

AUGUST 21, 2018
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

PRESENT WERE: David Snider, Mechelle Siemer, Doug Fehrman, Bill Mohler and Mike Lally. Also present were Mayor Johnson, Kelly Beem, Chief Pressdee and Solicitor Flautt.

GUESTS: Included Bret Allphin Buckeye Hills Telephone Conference
Alex Bandar Columbus Idea Foundry
Kevin Snider, UM Church

Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Johnson got Bret Allphin on the phone. Brett updated council on the Hocking College application for additional funding for Gateway Project. This phase will be used for building repairs/updates and equipment. He is working with Hocking College for 3 mil. Tom stated that Perry County is 1 of 4 counties of Coal Affected areas successful in obtaining grants. Somerset is requesting 885,000 for construction and equipment of 2.7 mil which Hocking College to cover most of the match of 550,000. \$95,000 Village match is coming from other sources and Funds will be available by Sept. 30th. Subject to legal review, Doug motioned to file the application, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

Alex Bandar gave a very interesting presentation of what the Columbus Idea Foundry does. He will be taking over the Gateway project. He shared items made from 3D printers and wood projects. He is creating new ideas for our Makerspace project.

Kevin Snider is here on behalf of the Methodist Church with the Preliminary Sketch and Plat Map showing the variance of splitting the parcels. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye. Kevin is to take to Engineers office for new parcel numbers.

Tom applied for \$450,000-\$500,000 for the bike path. He hiked the path from McGaugheys to the cut.

MINUTES: The minutes from Aug. 7, 2018 were mailed. With no corrections, Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

Complete Streets Policy Second Reading: Doug motioned to approve the second reading, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

Schmelzer and Smith Alleys: Dave Snider contact Andy Knisley to survey both alleys.

Nicholson Property: Tom stated this is not a priority for the Village, and to consider letting an investor take the property for a residential build.

NEW BUSINESS:

Water Tank Painting: The BPA passed a motion to allow Mitch Altier apply for OPWC funds to paint possibly both water tanks, but definitely the High Street Tank. Doug motioned to approve the application for Funds, seconded by David. All voted Aye.

Street Department Trucks: Kelly informed council that we are continually putting money into Ron's truck. There is a 4wd truck with Snow plow and salt spreader at Fink's in Zanesville. Mechelle motioned to allow Kelly to obtain financing and purchase the truck for Ron. Seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

Emerald Necklace III CSX Purchase: There is a \$4,000 deposit to purchase the CSX that if OPWC can't pay, the Village will have to appropriate for it. Chris Schmenk is asking to eliminate the deposit with no match.

Financials: Kelly shared the Financials thru July 2018 with council. David Snider signed the Bank Reconciliation.

David motioned to suspend rules for executive session, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

David motioned to go into executive session to discuss Potential Litigations, seconded by Mike. All voted Aye. David motioned to return to regular session, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye. No action taken.

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Mike motioned to go into executive session to discuss personnel hours, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye. Mike motioned to return to regular session, seconded by David. All voted Aye. No action taken.

Chief Pressdee asked council if he could sell an old wrecked cruiser for \$1.00 to Pine Grove Kennels. Mechelle voted to approve, seconded by David. All voted Aye.

Buckeye Hills terminated its contract with Mr. Hansen on July 1, 2018 – but that he had continued doing good work for Somerset and the gateway in the time between that time and now. The contract termination was part of a revision of the ARC POWER project, and as part of that revision, Buckeye Hills intends to make \$90,000 in additional contractual funds in the project available to Somerset to fill the gap left by the contract termination. Somerset can use these new contractual funds for eligible project purposes as they see fit with approval from Buckeye Hills (the project grantee). Somerset could utilize these funds to reimburse Mr. Hansen for the work completed since July 2, 2018. In order to do this the Village would need to enter in to a retroactive contract with Mr. Hansen. Once the contract is in place, the Village would then need to pay these expenses and then seek reimbursement from Buckeye Hills for eligible expenditures made. There is a \$10,000.00 payment listed on the pay ordinance for David Hansen that will be reimbursed to the Village.

PAY ORDINANCE 15-2018: After reviewing the bills, Bill motioned to approve, seconded by David. All voted Aye.

With no further business to discuss, David motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mike. Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm. All voted Aye.

David Snider, President

Kelly Beem, Fiscal Officer