## JANUARY 10, 2023 VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

Members present: Doug Fehrman, Ryan Green, Chris Shonk and Bill Mohler. Eric Emmert led the meeting in the absence of Mayor Johnson. Also present were Will Flautt, Kelly Beem, Chief Schons and Matt Greathouse.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from Dec. 27, 2022 were reviewed. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

Nominations were on the table for council president. Ryan motioned to appoint Eric Emmert as President, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

Doug motioned to re-appoint Ryan Yzenski as Street Superintendent. Chris seconded his motion. All voted Aye.

## Police:

Chief Schon introduced Matt Greathouse as a new part-time officer. Eric administered the Oath of Office to Matt.

Chief would like to join the Central Ohio Task Force. The cost is \$2,500 a year and provides significant resources. Bill motioned to approve, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye.

Eric opened the meeting to public comments with our guests.

Guests, Jacquie and Keith Neel, Dan Shaw, Ron Watkins, Sarah Hedges and others spoke on behalf of the 1% income tax Ordinance.

Kelly will get with Mayor Tom to have the agendas posted the Monday before each of the meetings.

Doug motioned to suspend rules for executive session, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye. Doug motioned to go into executive session to discuss personnel wages, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye. Doug motioned to return from executive session, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye. No action taken.

Doug motioned to accept the Board of Public Affairs recommendations for pay increases for the water and wastewater departments, and approve 5% increases for the rest of the employees including the Police department. Bill seconded his motion.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Requests for Engineering Services:** Council and BPA would like to advertise for RFQ (requests for qualifications) for engineering services.

No further business was discussed.	
President Eric Emmert	Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem