

**AUGUST 12, 2025**  
**VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING**

**Members present:** Ryan Green, Cindy Hayes, Mechelle Siemer and Chris Shonk. Also present were Mayor Emmert, Chief Ross, Kelly Beem and Will Flautt.

Guests included Kevin Flautt, Keith and Jacque Neel, Chuck and Tori Underwood.

**Mayor Reports:** Eric, Kelly and Ryan Yzenski met with ODOT. The RRFB's are ordered and should be installed in mid-September. We need 14' poles with lights. We have 1,552,000 dollars with ODOT on street safety. This amount will be spread out through 2028. We talked about crosswalks with bumps, Pig Foot square and markings on the square.

We have two alleys that will be chip and sealed this week. Also paving on N. Market will begin late summer, early fall.

**Chief Reports:** Chief Ross talked about the stats for the last 2 weeks. The new cruiser is completely finished now, and would like to repeat himself by saying thank you to council for approving the new cruiser. He informed council that Officer Greathouse turned in a two week notice, and wanted council to know before he posted this position.

**Fiscal Officer Reports:** Kelly states that only thing she has is Pay Ordinance 13-2025. After review of the bills, Ryan motioned to approve, seconded by Cindy. All voted Aye.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from July 22, 2025 were reviewed. Cindy motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Property Maintenance:** Kelly gave everyone Chapter 1 of the International Property Maintenance Code for review. Mayor Emmert suggests the committee meets separately to work on this. Kelly will have Chapters 2 and 3 ready for them as well.

**CRLAF Emerald Necklace:** Cindy and Ryan Yzenski went to the area behind the trailer park. It is very overgrown and very hard to walk. Ryan will work on the access road, and parking. We can use his time, and equipment as our local match for the Grant.

**New Business:**

**Bids for Farm:** Mayor announced we received three bids. The highest bid was \$851,000 by Dave Emmert. The next bid was \$600,000. A motion by Chris, seconded by Ryan to accept the bid from Dave Emmert, and to proceed with closing. All voted Aye. We do need to work with Dave Emmert on Zoning for the property.

**Property Insurance Renewal:** Our renewal with PEP is about up, and Kelly received an email from Kevin Howell at Wichert. Making us aware, that if we wanted to bid the insurance out with Wichert, that we have to give PEP 60 day notice. Council made no decision on this, and would like it on the next agenda.

**Underwoods Lease:** With the repairs on the building being delayed, Chuck states he shouldn't have to pay the 3% increase in rent. Council has the choice to amend the current lease, or keep the current lease. Mechelle motioned to leave the lease as is, with rent at \$750.00 until the repairs and utilities are made, seconded by Cindy. All voted Aye. Kelly will work with Will to draft a memorandum of understanding agreement. We are still in limbo with GOA and City of Athens on our Addendum.

**Alley:** The alley on N. Columbus Street was approved to reopen back in 2020. There is a piece of property for sale, but has no street access without the alley. There is a tree or two that needs to come down, and graveled. Kelly will talk with Ryan about getting this done.

**Committee Reports:**

Chris reports the pool is now closed due to some pump issues. He stated Lora did an exceptional job again this year. He is getting quotes on fencing for the pickleball court.

**Resolutions:**

**Res. 14-25: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to prepare and submit an application with OPWC for North Drive Force Main, and declaring an emergency.** Cindy motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

**Res. 15-25: A resolution approving the Village apply for funding with Perry County Health Dept for a Community Clean Up Grant and declaring an emergency.** This grant will allow up to \$5,000 to have 4 dumpsters placed around town for residents to clean up their yards. Trash bags and gloves will also be provided if requested. Cindy motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

**Res. 16-25: A resolution to Amend Appropriations and apply for an amended certificate and declaring an emergency.** Ryan motioned to approve, seconded by Cindy. All voted Aye.

No further business to discuss. Mechelle motioned to adjourn all with the Aye vote.

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President Ryan Green

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Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem