

JUNE 14, 2022
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

Members present: Doug Fehrman, Eric Emmert, Chris Shonk Bill Mohler and Ryan Green. Mechelle arrived at 6:45pm. Also present were Kelly Beem, Will Flautt, Chief Schons, Sgt. Andy Love and Brian Barringer.

Mayor Tom administered the Oath of Office to Sgt. Love and Officer Barringer. Their badges were given to them by their wives.

MINUTES: Doug motioned to approve the minutes from May 24, 2022, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye, and Eric abstained.

OLD BUSINESS:

SBC UPDATE: Tim Sword just received the Engineers report on the building. There needs to be many updates to the structure, but for now, the building is usable. He is working on a masterplan and looking for about 5 members to sit on the committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

RES. 5-22: ODOT STREETScape REPLACEMENT: This is the final resolution enacted by Council for the streetscape project. The project consists of sidewalk replacement along North Columbus Street (S.R.13) between just south of Gay Street and North Drive, including a curb ramp, detectable warnings, drive aprons, and street lighting. Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

There is a block of concrete with Lally written on it, and the last Streetscape, it was replaced in the wrong area. Tom will check with Kevin Wood to see if we can include the change of location on this project.

Doug would like Kevin Wood at the next meeting to show the details on the wall replacement for Gay St.

AUDIT REVIEW: Mayor and Kelly received the draft of our 2020-2021 Audit from Ken Phillips. The audit is good and each council member was given a copy of it. Since this is a draft, it cannot be released to the public yet. If council has no concern, the Mayor will sign the report and send back to Auditor.

POLICE UPDATE:

We received the audit report from Granville Chief Caskey and Chief Schons reviewed the report with Council. With the Police Dept change in Personnel, the audit was performed, mostly on the evidence room. Chief Schons will correct the issues but it will take some time. He would like to hire an Administrative/Evidence Tech so each officer can be patrolling and not in the office. The July 4th Celebration he is bringing in 5 Auxillary Officers who will be paid by the Celebration Committee. He has been out talking to residents and feels a good relationship with them. Dean Wilson will return to Somerset for Mayors Court.

Bill asked Chief if we could do background checks, especially for Landlords. Chief explained that the Sheriffs office is set up to do that, and we need to consider the Fair Housing Laws.

PAY ORDINANCE 12-22: Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

Mayor talked about the 15million dollar grant given by Govenor Dewine for the Appalachian areas. The first application to apply is Aug.15th. Only ready to go projects. The previous Courthouse study in 2014 was estimated at 4.5-5 million dollars. Kelly shared copies of the previous Historical Courthouse design and costs. She will email to them as well. Tom will have Bob Leversedge at the next meeting to discuss the Courthouse.

The Park Board hired Amy Emmert to manage the Pool and take care of the Shelter houses. The baby pool just passed inspection, so it will be opened tomorrow.

Trent Coble is here to discuss the re-zoning of his property. Tom will need to appoint a new Planning Committee at the next council meeting, then hold a special meeting with them to address the issue for Trent.

Bill motioned to give the Zoning Inspector \$100 a month along with half of the permit fees. Mechelle seconded his motion. All voted Aye.

Tom mentioned issues on Max Emmert Drive, with the road and gravel from the heavy rains. We need a formal or professional fix. He will have an engineer take a look at it. There were several issues of flooding from the storm sewers not able to handle all the rain. This will be discussed as well.

With no further business to discuss, Chris motioned to adjourn, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem

President Eric Emmert