

APRIL 8, 2025
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

Members present: Chris Shonk, Ryan Green, Mechelle Siemer and Doug Fehrman. Also present were Mayor Emmert, Chief Ross and Will Flautt. Cindy was excused due to work.

Minutes: The minutes from March 25, 2025 was reviewed. Ryan motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. Doug abstained. Chris, Ryan, and Mechelle voted Aye.

Mayors Report:

Emerald Necklace Grant: We have \$125,000 Grant to purchase equipment for the Parks and Emerald Necklace. We have quotes for a Skidsteer, Broom for skidsteer, Side by side and a spreader for the Dump truck. Kelly is working with USDA on the grant documents.

Fiscal Officer:

Pay Ordinance 6-2025: Ryan motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

Tax Lien Res. 4-2025: 105 St. Patrick Dr. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Callahan Property: Chris and Eric are to meet with Andy Knisley to carve out the acreage for the park. Our next step is to finalize the easements for water and sewer. Then we need to put the property out to bid for 5 weeks, and get it sold.

Annexation: Eric has attended several meetings with the Township Trustees regarding the annexation of the Callahan Property. No decision has been made by them. We can send a request to the County Commissioners and let them decide.

Nicholson Property CRLAF Grant: Discussion was held. More discussion to be held at the next meeting.

SBC: We received a letter from City of Athens, stating the Village is responsible for repaying the funds identified as being unallowable by the Village and not approved under the ACGP. Their plan is to reallocate some of the remaining funds from SBC to the City of Athens. The amount they say is unallowable is \$164,464.74. They are also requesting we partner with Rural Action as the Subrecipient. We will have to make a decision at the next council meeting. Eric has been talking with John Kerry with GOA on this whole process.

ODOT: There will be a meeting Friday in front on Subway at 10am to discuss the street safety application. Dave Emmert with ODOT will be there. Main issue is parking. Eric spoke with Julie Paxton and North Valley Bank are demolishing the little red building and making it a parking lot for them, but it will also be available after hours for Village parking. This will help if we need to eliminate some parking on the square. Council by a show of hands approve ODOT plans.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trees: Council would like a list of trees that need removed. Eric mentioned getting quotes to removed trees and Kelly Clapper will work for \$1,000 a day regardless of how many trees. Will report later

No committee reports.

RESOLUTION 3-2025: A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND APPLY FOR AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIS IS TO PURCHASE THE POLICE CRUISER AND MARCS RADIOS AS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED. Ryan motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

Council approved adjourning with no further business to discuss.

President Ryan Green

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem

