

**JANUARY 28, 2025**  
**VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING**

**ROLL CALL:** Doug Fehrman, Chris Shonk, Cindy Hayes, and Ryan Green all present. Also present were Mayor Emmert, Kelly Beem, Will Flautt and Chief Ross. Chris motioned to excuse Mechelle Siemer due to sickness, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

**MINUTES:** Doug motioned to approve the minutes from January 14, 2025, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye.

**REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**Mayor:**

- Eric reports that he and Kelly are visiting Logan on Thursday to tour their Co-working Space.
- Ryan's truck is being repaired, and should be back within a week.

**Police Chief:**

- Chief Ross updated on his status report of calls.
- Car 202 is at Severance's for repairs
- He is getting quotes from Coughlin in Marysville for a new Dodge Durango cruiser and will report at the next meeting.
- He would like to apply for a grant for 2 portable solar powered measuring speed signs. Council approves this grant.

**Fiscal Officer:**

- Kelly shared the Income Tax revenue collected last year was \$519,870.91
- Pay Ordinance 2-2025 was presented. Ryan motioned to approve, seconded by Cindy. All voted Aye
- We have two levies to expire this year for the General Expense. The first one is 2.1 mil which generates roughly \$43,000 and the other is .5 mil and generates roughly \$10,200.00. Kelly recommends not renewing the .5 mil since we are doing so well with the Income Tax Revenues. More discussion will be held at the next meeting.
- Kelly reminded those council members whose terms expire this year.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Callahan Property:** Kelly will talk with BPA about the easement needed for the new sewer line. We need to set a deadline to complete the property split, so it can go out to bids.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Kelly is to post the Zoning Inspector position.
- Eric informed council that we still have \$39,825.65 to use from CRLAF Grant for the Nicholson Property. This can be used for walking trails, reforestation, etc. Our portion (25%) share is \$8,858.13 which we could do in-kind. Eric will talk with Erik Petersen about this. Ideas for the use of the land, Disc Golf, Dog Park, and trails.
- Discussion was held regarding the salaries of council. Kelly will share the MORPC survey done last year, and council is way under paid. Cindy motioned to raise the salaries to \$200.00 a month, starting with the new council members in 2026, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye, except Chris with a No vote.
- Discussion on the Mayor's pay has been tabled for now.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Nothing to report at this time.

**Resolutions and Ordinances:**

**Resolution 1-2025 to authorize the Mayor to submit to the Buckeye Hills Regional Council surface Transportation Block Grant, an application for funding assistance for the US-22 Somerset Creek Culvert repair project and declaring an emergency.** Chris motioned to approve, seconded by Cindy. All voted Aye.

No further business was discussed.

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

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President Ryan Green

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Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem