

**MARCH 8, 2022**  
**VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING**

**Members present were:** Ryan Green, Bill Mohler, Chris Shonk, Mechelle Siemer and Doug Fehrman. Eric was acting Mayor in Tom's absent. Also present were Will Flautt and Kelly Beem.

**Minutes:** The Minutes from Feb. 22, 2022 were discussed. Doug has a minor change regarding the time he left the meeting not being included in the minutes. Kelly will make the change. Doug motioned to approve with the change, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Safe Routes to School:** Chris and Tom applied for a Travel Plan assistant with ODOT to help with the plans. An STP (School Travel Plan) would involve organizing a committee and gathering information on existing conditions, locating streets without sidewalks or poor sidewalk conditions where students live, identifying areas that would benefit from crosswalks or additional signage etc. The committee would also hold public meetings to discuss the top issues regarding Safe Routes to Schools. The meetings would allow the public to voice their opinion on the identified issues and solutions proposed by the committee/consultant. From this data the committee could Develop an STP that would help our community identify and prioritize safety issues regarding walking /biking to school.

**Traffic Study on Square:** Kendra Shenk from Burgess & Niple sent a revised layout for the square with striping option. The only parking space that will be lost is the 10 min parking by Subway. No action taken by council.

**DORA:** Kelly said the cups, signs and decals are in and Ryan Yzenski will pick them up from New Lexington and put in the office. Kelly spoke with the new owner of The Hole in the Wall. He would like contacted so he can participate on St. Patricks Day. Mechelle gave an update on the meeting with owners regarding the DORA. Eric will contact Brett Alphin to contact the Hole in the Wall.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SBC Capital Grant:** Tom, along with Tim Sword and Sean Terrell applied for a Capital Grant to continue the growth of the Builders Club.

**Solid Waste District Res. 1-22:** Eric explained the need to approve this Resolution. The program is funded using disposal fees which are collected at municipal solid waste landfills. The fees will be increasing in 2027. The increase will keep EPA from getting involved. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye except Mechelle abstained. Motion passed.

**Tree Summary:** Ann Bonner and Ryan Yzenski inspected trees in the Village. She made several recommendations for Council to review. Ryan is getting quotes from several places for tree removals, and tree trimming.

**Social Media Policy:** Kelly typed a draft Policy for Council to review and make changes accordingly. Will Flautt was asked to create a Social Media Policy and send to Council and Mayor next week so they will have time to discuss before the next council meeting.

**PAY ORDINANCE 6-2022:** Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

**PERSONNEL:** Eric asked for a motion to approve an hourly employee Noel Davis pay raise from \$11.39 to \$15.00 per hour, per Mayor Johnson. Ryan motioned to approve, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

**Feb. Bank Rec and Financials:** Kelly presented the financials and bank Rec. Doug motioned to approve seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

Doug left the meeting at 7:15pm.

There being no further business to discuss, Mechelle motioned to adjourn, All joined with Aye.

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President Eric Emmert

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Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem