

SEPTEMBER 28, 2021
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

Members present were: Mike Lally, Bill Mohler, Eric Emmert, Doug Fehrman and Mechelle Siemer. David Snider was present and stepped in for Mayor Johnson. Also present were Sgt. Matt May, Will Flautt and Kelly Beem.

GUESTS:

Mathew Hilliard, Eagle Scout. Matt addressed council and explained of his project to put flags around the square. He purchased flags and new fixtures. The total cost of his was project was \$2500.00 and he is asking for a donation to reach his total. He is shy \$200.00. Eric motioned to approve a donation for \$300.00 to cover any future costs to replace flags, seconded by Mechelle, All voted Aye.

Lisa Leckrone was here on behalf of Perry County Transit. They are planning a bus route from New Lexington to Somerset. She would like to place a Bus Stop Shelter close to the square with a bench. The location she mentioned was beside Laura's Embroidery on St. Rt. 13. Council was not fond of that location and asked if another site would be better. They will discuss and get back with her.

Dick Pettit was here to discuss the condemned trailer next to him. Will explained that Mike Flautt is working to have it removed. Dick said it has been 28 days and it is still there. Will explained that as long as progress is being made, then it can be extended beyond the 30 days. If the Village of Mr. Pettit chooses to take it to Common Pleas Court for Legal Processing it could take up to 18 months or longer. Dick is also concerned of a huge sink hole right beside and under the trailer. He is worried a child might fall in it. David Snider will meet with Dick at the trailer after the meeting.

MINUTES: Minutes from August 24, 2021 and September 23, 2021 were reviewed. Mr. Lally would like to make a change on Aug 24th, stating US 22 and not St. Rt. 22. Eric motioned to approve the August 24th minutes with the change, seconded by Mike. All voted Aye. Doug motioned to approve the Sept. 23, minutes, seconded by Mike. All voted Aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

SBC Roof Update: The quote received from Moore Roofing did not address the section of roof that really needs the repair. No action taken on that quote. David will get another quote by next meeting.

Streetscape: Mitch Altier was here from IBI Group. He needs the new Streetscape Plans approved so he can submit them by the end of the month. Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye except Mechelle, abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS:

Traffic Study: ODOT, Burgess Niple along with Mayor Johnson did a walkabout around the square and US HWY 22 and SR 13.. The summary was emailed back to Mayor Johnson with findings and suggestions. More discussion will take place with the Mayor at the next meeting.

Property Appraisals: Mayor Johnson received a quote for appraisals at a couple pieces of property in the Village from Tony Kleman from Benchmark Real Estate Appraisal Services. More discussion will be at the next meeting.

Somerset Vehicles: Kelly was asked by Bill for a list of the Village vehicles. She provided the list to council.

Ordinance 5-21: New water/Wastewater rates- were approved at the last BPA meeting. They approved 3% increases across the board for the next 5 years. This is the first reading of the ordinance. Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

ARPA Funds: The American Rescue Plan Act funds does not appear to be an allowable use of funds for a joint cemetery according to Ohio Office of Budget and Management. Also, the purchase of a new police cruiser is not allowable.

Census Results: Kelly received a Proclamation from Secretary of State Frank LaRose with our census number from the 2020 census. We remained the same as the previous census in 2010 of 1481 residents.

David Snider reports that we sold the two old cruisers for around \$3,741.00 through the County Engineers office.

Sgt. Matt May would like to order 4 new tasers for the department. He received a quote from Vance's for \$4,322.80 which includes the holsters and magazines. Mechelle motioned to approve, seconded by Mike. All voted Aye.

Matt introduce Ricardo Martinez as a new Auxiliary Officer. David Snider presented the Oath of Office to Ricardo. Ricardo was joined at the meeting with his wife and two children. Everyone welcomed him to the Village.

PAY ORDINANCES 16-21 AND 17-21: Doug motioned to approve both ordinances, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye with the exception of Doug abstaining from the Mike Fehrman payment, and Mike abstaining from both O'Lally's Mobile Wash payments.

Financials: The financials for August were approved by Council.

Doug motioned to suspend regular session, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye. Mechelle motioned to go into executive session for personnel matters, seconded by Mike. All voted Aye. Bill motioned to return to regular session, seconded by Mike. All voted Aye. No action taken.

Doug motioned to adjourn, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

President David Snider

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem