

MARCH 23M 2022
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

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

Minutes: Bill motioned to approve the minutes from Mar. 8, 2022, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

GUESTS: Cass Maxwell and Paul Kierney and Michelle Robinson

Cass purchased the Little Phil's restaurant and Michelle is developing the Hotel Swisher. They are applying for Historical State Tax credits and need the Village to approve the CRA(Community Reinvestment Area) which will allow them to score higher on their application request for Tax credits. The applications are due next Wednesday. Michelle stated that construction costs for the hotel is 30% higher than they were expecting. The original budget was 3.1 million. Cass stated his construction budget was \$750,000 and now its up to 1.4 million.

OLD BUSINESS:

CRA Ordinance 3-22: Eric motioned to suspend rules and declare an emergency to approve the Ordinance 3-22, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye. This ordinance establishes and describing the boundaries of Community Reinvestment area in the Village, designating a housing Officer to administer the program, and creating a community reinvestment housing council and a tax incentive review council.

Roundabout: Mayor and Council would like to see more pedestrian safety crosswalks on the square and not just markings. Tom will discuss with ODOT.

Safe Routes to School: The application was submitted last month. Chris stated we can continue to work on the mapping and full application while we wait for the first application to be reviewed sometime in May.

Outdoor Seating: Sam Tuten joined the meeting by phone. He shared that the Clay Haus wants to do a big project for outdoor seating, like earth moving and a retainer wall which will be a big budget. The B&K Drive Thru has a budget of \$8,000. Sam and Brett are also working on Municipal parking around the square. Outdoor seating could also be implemented around Pig Foot Square. Bill would like to see an agreement written that property(business) owners with Outdoor seating will maintain their sidewalks.

Chris left the meeting at 7pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Somerset Capital Bill Requests: Tom shared he submitted applications for the Jacobs Tavern for \$375,000, SBC for \$500,000, and Emerald Necklace Bike Path for \$820,000. The Tavern is owned by Mike Flautt.

Social Media Policy: Will Flautt drafted a Policy to provide procedures for maintaining the Village sponsored social media accounts. Council will review and discuss at the next meeting.

Fuel Log Sheets: Kelly provide Council with spreadsheets of fuel usage for this year. There are some issues with fuel not accounted for. Kelly is to provide quarterly updates to council per The State Auditor's Office.

PAY ORDINANCE 7-22 Eric questioned the clothing allowance. He would like to see all the guys wear uniforms again. More discussion to follow. Bill motioned to approve the Pay Ordinance, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

Doug stated that we will need to replace the Street Dump Truck in the very near future.

He also said there is a pile of dirt by Chuck's that need cleaned up and removed from where the bus stop hub was installed.

A brief discussion and update on the Sewer Plant Fire was held. Wichert Insurance has been working with Paul Weiner. The cause of the fire was a charging box over heated that was plugged into a tractor.

With no further business to discuss, Mechelle motioned to adjourn, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem

Council President Eric Emmert