

DECEMBER 13, 2022
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

Members present: Chris Shonk, Bill Mohler, Ryan Green, Doug Fehrman and Mechelle Siemer. Also present were Mayor Johnson, Kelly Beem and Chief Schons.

MINUTES: Doug motioned to approve the minutes from November 29, 2022, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye, except Mechelle abstained.

SOMERSET BUILDERS CLUB: Trace Johnson outlined the development of classes coming in January. There will be 2 semesters with JFS for Programming and Vinyl cutting. He has requests for rental spaces at \$400.00 per month. JFS has committed \$93,000 to class space in 2023. This will pay the expenses for the Builders Club, along with the Instructors. Trace and Mayor Johnson requested 3 million dollars from the Governors' Appalachia Grant.

Bill motioned to suspend rules, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

Bill motioned to go into executive session to discuss a real estate transaction, seconded by Mechelle. Mayor invited the Planning Committee members Shane Adams and Brian Nash to Executive session. All voted Aye. Bill motioned to return to regular session, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye. No action taken.

Mayor asked for a motion from council to authorize him to negotiate and sign a purchase agreement on Council's behalf, for property at 6928 668 South. Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

Police Update: Chief Schons informed council that Sgt. Andy Love will be leaving Somerset PD on Dec. 21st to go to New Lex PD. Officer Sisco is set to complete his FTO program on Jan. 7th. Chief is currently reaching out to Hocking College for new recruits. Chief Schons needs an Ordinance to patrol the Village properties outside of the Village Limits. Kelly will talk to Will Flautt.

OLD BUSINESS:

Village Income Tax Ordinance: Second reading to re-affirm the approval of Ordinance 7-22 of a 1% Income Tax. Mechelle motioned to approve, seconded by Chris. Mechelle, Chris and Ryan voted Aye. Doug voted no and Bill abstained.

W Gay Street Alley Res. 13-22. Kelly suggested naming that whole alley from High St to the W Gay Street end North Alley. The alley on the South side of HWY 22 is South Alley. Mechelle motioned to name the alley NORTH ALLEY, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye. Council would like Ryan to check into placing mirrors on the corner of North Alley and the South Alley by the library.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business to discuss

PERSONNEL:

2023 Employee Wages: To be discussed at the next meeting.

PAY ORDINANCE 22-2022: Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye, except Doug abstained from Mike Fehrman payment.

NOV. BANK RECONCILIATION AND FINANCIALS: Mechelle motioned to approve, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

Doug Fehrman left the meeting at 7:36 pm.

C.D.'S RATES: Kelly shared with council that North Valley Bank is offering 4% rates on 17 month C.D.s We currently are only getting .1%. There are 1 C.D.S and 2 Savings accounts she recommends moving to North Valley. Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye.

Tom applauding the Somerset Small Towne Christmas for an amazing event again.

Tom asked council for approval to purchase gift cards for the employees as we have done in the past. Mechelle motioned to approve, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye.

No further business was discussed.

President Eric Emmert

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem