

FEBRUARY 13, 2024
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

Members present: Cindy Hayes, Doug Fehrman, Ryan Green, Chris Shonk. Also present were Mayor Johnson, Will Flautt and Kelly Beem.

Guests:

Trace Johnson: Trace presented the bid docs for the builders club. So far he knows of 1 active bidder, possibly 2. With the changes in the basement and upstairs, revisions needed to be made, like putting outdoor steps and moving the bathrooms. This takes up less space for Underwoods, but it is still taking away some of his storage, and repair shop. The total estimate for the construction is 2.2 mill. Kelly shared the SBC invoices that need submitted for payment with ACG Grant. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye. Trace stated Intel executives from California are coming to the builders club on Thursday.

Erik Petersen: Erik explained he is working on an EPA Community Grant with Mayor. Kelly sent an email to council with a short survey. He asked everyone to please respond to it, so he knows what to ask for in this grant. He is also managing the Farmers Market now.

Chase Bennett: Chase is here to introduce himself. He is running for County Commissioner.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cemetery Partnership with Township: Council discussed the partnership and feels the need to put on a township wide levy for all cemeteries in Reading Township. This will be discussed further with trustees.

SOPEC Community Grant: Tom explained this grant could be used for about anything. The Builders club, Farmers Market, The cleaning of the statue. Etc. Council will discuss at the next meeting what they would like to see. The grant amount is \$4,389.33.

St. Joes Lake: We still have \$39,825.65 in grand funding available. Ideas were to build a new boat ramp, fishing doc, lighting, kayak launch, etc. There will be \$6,000 match. More discussion to follow.

NEW BUSINESS:

Res. 5-24: A resolution nominating Tom Johnson to Dist. 18 Natural Resource Assistance Council. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye.

Monument Cleaning quote: Kelly received a quote from Logan Monuments. They quoted just the granite cleaning not the bronze. She provided instructions to clean the monument from Alan Cottrill. Chris will look into this further.

New Dump Truck: We have a quote to purchase a 2024 GMC Sierra Dump truck from Coughlin in Pataskala for \$82,355.00. Doug motioned to use the unallocated funds from ARPA, and the rest from the Income Tax, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

Res. 6-24 Amend Appropriations for Dump Truck Purchase: Chris motioned to approve, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye.

Ord. 1-24 American Legal Publishing to adopt the 2024 OBC. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

Fraud Prevention: Kelly presented a Fraud Prevention Policy to Council. The auditor is asking her and Eric to complete a questionnaire regarding fraud for the upcoming audit. Kelly would like council to review and discuss again at the next meeting. It is a good idea to have this policy in place.

PAY ORDINANCE 2-24: Chris motioned to approve, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye.

The Fourth of July Fireworks Committee is asking for a donation for the 40th anniversary of the fireworks. And they would like to canister on the square, June 15th. Doug motioned to increase the donation to \$3,000, and to approve the canister day, seconded by Chris.

President Eric Emmert

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem