

**JANUARY 14, 2025**  
**VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Mayor Emmert would like to add to the agenda Zoning Inspector.

**Nominations for Council President:** Mechelle motioned to nominate Ryan Green for President, seconded by Cindy. All voted Aye.

**Police Update:** Chief Ross gave his stat report for the last month. The new Lexipol policy is finished and the last of it has been sent to the Officers.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from December 10, 2024 were reviewed. Ryan motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye, except Doug abstained.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**W Sheridan and N Columbus Alleys:** Mayor Emmert spoke with AEP for an update on when they are moving the utility poles. No date has been given yet, and they are getting the right of ways signed. Only 1 person has not been able to be reached.

**Callahan Property:** Kelly shared the plat map from Andy Knisley. Before dividing up the property, we need to make sure there is an easement for the sewer line. Mayor will talk with Amanda from Klinefelter's about that. We need to have a planning meeting as well.

**ODOT Street Safety:** The first round of funding was denied, and the next application is due in March. We will start with painting, markings and parking on this application.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2025 Committee Members:** Mayor Emmert presented to council the new committee members for 2025. We need to get a new Zoning Inspector hired by the end of the month. If anyone has any nominations, please share with Kelly to put on the next agenda.

**Appoint Street Commissioner:** Doug motioned to re-appoint Ryan Yzenski as Street Commissioner, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

**Council Pay Increases:** Mayor Emmert would like to see pay increases for council. They are by far the lowest paid according to the MORPC survey. More discussion to be held. He advised everyone to go to the MORPC website and review the survey.

**Citizen Alert System:** Kelly would like a mobile app to notify customers of upcoming events, meetings, emergencies etc. She has talked with GoGov.com for a year. Their cost is \$3,600.00 a year. There is no charge for the public to load the app. She would like Mayor Emmert to give her the company New Lex uses, to compare.

**PAY ORDINANCE 1-2025:** Mechelle motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

**December Bank Rec and Financials:** Ryan motioned to approve, seconded by Cindy. All voted Aye.

**Year-End Balance certificate:** Kelly presented the year end balance certificate for 2024 that needs approved to send to the County Auditor. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye. Our year-end balance is \$1,309,371.55.

Doug motioned to suspend rules, seconded by Cindy. All voted Aye.

Ryan motioned to go into executive session for an Attorney Conference, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

Doug motioned to return to regular session, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.  
No action taken.

Solicitor Flautt asked for a motioned to have Mayor Emmert approve and sign the new Underwood's Lease agreement with the new owners. And to consent the consumption of the contract. Mechelle motioned to approve, seconded by Cindy. All voted Aye.

No further business was discussed.

Mechelle motioned to adjourn, and all with a aye vote.

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Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem

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President Ryan Green