

**NOVEMBER 2, 2022**  
**VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING**

**Members present were: Eric Emmert, Doug Fehrman, Ryan Green, Bill Mohler and Chris Shonk. Also present were Mayor Johnson, Kelly Beem, Will Flautt, Ryan Yzenski and Chief Schons.**

**Mayor Tom** introduced Nathan Bail as a new Auxiliary Police Officer and gave the Oath of Office to him

**GUESTS:**

**Cathy Ankrum:** Cathy is here on behalf of the Christmas Committee asking for a donation from council. They need to purchase more lights and decorations. Doug motioned to approve \$500.00, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

**Trent Coble:** Trent and Shannon are here with quotes for their outdoor seating at Java 13. They are wanting to put pavers all around the building with seating on the side and back. It will also be fenced in. Their estimates were \$28,800 and \$32,400. Council will take it under advisement.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Streetscape Sidewalks:** Ryan Yzenski said the East side is mostly done with concrete and aprons. They are now working on the West side. The Lights will be installed in the Spring and the conduit is installed.

**SBC Update: Schooley Caldwell** gave a proposal for structure stabilization and Design for restoration of the building and Phase II. We have \$250,000 in Capital Bill coming soon along applying for the Appalachian Community Grant for the Phase II. Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye. We are also looking to receive up to \$100,000 for programming grant for 1 year with JFS and HAPCAP. Blueway specializes in designing and manufacturing systems and methods for water recycling in the food and beverage environment. The Sensor Array Housing is a key component in Blueway systems. Trace Johnson would like to be a tenant in the SBC and have the pieces assembled and give the Village \$25.00 per piece. The contract should be between Blueway and Village of Somerset, and not the Somerset Builders Club. Mayor asked for a motion to approve per Will Flautt's review and changes to the Agreement. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. Doug, Chris, Eric voted Aye, and Bill and Ryan abstained.

**Cemetery Union Agreement:** - This was not discussed tonight.

**Income Tax:** Discussion was held regarding the need for the income tax in the Village. Most Villages, and cities surrounding Somerset have the Income tax. This tax does not apply for retired, disability, pensions etc. Just on earned income alone for residents and workers in the Village. Council is considering a 1% Income Tax with no reduction or credit given for those who pay other local taxes. Will and Kelly will work on an ordinance for this. And have it at the next council meeting. We also will contract with City of Cleveland for services rendering the collections and administration of the Income Tax.

**Noise and Property Maintenance Ordinances:** These were not discussed tonight.

**Clay Haus Outdoor Seating:** Scott Snider gave an estimate of \$60,810.00 for prep and install new patio/outdoor seating area. The Village may use ARPA Funding to help with the costs as we have done previously with other businesses. Also, Java 13 submitted their quote for \$28,800 or \$30,215.00. Doug motioned to approve using ARPA Funding and pay up to 75% of the costs to Clay Haus and Java 13 on a reimbursable status. Eric seconded his motion, and all voted Aye. Doug motioned to keep the remaining ARPA Funding help purchase a new dump truck for the Street dept, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye.

**W Gay Street Alley:** To be discussed at the next meeting, and possibly making it a one-way alley.

**Square Safety:** Mayor would like to get input from the public on the traffic pattern and pedestrian crossings.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**OWDA ORDINANCE 9-22 to apply and repair the Gay St. Water Tank.** Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

**WINWASTE FORMERLY WASTE AWAY CONTRACT:** Win Waste acquired Waste Away services and gave a 1 year proposal for the Village. Mayor and Council would like to have a three year contract with them. Kelly will contact Win Waste.

**RES. 10-22: Amend appropriations certificate:** Kelly needs to amend the appropriations for water and sewer departments by \$30,000 each and submit to County Auditor. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

**Res. 11-22: Accept County Auditor's estimated resources for 2023.** Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

**Res. 12-22: File a tax lien for 307 S. Columbus St. for water and sewer arrearage and for having the property mowed by Ryan.** Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye.

**PAY ORDINANCES 18-22, 19-22, AND 20-22:** Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

**BANK RECS AND FINANCIALS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER:** Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

Doug motioned to suspend rules and go into executive session, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye. Ryan motioned to go into executive session to consider the appointment, employment dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion according to ORC 731.46, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye. Doug motioned to return to regular session, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye. No action taken.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned with all members voting aye.

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Eric Emmert, President

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Kelly Beem, Fiscal Officer