

JANUARY 27, 2026
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

Before the meeting Will Flautt Swore in Ryan Green to council.

Members present: Ryan Green, Eric Huston and Cindy Hayes.

Cindy motioned to appoint Ryan Green as council president, seconded by Eric.

In the absence of Mayor Emmert, Ryan Green ran the meeting.

Kathy Tyo asked council for approval to annex a piece of land into the Village on A.K. Wilson Drive. Kelly will check with the Zoning Board. Will stated she needs to file the petition with the Commissioners and once approved, bring it back to council for approval.

Police Chief reports: Chief Ross received a couple complaints on W. Gay for snow removal. He will get with Ryan Yzenski in the morning.

Luke Noll was hired 12-31-25 as a new officer. Luke is still in training. Officer Hinkle will begin working 4Pm to midnight.

Chief has the new E-citation working in the cruisers. He has a meeting with Ohio Collaborative Wednesday at 11.

He would like to sell cruiser 202 which is a 2017 Ford Explorer. It needs a lot of work done. We can sell it on Govdeals.

Fiscal Officer reports:

Pay Ordinance 1-26: Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Cindy.

December Bank Reconciliation and Financials: Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Cindy. Kelly shared with council the year end financial notes to the State Auditor.

Application for Funding for Debris Clean up. Kelly would like to submit another application to Perry County Health Dept for \$5,000 for four more dumpsters in the Spring. Cindy motioned to approve, seconded by Eric.

Approval to certify 2025 balances to County Auditor: Cindy motioned to approve, seconded by Eric.

Kelly shared that she was awarded \$40,000 from Ohio BWC. This is to purchase portable traffic signals for the street, water and sewer depts. This is a safety grant given from BWC.

OLD BUSINESS:

Driveway and Parking lot next to trailer Park. Ryan gave an update that the parking lot is done, but it just needs a little more work once the weather improves. This is part of Emerald Necklace Grant funds remaining.

Kleinfelder Contracts: Kelly shared a report with council of the breach of contracts with Kleinfelder and the money that have been paid to them. She also included a report of the OWDA loans that we are now paying with nothing to show for it. Will Flautt is working with Mayor Emmert to get a reimbursement from Kleinfelder.

NEW BUSINESS:

Liberty Tree 250th anniversary: Kelly received an email asking if we would join in the commemorate 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, by planting a 45 foot American Liberty Elm, and have a bronze plaque. Council advised Kelly to get with Sue Noll.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

- 1. Ord. 1-2026 An ordinance to establish a Village Administrator position. First reading.** Cindy motioned to approve the first reading, seconded by Eric.

2. **Res. 26-1 A resolution authorizing the sale by internet auction municipally owned property no further needed, by Govdeals.** Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Cindy.

Public Comments:

Ryan Green stated we are still recruiting people for council seats. We still have 3 empty seats. Cindy asked Keith Neel if he was still interested in the position. He affirmed yes. Cindy motioned to appoint Keith Neel to council, seconded by Eric. Will Flautt administered the Oath of Office to him, and he took his seat on council.

No further business to discuss.

Cindy motioned to adjourn, seconded by Eric.

Council President Ryan Green

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem