

**FEBRUARY 24, 2025**  
**VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**Minutes:** The minutes from Feb. 10, 2026 were reviewed. Eric Huston suggested to Kelly to specify Eric Huston or Mayor Emmert in the minutes. Ryan motioned to approve the minutes with the changes, seconded by Cindy. All in favor. Kelly will make the changes.

**Mayor Reports:**

1. Mayor Emmert and Ryan Yzenski met with ODOT today regarding the lights and poles on the square. We were shorted poles, but they can still get started with what they have till the others are delivered.
2. He met with Kevin Miller on Monday. We received \$200,000 Capital Grant back in 2024 for the Tavern. At that time the Tavern was owned by the Historical Society. It is now privately owned. Which means the grant cannot go to an private individual. Mr. Miller would like to keep the money in Somerset. We are hoping to transfer it to the Courthouse Restoration Fund.
3. Mayor Emmert reported there was a water leak behind the courthouse this morning. There were issues with the water guys not wanting to fix it today. Water was running from the alley, down 13 north to Gay St. ODOT came through and applied salt because the road was freezing. The leak was finally temporarily repaired. This is a good example of why an Administrator is needed.

**Chief Reports:**

1. Chief Ross gave an update on his stats for the month.
2. His new Ford F-150 will have the decals put on this weekend
3. He received an email from Ohio Collaborative today. We excelled with our Ohio Collaborative certification and are certified in all 14 topics. We were invtd to apply for the OCLEAP Program which has 32 standards and currently only 19 agencies in the state are certified OCLEAP.

Mayor Emmert read a letter from Kate Simmons, Principal at Somerset Elementary School, praising our Police department for keeping their students safe.

**Fiscal Officer reports:**

1. Kelly presented Pay Ordinance 3-26. Ryan motioned to approve, seconded by Cindy. All in Favor.

**Ordinance 1-2026: An ordinance to establish a Village Administrator Position third and final reading.** Eric Huston motioned to approve the ordinance, seconded by Dylan. All in Favor.

**Resolution 1-2026: A resolution adopting the 2024 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code as the property maintenance code of the Village of Somerset.** This will be tabled till council has read through the IPMC. Kelly will send to each of them.

**New Business:**

**Interview Process Committee.** Kelly has received many resumes for the Administrator position. Mayor Emmert would like to start the interview process immediately. He asked for two volunteers from council. Eric Huston and Cindy Hayes agreed to interview candidates with Mayor Emmert. Kelly will get a couple applicants for Thursday evening.

**2026 Committee Members:**

Mayor Emmert has appointed the council members for committees for the village. No further business to discuss. Dylan motioned to adjourn, seconded by Keith. All in favor.