

**VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016**

**Council members present were:** Dave Snider, Eric Huston, Doug Fehrman, Mike Lally, Bill Mohler and Eric Emmert. Also present were Mayor Johnson, Kelly Beem, and Will Flautt.

**Guests:** included Casey Fulk from Perry Tribune, and Carrie Forgacs and Rebekkah from Somerset Learning Center Daycare.

Mayor Johnson opened the meeting by leading The Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from August 16<sup>th</sup> were emailed and mailed to each member. With no changes, Doug motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Eric H. All voted Aye except Bill Mohler abstaining.

The Mayor asked Carrie to address the Council. Carrie is the Administrator for Somerset Learning Center Daycare. She presented to Council her plans for expansion at the daycare by installing a modular building that will be 1,000 sq. ft., to house Infants and Toddlers. This will serve children from 6 weeks of age to 11 years old. Council asked her to prepare a site plan showing the modular and drainage on the property.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**STREETSCAPE UPDATE:** ODOT received our Engineers Plans, and after doing a walk around, they have questions and comments and requested a meeting. Tom received an email from Kevin Wood stating that the cost estimate is over by \$120,000-\$130,000 so we need to correct the plans to stay within the budget given.

Tom stated that we will find out this week if we were approved for Streetscape III, which includes Gay, Summit, High, N. Columbus and Market streets along with the Bike Path thru the cut.

**CSX RAILROAD APPRAISAL:** Funding was approved by ODOT and Clean Ohio. Total purchase price is \$42,500.00. We can do \$10,000.00 in Clean up and use that towards our Local share of funding. A motion by Bill, and seconded by Dave to approve the appraisal application to purchase the CSX railroad. All voted Aye.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Tom stated that Steve Tinto contacted him and asked if he could build a Sidewalk Arbor at his home. Steve will maintain it himself. Council did not have a problem with it, but Bill Mohler asked that he look at the trees around it and the state of the sidewalk.

Tom stated that the Village needs to list the trees that need removed within the Village. He will contact Ron for this.

Tom received a phone call from Sheriff Barker regarding Election Signs. Our Ordinance states that signs cannot be out until 30 days before election. Now that early voting starts in October, he asked if the signs could be placed now. Council approved the signs as long as they are not placed in State Right of way or around statue.

**RES. 16-15 TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS** was motioned by Doug and seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

**RES. 16-16 CASH TRANSFER OF FUNDS** was motioned by Bill and seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

**RES. 16-17 INTRA FUND TRANSFER (OVER \$10,000)** was motioned by Eric H., seconded by Mike. All voted Aye.

**RES. 16-18 ACCEPTING AMOUNTS FROM COUNTY AUDITOR** was motioned by Dave, seconded by Mike. All voted Aye.

**RES. 16-19 APPLICATION FOR SEWER PLANT UPGRADES: (SUBJECT TO MAYOR REVIEW OF LOAN PORTION)** was motioned by Bill, seconded by Eric H. All voted Aye.

**RES. 16-20 APPLICATION FOR WATER PLANT UPGRADES: (SUBJECT TO MAYOR REVIEW OF LOAN PORTION)** was motioned by Eric H., seconded by Dave. All voted Aye.

**RES. 16-21 APPLICATION FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS: (SUBJECT TO MAYOR REVIEW OF LOAN PORTION)** was motioned by Bill, seconded by Mike. All voted Aye.

Dave stated that the drainage improvements on High Street by Tim Young's house has begun and progressing nicely.

A motion by Bill, seconded by Dave to Suspend Rules and go into executive session was made. All voted Aye. Bill motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss a Real Estate Transaction, which was seconded by Eric E. All voted Aye. Executive session started at 8:10pm. They returned from Executive session and entered regular session at 9pm with a motion from Dave, and seconded by Eric H. All voted Aye.

A motion by Bill, seconded by Dave to Suspend Rules and go into executive session was made. All voted Aye. Bill motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel matter, which was seconded by Eric E. All voted Aye. Executive session started at 9:00pm. They returned from Executive session and entered regular session at 9:10pm with a motion from Dave, and seconded by Eric H. All voted Aye.

Bill motioned to purchase the old Library building for \$90,000.00, which was seconded by Eric E. All voted Aye.

A motion from Doug, and seconded by Mike to apply for \$200,000, 0% Loan for the Somerset Learning Center and Technology Hub. All voted Aye.

A motion from Eric E., and seconded by Bill to apply for \$500,000, 0% Loan for the Somerset Renaissance Project. All voted Aye.

A motion from Bill, and seconded by Dave to approve The Mayor to sign The Separation Agreement with Troy Dupler. All voted Aye.

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

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President Dave Snider

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Mayor Tom Johnson

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Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem