

MARCH 14, 2023
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

Members present: Mechelle Siemer, Ryan Green, Doug Fehrman, Bill Mohler and Chris Shonk. Eric Emmert led the meeting for Mayor Johnson. Also present were Will Flautt, Chief Schons, Ryan Yzenski and Kelly Beem.

MINUTES: Mechelle motioned to approve the minutes from February 28 2023, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye, except Doug abstained.

POLICE UPDATE: Chief Schons would like to sell the dog kennel to NL Police for \$1,000 if council approves. Chris motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye. He will put in a back seat. He also stated that he will be attending a few training classes for Tactical Leadership. The cost is about \$400.00. He did not have a full report ready for council, but will email it to them.

OLD BUSINESS:

W Sheridan Alley: Ryan Yzenski met with AEP several times about moving the poles in the alley. In order to do so, we would have to get an easement from the property owner. He has made several attempts to contact Olivia from AEP but the call doesn't go through.

SBC Update: Trace Johnson announced that we received 3.1 million Grant from the State of Ohio. Awesome news!! The Non-profit is being set up. We will need a lease agreement with SBC and The Village soon. Possibly a 5 year lease.

Sopec Electric Pricing: Kelly informed council the price has increased a bit from last meeting and wanted to share with them the new rates and see if they choose a different option. After review, Doug motioned to approve the 34 month option at 70.42/mwh, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

Waibel Electric Quote: Ryan Yzenski explained the need for additional lighting at the garage. It is very dark outside and he needs better lighting inside while doing paperwork. The cost of the new lights is \$4,180.00. This could be split between, street, police, water, and sewer since all would benefit from it. Doug motioned to approve the lights and split between all 4 departments, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

RidgeView Lumber Proposals: Ryan also shared 2 proposals to install a ceiling in the shop bays, due to birds staying there and making a mess. The lowest price is \$4,500.62. Doug motioned to approve the ceiling for \$4,500.62 and use ARPA Funds, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

Res. 2-23: A resolution to authorize the mayor and fiscal officer to sign documents for the USDA Grant application for the Emerald Necklace. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

Res. 3-23: A resolution to authorize the mayor and fiscal officer to sign documents for the USDA Grant application for the Somerset Builders Club . Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

Res. 4-23: A resolution to authorize Mayor Johnson to sign closing documents for 6928 St. Rt. 668 N. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

Office Copier Quotes: Kelly received 2 very similar quotes for a Canon DXC3826 copier. The cheapest was Modern Office Methods for \$195.86. They will also terminate the current lease and return the copier at not charge. The other quote was from Gordon Fleisch for \$219.04 which does not include taking the old copier. Both quotes are for 5-year lease. Doug motioned to approve the MOM copier for \$195.86 a month for 5 years, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

PAY ORDINANCE 3-2023: Mechelle motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.