by David Snider. All voted Aye.

**AGREEMENT TO OPERATE SOMERSET PARK:** The Agreement to Operate Somerset Park was reviewed and signed.

**DISCIPLINARY ACTION FORM:** Kelly provided a sample disciplinary action form.

**PAY ORDINANCE:** The board reviewed the pay ordinance. Eric Houston motioned to approve the pay ordinance, David Snider seconded. All voted Aye.

With nothing further to discuss, Eric H. motioned to adjourn, seconded by Doug. The meeting ended at 8:45pm.

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Mayor Tom Johnson

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President David Snider

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Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem