

MAY 23, 2023
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

Members present: Eric Emmert, Ryan Green, Chris Shonk and Bill Mohler. Also present were Kelly Beem, Chief Schons.

MINUTES: The minutes from May 9, 2023 were motioned to approve by Eric, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye.

Chief Schons shared his current stats with council.

OLD BUSINESS:

W. Sheridan Alley: Kelly is meeting with Spectrum on Wednesday to show them where they will need to move their line. Kelly has tried to reach AT&T but unsuccessful. Eric said we need to call PUCO and they will take care of it.

St. Rt. 668 Property lease: In order for the Village to lease the land and put it out to bids, it would need to be advertised for 5 consecutive weeks. This is too long for the farmers to plant crops and such. Chris motioned to approve a contract with Jason Poorman to farm the land, and maintain the grounds around the house this year. The Village will pay him a \$1.00 for maintaining our property. Eric seconded his motion. All voted Aye. Kelly will work on an agreement with Jason and the Village.

Trace Johnson informed council that the 3.1 mil grant should be here within a week. Kelly will administer the grant. He will provide the budget for that at the next meeting. He is currently working on a robotics class for ages 12-24. They will learn how to build robots, then at the end of the session, they will have a battle. He is planning on 2-8-week programs of 12 students per class. Trace will also work on implementing a new website for the Village. He will look at the Village of Roseville and New Lexington's sites. Mayor states the SBC will be self-sufficient and we will need a lease agreement from them. Eric mentioned offering drivers education classes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Memorandum Agreement with Commodore Bank: The Village accepts the Bank's offer to serve as public depository during the period of May 3-, 2023 to May 30, 2025. Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye.

ODOT TAP APPLICATION: IBI Kevin Wood prepared a cost estimate for the next Streetscape with hopes to include this in our revitalization project we are submitting to the State. This estimate includes, Sheridan and Columbus St; Pigfoot Square extension; Retaining wall and walk on Gay Street; Summit St; Miller Tavern; Signage; and Fiber Installation. The estimate is \$4,451,410.00 for construction, \$891,000 for Engineering for a total of \$5,342,410.00. We need to add West Main St sidewalks from Clay Haus to PigFoot.

Ord. 3-23: An ordinance prohibiting excessive noise. (2nd Reading) Chief Schons is comfortable with the wording on the Ordinance. Ryan motioned to approve, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye, except Eric with a NO vote.

Ord. 4-23: An ordinance adopting the International Property Maintenance Code (2nd reading) Bill motioned to table the Ordinance until we start having issues, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

Ord. 5-23: An ordinance for Gas Aggregation to the Electors (1st Reading) Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye. Tom stated that with the Electric aggregation, the Village is saving 16% on electric bills. This Gas Aggregation could do the same for residents.

Res. 8-23: Resolution to approve Kelly submitting a Grant Application for ODNR Nature Works. The grant will re-purpose the old tennis court in the park and make it into 2 Pickleball Courts. Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

Ryan Yzenski has 2 quotes for jetting out storm sewer lines. Strutske came in at \$2,100 for up to 8 hours, and Kendrick was \$2,100.00. Eric motioned to contract with Strutske, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

Tom received letters from EPA from their site visits to the Water and Wastewater plants. The water plant had a very good review, but it was noted that we need to hire another licensed Operator. The Wastewater had many violations. Including the sludge handling, and reports and paperwork not being kept since 2015. Wastewater is now having the Sludge hauled out by Waste Management instead of Land Applying.

Tom would like to plant 4 Sycamore trees on N. Columbus where the new sidewalks were replaced on the West Side. Total cost is \$1,200.00. Chris would like to have the water/sewer lines marked and any other lines checked out before planting. This could be done in the Fall if all is clear.

O.H.D.D. Grant for Sewer line upgrades should be approved next week. They have 250 million in funding. Hopefully, the next meeting we will have more details.

Joy Stewart is here needing a place to open her Barber Shop. She has till August in her current location. She is asking if she could rent the old Barber Shop on the corner of the Courthouse. We currently use that as storage, but the only problem is no water or bathroom. It also, is not ADA compliant. Tom mention that maybe she could use the Evidence Room and have the Chief move everything upstairs.

Kelly shared the April CCA Income Tax reports with council. In April we received \$19,000.00.

PAY ORDINANCE 7-23: Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

Tom would like a motion to suspend rules for executive session to discuss personnel matters, and doesn't plan any action afterwards. Bill motioned to suspend rules, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye. Ryan motioned to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye. Bill motioned to return to regular session, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye. No action was taken.

Eric motioned to adjourn, all in favor. Meeting ended.

President Eric Emmert

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem