

JANUARY 9, 2024
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Shonk, Eric Emmert, Mechelle Siemer, Ryan Green and Cindy Hayes. Also present were Kelly Beem, Solicitor Will Flautt, and Chief Schons.

Solicitor Flautt opened the meeting. He offered the Oath of Office to Eric Emmert and Cindy Hayes.

Mr. Flautt asked for a nomination for Council Present. Ryan motioned to appoint Eric as president, seconded by Chris. Mechelle voted No, Cindy abstained, and Chris and Ryan with Yes votes.

Eric took over the meeting.

GUESTS: Commissioner Dan Kinsel was here. He introduced himself as the new commissioner replacing Derek Householder. He would like to see more involvement with Villages and the County. Taxes are a huge concern of his, with county taxes going up 35%.

Bryan Ruff is here. He introduced himself. He is running for Sheriff in Perry County.

Amanda Bollinger with Kleinfelder was on Microsoft Teams. The next Streetscape project will be for Sheridan Ave. sidewalks, curbs and drainage. We were not able to change with ODOT since it has already been submitted. Kelly presented Res. 2-2024 to allow Mayor to submit to ODOT for a TAP Grant. Ryan motioned to approve, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

She updated on BPA requests for Sludge Press, Lift Stations, Force Main and Digester Rehab funding. This all needs submitted by Feb. 5th for HB 33.

Chief Schons will have a year end report at the next meeting. He is working on disposing of some evidence and will need approval from council to dispose.

MINUTES: The minutes from December 11, 2023 were reviewed. Chris motioned to approve seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye, except Cindy abstained.

OLD BUSINESS:

Annexation Agreement: Will reviewed the agreement that needs to be approved by Council then to the Township Trustees. Council approved.

Cemetery Partnership: Eric was at the last Township meeting, and according to them and the ORC, the Village is responsible for a cemetery should the cemetery or owner defaults. More information is needed and Will is checking into this.

SOPEC Community Grant Money: Res. 1-2024 is authorizing the acceptance of SOPEC community Grant funding of \$,4,389.33 for the sustainability programs for the Builders Club. This was tabled. Council would like to know why the money is going to SBC and not the Village.

NEW BUSINESS:

St. Joe's Lake. Kelly reports there is still \$39,825.65 in Grant money to be used. She asked for ideas. Several ideas were: Emergency access, No Parking signs, Kayak Launch, Handicap doc, lighting, motion light. This will be discussed later as well.

New Zoning Inspector: Kelly would like to have Jay Holwick approved for the Zoning Inspector. Kelly and Jay have talked and Jay is interested. He has done this before for the Village. Mayor Johnson approved this, if council approves. Chris motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye, except Ryan with a NO vote.

Mechelle motioned to appoint Ryan Yzenski as Street Commissioner, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye. Council would like Ryan to get quotes on a new dump truck and bring to the next meeting.

PAY ORDINANCE 1-2024: Ryan motioned to approve, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

With no further business to discuss, Mechelle motioned to adjourn, Chris seconded. All voted Aye.

President Eric Emmert

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem