

APRIL 22, 2025
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

Members present: Doug Fehrman, Chris Shonk, Ryan Green and Cindy Hayes. Mechelle Siemer has an excused absence. Also present were Mayor Emmert, Kelly Beem and Chief Ross.

Minutes: After review of the minutes, Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

Mayor:

SOPEC: The SOPEC electricity supply rate for our aggregation program has secured a rate of 9.756 per kWh, utilizing 100% renewable energy supply. Mayor stated this rate is in line with others. This will start in June.

Chief:

Chief Ross thanked Council and Mayor Emmert for the new Cruiser. He is working on the design for the graphics. Greathouse and Apollo have passed their K9 certifications and are now on the road. He gave an update on the stats for last 2 weeks.

Fiscal Officer:

Pay Ordinance 7-2025: At the last meeting council had questions about the Kleinfelder payments. Kelly shared that they are doing design work for the water and sewer departments to apply for grants. We get reimbursed from OWDA on their invoices, and these will eventually be loan payments. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye.

March Financials and Bank Rec.: Ryan motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

SBC: We have been given a deadline to respond to City of Athens on an Addendum to the original agreement Mayor Johnson signed. Eric has talked to John Kerry from GOA many times, and would like to have Casey Coffey from New Lexington Workforce development take over the builders club. He is doing great things in New Lex and with Genesis. Kelly will forward all documents to Casey for review.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vases: Mayor Johnson purchased these vases and had them painted for Christmas. We do not have space to store them. Kelly suggested we have them repainted with a Somerset theme, and keep them out year round. Chris will check with Park Board to see if they can display them anywhere.

Waste and Recycling Contract: Kelly received a proposal from Win Waste who are our current Waste partnership. They presented a 3 year contract with no rate increase for next year. Discussion on whether to put this out to bids as held. Everyone agreed they are doing a great job and we have had no complaints. Doug motioned to approve the 3 year contract with WinWaste, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

Eric, Chris and Doug will meet with Andy Knisley this week to carve out acreage at the Callahan property for the park. Amanda at Kleinfelder said that the easements will be completed within 2 weeks. Once all that is finished, we can put to bids.

Kelly received an invoice from Underwoods for supplies purchased by SBC. Council agreed to pay the invoice.

Kelly asked if anyone had contact information for the Boy Scouts. She is getting their electric bills. Their PO Box has been stopped as well. The Boy Scouts pays the electric for use of the room upstairs.

Kelly presented Res. 5-2025 to authorize Mayor Emmert to sign the grant documents for the Emerald Necklace grant of \$125,000 to purchase equipment for the parks and trails. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Cindy. All voted Aye.

With no further business to discuss, Doug motioned to adjourn, and all agreed.

President Ryan Green

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem