

MARCH 23, 2021
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

Members Present: David Snider, Bill Mohler, Mechelle Siemer, Eric Emmert and Doug Fehrman. Mayor Johnson, Kelly Beem and Matt May were also present.

Mayor opened the meeting by asking Sgt. Matt May to present. Sgt. May said that on Mar. 11, 2021 Sgt. Aaron May was handling a domestic dispute on the square when the suspect refused to cooperate. The suspect began resisting arrest, and Officer Cody Palmer was off duty from McFillin Twp. Police Dept., and stopped in his personal vehicle to assist Office May. Sgt. Matt May presented Cody with an Outstanding Service Award.

Kevin Wood of IBI gave an update on the Streetscape Project. We now have the funding for this phase and the next phase by using the ARC \$250,000.00 as Village match. He presented Council with a change order to IBI for \$104,510.00. Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

Kevin also talked about the Income Summary, and is waiting for Kelly to compile a list of households within the Village. We need to mail approximately 300 letters to begin with and go from there. We should include a stamped, return envelope as well. Kelly will have the list completed this week.

MINUTES: Eric motioned to approve the minutes from March 9, 2021, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Revitalization Ord. 1-21: This would allow Tax Abatements for area businesses in the Historic District. It defers the property value for a number of years. Mayor met with Northern Local School Board and more discussion with them will be held. Kelly is to send the ordinance to Will Flautt for review.

Cares Act Funding: We currently have approved \$35,000 of the \$290,000 that we will receive for outdoor seating design. Mayor talked with Kevin Snider of Somerset United Methodist Church and they are still feeding a large number of families. Maybe we could put more in their account, and use some for infrastructure such as Storm Sewers.

NEW BUSINESS:

POP UP COMPETITION: Tom is hoping to start the second competition in May or June. He has 4 sponsors for the prize awards.

Street Superintendent Position: The previous offer was rescinded. David motioned to hire Ryan Yzenski to fill this position, seconded by Eric. He will start in about 2 weeks. All voted Aye.

Mechelle is still organizing the Farmers Market. She will have another meeting on April 17th.

Donation for Fireworks: David motioned to donate \$2500.00 for the fireworks, seconded by Doug. This is a little higher than previous donations since there were no activities last year. All voted Aye.

David would like to bring Noelle Davis back on part time in the Street Department. She can start cleaning the square and painting curbs until Ryan starts.

David asked if we could place a dumpster back behind the building like before. Mayor approved.

PAY ORDINANCE 5-21: Eric asked a question about buying out vacation leave. Would like to review the policy on it. Kelly will give the handbook to Council for review. Doug motioned to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

FEBRUARY FINANCIALS AND BACK REC: David motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

Tom gave an interview with Spectrum News regarding the Federal money earmarked for Courthouse upgrades from 10 years ago.

Meeting adjourned with an all affirmative vote.

David Snider, President

Kelly Beem, Fiscal Officer