

**JULY 12, 2022**  
**VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING**

**Members present:** Ryan Green, Doug Fehrman, Chris Shonk, Bill Mohler, Mechelle Siemer and Eric Emmert. Also present were Mayor Johnson, Kelly Beem, Will Flautt and Maggie Kaniecki.

**MINUTES:** Eric motioned to approve the minutes from June 14, 2022, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Outdoor Seating:** We have 3 three businesses waiting on the Outdoor seating approval. Clay Haus submitted \$51,150, B&K Drive Thru, \$14,278. And The FroYo for \$5,800. Mayor would like to support our businesses by approving cost sharing of 75% for each business from ARPA funds. This would give Clay Haus \$38,362.50, B&K \$10,708.50, and The FroYo \$4,350.00. Kelly has received \$150,000 in ARPA funds. Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye. Next we need to decide on public seating on the square.

**SBC:** Tim Sword updated council on the progress. He would like some outdoor seating on his corner. He has a smart TV that can sit in the window with speakers, so people can sit and watch what's going on inside or just watch a movie. He printed the Mayor Office and Village Office vinyl signs for the doors. His e-sports was a huge hit. Generated \$280.00. He currently is working with Job and Family services to hire a couple youth for the rest of summer. JFS will pay for them to work. He has great people to sit on the board and working with Will Flautt to draw up the bylaws. Sheridan High School does not offer drivers education, and he would like to bring that to the Builders club.

**STREETSCAPE:** Mitch is here to give an update for Kevin Wood. The bids came in were higher than the estimate. The total project is \$840,000 from \$770,000. Once bids are awarded, the project could get started by early Fall. Tom asked for ideas by importance for the next streetscape project. The first was all of Sheridan St., then Pig Foot square curbs and gutters. Third was Gay Street, summit, and High St to cemetery. He would like to add street lights on all these as well.

Mitch said the Gay Street water tank has been leaking, but DM Painting came in and welded a patch over the leak. There are a lot of structure repairs needed on the tank. He is working with BPA on grants/loans to either replace the tank or repair it. A new tank is at least 1 million dollars. BPA and Mitch have identified several projects for the near future. One is to eliminate a couple lift stations by relocating some sewer lines. They also need remote meters, and the Lead lines issues with EPA. There is grant money available to assist in the lead lines locations and replacements.

Trent Coble is here to check on the status of his zoning change. Part of his property is residential and the other commercial. He would like it all to be commercial. Mayor has appointed Chris Shonk and Brian Nash to serve on the Planning Commission. Chris Shonk has recruited Shane Adams as well. They still need one more person, but they now have a quorum to vote on the zoning change. Will Flautt stated we need to have an ordinance and it must be published for 2 straight weeks, then a public hearing. Then the Planning Committee can vote on it.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**FOOD TRUCKS:** We had a food truck on the square on a Friday. And Mayor received some complaints from area businesses. On Monday, Maxwell Pizza set up in front of the courthouse. Food trucks are getting more and more popular. Mayor would like to set Mondays for Food Trucks as most of the restaurants are closed. Eric motioned that we need an ordinance for Food trucks and possibly a permit fee. Mechelle seconded his motion. All voted Aye. Until an ordinance is approved, we will allow food trucks only on Mondays.

**Cemetery District Resolution:** Reading Twp Trustees approved a resolution authorizing the formation of a Union Cemetery District with the Village. There is a lot of concerns with us approving, so Council would like to have a meeting with the Trustees to discuss.

**RES. 6-22 CERTIFY TAX LEVY TO BOARD OF ELECTIONS:** Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

**Res. 7-22 Property Tax Lien for 216 W. Sheridan:** Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

**Res. 8-22 Amend Certificate with County Auditor:** Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

**Rushcreek Conservancy Invoice:** Kelly received an invoice for clean up after the June 8<sup>th</sup> storms at St. Joes Lake. Since the Village Water Dept uses this road on a regular basis, the board is asking the Village to pay half of the \$1,264.79 invoice. Doug motioned to approve pending approval from the BPA, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye. Kelly will present to BPA next Tuesday.

**Crosswalk for Gracies:** Residents are asking for a crosswalk from Park over to Gracies. Chris said we can't just paint a crosswalk anywhere. There is a concern about the small hill that blocks the view coming up 13 north. Both sides will need to be ADA compliant. We need a master plan for crosswalks through out town. Speaking of the park, the bushes and trees on the edge of the drive and 13 need cut back. The view is blocked.

**Street Asphalt Plate Compactor:** Chris brought up the request from Ryan Yzenski to purchase a compactor so he can properly repair holes with hot asphalt. Eric motioned to approve \$1,000 to purchase, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

Chris mentioned the catch basin by the Legion needs fixed. He is waiting on a couple quotes. This would come from the Storm Sewer money that is collected monthly. Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

Tom asked council to purchase a new camera for live streaming for \$699.99. Ryan motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye, except Bill abstained.

**PAY ORDINANCES 13-22 AND 14-22:** Mechelle motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

Nothing else to discuss. Mechelle motioned to adjourn, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

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Kelly Beem Fiscal Officer

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Eric Emmert, President