

FEBRUARY 25, 2025
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

Members present: Doug Fehrman, Chris Shonk, Cindy Hayes, Ryan Green. Also present were Mayor Eric Emmert, Kelly Beem, Will Flautt and Chief Ross.

Chris motioned to excuse Mechelle Siemer from the meeting, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

MINUTES: The minutes from January 14, 2025 were reviewed. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye.

POLICE UPDATE: Chief Ross gave his stats for two weeks. He reported the body armour and accessories arrived. Coughlin's in Marysville has a 2024 Dodge Durango for \$44,481.00. The lights and sirens will be installed from Parr Safety for \$17,177.29. The decals he is hoping to be under \$1,500. Doug motioned to approve the purchase using General and Police Funds, seconded by Cindy. All voted Aye. He and Officer Greathouse has been receiving donations for the K9 Fund. He is currently enrolled with his dog Mac with Triple Threat K9 training. He also received notification today that he was awarded \$7,500.00 grant from AKC Reunite Grant. The Marcs radios will be obsolete within the next few months. If he orders in March, there is a 40% discount if the amount is over \$15,000.00. For 4 radios it would be \$14,232.00. Cindy motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

FISCAL OFFICER:

1. **PAY ORDINANCE 3-2025:** Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye.
2. **Loan Maturities:** The loans for the Callahan property matures the end of March. NVB needs to have a plan in motion by council, the Village financials in order to extend the loan for up to 6 months. That will give us time to survey, and bid the property. Will Flautt will check on the legal way to sell it. Having a Realtor to auction if off would be the quickest.
3. **JANUARY FINANCIALS:** Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye.
4. **MAYORS SALARY FOR 2026:** Discussion with council members only on the increase of the Mayors position. Currently, the pay for Mayor is \$9,600.00 a year. Increasing the salary to \$15,000 yearly, get it closer in line with other municipalities in our size/area w/out a village administrator. We are still well below most. Ryan motioned to increase the Mayors salary to \$15,000 a year, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye, except Cindy with a No vote.
5. **Tax Levies:** As reported last month, we have two levies up for renewal in November. There is a 2.1 mill and .5 mill. Doug motioned to drop the .5 mill off the ballot, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye. Doug motioned to place the 2.1 mill up for renewal, seconded by Cindy. All voted Aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Callahan Property and Annexation:** We are working on several things that need to happen before the property can be sold.
 - a. Eric will attend the Township Trustees meetings to discuss the annexation.
 - b. We need the easements for water and sewer located and deeded.
 - c. Will is to check on how we can sell the property. (Bids, Auctions, etc.)
 - d. Not sure if we need a realtor or not. We will check on this.
 - e. Sell the property in 6 months or less,
 - f. Renew our Loan with North Valley Bank for 6 months.
2. **Nicholson property:** We still have money from Emerald Necklace to possibly build trails, dog park etc. on this land. We need to decide soon as to not lose the remaining grant money. It was mentioned to have Erik Petersen do the trails.
3. **SBC UPDATE:** Not much to report. Erik Petersen met with people to remove their personal items. We have a meeting with Kalpa to discuss downsizing the construction.

4. ZONING Inspector: The Mayor will make his decision by the next meeting.

No committee reports.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

Ord. 1-2025: To approve the American Legal Publishing ORC. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye.

Doug motioned to suspend rules for executive session, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

Doug motioned to go into executive session to discuss a Legal Matter, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye. Doug motioned to return to regular session, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

No Action Taken.

Adjourn: Doug motioned to adjourn, seconded by Cindy. All voted Aye.

President Ryan Green

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem