

**Village Council Meeting
September 15, 2015
7:30 p.m.**

Pledge of Allegiance - Tom

Reading of Previous Minutes – Tom

Doug moved to approve minutes, seconded by Dave. All voted Aye.

Meeting Called to Order 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Dave Snider, Eric Huston, Doug Fehrman, Mike Lally, Bill Mohler, Eric Emmert, Will Flautt, Kelly Beem, Jane Foulk, Chief Jeremy Vandermark

Guests: Mitch Altier, John McGaughey, Thad Cooperrider

Old Business

Streetscape Update – Council President David Snider gave an update on the street scape project, stating that we have been approved by ODOT for \$213,000 for this project. The electrical problems that had been slowing the project down. Should be laying bricks next week. Thank businesses for keeping their lights on overnight. Lights will be out for 4-5 more weeks.

ZONING ISSUES: Bill Mohler reports that Dean Throckmorton is still the Zoning Inspector. He has been issuing permits and collecting money. Dean wants a key to the office so he can file his paperwork. Mayor Johnson previously approved Kelly giving Dean a key.

CDBG INCOME SURVEY: Kelly reports that this needs to get started. She will give Bill and Doug their sheets after this meeting, and they will get started.

NEW BUSINESS:

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT: Mayor Johnson announced that Trick or Treat will be held on Thursday, October 29, 2015 from 5:30-7:00 pm. Kelly will make flyers and pass out.

PROPERTY INSURANCE: Kelly met with Kevin Howell from Wichert Insurance regarding renewing our coverage. She would like to have assessments done on all the Village properties to make sure they are insured sufficiently. She would need to have a couple members to meet with their appraiser.

Burr Oak Proposal to Acquire Northern Perry County Water - Mayor Tom Johnson expressed his concerns with the arrangement stating it had to be a 'win-win' for both the county and Burr Oak. The contract would lock the county in for 50 years.

Mitch Altier from M-E/IBI Group told council about what went on during a meeting about Burr Oak. He explained Julie Ward, with RCAP, raised issues on whether it was a good idea. There is a non-compete agreement in the contract, Mitch said the idea was the county would not compete against Burr Oak. Julie thought it might limit Somerset from serving in those areas. She said she wants better language in the contract so villages would still have the opportunity to serve whoever they wanted outside of their village boundaries.

Mayor Johnson went on to say Somerset used to sell \$200,000 water to the county. Now that the commissioners entered into a 50 year agreement to exclusively buy from Burr Oak they are essentially cutting Somerset off. Last year, Mayor Johnson asked the commissioners if they would be interested in purchasing \$20,000 from Somerset a year. They told him they were not interested.

“This transaction turns over Northern Perry Water to Burr Oak for the cost of the existing debt and doesn’t negotiate on behalf of the county on what happens with Thornville, Glenford, and Somerset.” Tom explained Thornville was concerned with how it was handled and that it was not put up for bid.

Tom had asked Mitch to look into whether Somerset could take on Northern Perry Water. Mitch explained that while the Somerset water plant does have enough spare capacity to take it on, there would have to be extensive upgrades made including adding a pump station and a tank. This would also take up all of Somerset’s spare space and leave them no room for growth.

There will be another public meeting concerning Burr Oak Sept. 28 at the Somerset Elementary School.

CDBG Targets of Opportunity Program - John McGaughey discussed the status of the Cooperrider property and the steps being taken to purchase and stabilize the building. John said the Historical Society could get a \$20,800 note if the Village would cosign. . The Historical Society will pay \$2000 interest to North Valley Bank up front. Bill asked if the property will be in HS name. John said yes. Bill said it should have limited liability. Bill moved, Doug seconded to have Mayor co-sign 18 month signature note with the Historical Society. Roll call vote, all yeas. Buckeye Hills will handle the grants administration for us.

Dave moved Doug seconded for Tom to apply for a CDBG Targets of Opportunity grant for \$200,000. Roll call vote, all yeas.

RESOLUTION 15-25 ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR. Bill motioned to approve this resolution, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

RESOLUTION 15-26 AUTHORIZING MAYOR JOHNSON TO PURCHASE 2.54 ACRES FROM WILDERNESS EAST. Dave motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

Chief Vandermark spoke to Council briefly about security for St Joe’s Lake, and if we are responsible for it.

Pay Ordinance 15-24 - Doug motioned to approve the Pay Ordinance for \$34,503.62, seconded by Dave. Roll call vote, all voted Aye.

Bill moved and Doug seconded to suspend regular session and to go into executive session. Roll call vote, all ayes.

Doug moved and Mike seconded to come out of exec session. Roll call vote, all yeas.

Doug moved and Mike seconded to go back into regular session. Roll call vote, all yeas. No action taken.

Eric moved and Dave seconded to Adjourn. All ayes, adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Mayor Tom Johnson

President David Snider

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem