

**FEBRUARY 10, 2026**  
**VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING**

**Before the meeting started, Will Flautt administered the Oath of Office to Eric Emmert as Mayor.**

Mayor Emmert introduced Ty Taylor and Dylan Emmert as newly appointed council members. Mayor Emmert administered the Oath to both.

**Members present:** Ryan Green, Keith Neel, Cindy Hayes, Eric Huston, Ty Taylor and Dylan Emmert. Also present were Mayor Emmert, Will Flautt, Kelly Beem and Chief Ross.

**Guest:** Carolyn Carnes is here to introduce herself as she is running for Probate Juvenile Judge.

**Minutes: The minutes from December 9, 2025 and January 27, 2025 were reviewed.** Ryan motioned to approve the December minutes, seconded by Cindy. Eric motioned to approve the January minutes, seconded by Cindy. All voted Aye.

**Mayor Reports:**

1. Mayor Emmert met with P C Health Dept and Ohio Dept of Commerce at the trailer park. Living conditions are horrendous. The Health Dept is working on some violations, but without a Code Enforcement, the Dept of Commerce can't do anything.
2. Mayor Emmert is meeting with Kevin Miller on Monday to discuss \$200,000 Capital Grant that was awarded to the Tavern.
3. Mayor Emmert reviewed the Fund Summary for 2025.
4. Annette More with the Fourth of July Committee, asked if they could hold their collection on the square on June 13<sup>th</sup>. She also asked if council would again donate to the fireworks. Ryan motioned to approve \$3,000 for the fireworks, seconded by Cindy. All voted Aye.
5. We have flashing beacons for the crosswalks on the square and more visible lighting.

**Police Reports:**

1. Chief updated council on the accidental shooting that took place last week. The victim was 17 years old and sadly passed away. The investigation is still ongoing, so he couldn't give more details.
2. Chief has 2 cruisers that won't start, and it would be expensive to repair them. He found a 2022 Ford F150 Responder with lights installed for \$46,000. He would like council approve purchasing this truck, and he will sell the old cruisers on Gov Deals. Cindy motioned to approve the purchase of the F150, seconded by Dylan. All voted Aye. This will be paid from General Fund, until the Police Fund can reimburse them.

**Fiscal Officer Reports:**

1. Kelly presented Pay Ordinance 2-26. Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye.
2. Kelly reviewed the January Financials and Bank reconciliation. Ryan motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.
3. Kelly would like to attend a two day Local Government Officials Conference in March. Cost is \$300.00 plus hotel expense. Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Dylan. All voted Aye.

**Old Business:**

1. **Kleinfelder Breach of Contract.** Solicitor drafted a letter for litigation to Kleinfelder for the full amount paid. Ryan motioned to approve and send the letter, seconded by Cindy. All voted Aye.
2. **International Property Maintenance Code:** Kelly drafted a manual for Maintenance and enforcement for council to review. The first step is to pass an ordinance approving the 2024 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code. Since we have new members, we will discuss again at the next meeting.

- 3. Rules of Council:** Mayor Emmert reviewed the rules of council since we have new members. If council chooses to change or alter the rules, they have that right.

**New Business:**

Mayor informed council there is a new capital grant out to support the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, remodeling, renovations of capital facilities. We would like to see if we can get some repairs to the courthouse with this grant. Ryan motioned to allow Mayor Emmert submit an application to State Senator Tim Schaffer by March 12, 2026, to renovate the courthouse. This was seconded by Cindy. All voted Aye.

**Resolutions and Ordinances:**

- 1. Ord. 1-2026: An ordinance to establish a Village Administrator position and abolish the BPA. Second Reading.** Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye.
- 2. Res. 1-23: A resolution adopting the 2024 edition of the International Property Code as the property maintenance code of the Village of Somerset.** This was not voted on to give the new members more time to review. This will be added on again for the next meeting.

Mayor Emmert asked Kelly to post the Administrator position.

No further business was discussed.

Ryan motioned to adjourn, and all with Aye votes.

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Council President Ryan Green

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Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem