

**MARCH 28, 2023**  
**VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING**

**Members present:** Eric Emmert, Ryan Green, Bill Mohler and Chris Shonk. Also present were Mayor Johnson, Chief Schons and Will Flautt. Kelly joined by phone.

Mayor opened the meeting by explaining the process to purchase the Callahan property. We paid \$25,000 deposit from ARPA Fund which do not need reimbursed. We were awarded a loan of \$125,000 from Appalachian Growth Ohio for 2% 2 year term. The remaining is an interest only loan from Commodore Bank. The monthly payment to Appalachian Growth Ohio is \$5,314.35 which is covered by the difference of the \$125,000 and the \$80,000 needed for closing. He is working with site developers for a master plan of the property, but also needs community input as well. We could sell the house and some acreage, and decide what to do with the rest. We will not get the already approved USDA Grant of \$125,000 until an environmental review of the land is completed.

Mayor asked council to approve Resolution 5-23: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR JOHNSON TO TAKE A LOAN WITH APPALACHIAN GROWTH CAPITAL FOR \$125,000 FOR A 2 YEAR TERM @ 2% INTEREST. Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye.

Shannon Coble is here for Java 13. She has the plans for their outdoor seating area which will be between their building and Nick's pizza. Brick pavers will be used for the base, and 6-8 tables will be supplied. Entrance possibly from the back. She confirmed with Kelly, that council approved their estimate at the November 2, 2022 meeting. Their estimate was \$28,800 to \$30,215.00. Our 75% of ARPA funding set aside for them is \$22,661.25. At that same meeting council approved the estimate for Clay Haus of \$60,810.00. And our 75% ARPA funds would be \$45,607.50.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from March 14, 2023 were motioned to approve by Ryan and seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

**Chief Schons update:** Chief presented his police stats since the last meeting. Talked about his staff. The Perry County Chamber of Commerce would like to have a car show on the square Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. The square will be shut down and traffic re-routed. Council suggested to move the show to the Park due to parking issues and traffic issues. Chief addressed the ATV Ordinance. There are many issues with this that council will have to decide. What is considered ATV's? Golf Carts? Etc. Chief will contact other communities for a copy of their ordinance.

Eric talked to Tristen at AEP about moving the telephone poles in the W. Sheridan alley. Tristen said we are not financially responsible to move them if they were placed in our alley. Eric is meeting with him again soon.

No further business was discussed.

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Eric Emmert, President

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Tom Johnson, Mayor