

**JULY 2, 2025**  
**VILLAGE OF SOMERSET SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**Guest:** Chasity Schmelzenbach with Buckeye Hills. Chasity was asked by John Carey to oversee the Builders Club Construction, and be the main contact. Chasity gave a brief history of the formation of the Builders Club, and how she plans to proceed. The first most important is the construction, and getting it completed by next September-October. She is working with Kalpa at Schooley Caldwell since she has everyone designed, and will revise the plans, to fit our budget. Dollars and Time is tight, but she will manage all aspects of the project.

**Mayors Report:** Eric was contacted by ODOT that 2 trees will need removed on the square. One is in front of Strongs and the other on the corner by the Doctors Office. There are also some light poles that need to have the signs raised to 7 feet high. We may need larger poles with better lighting. The RRF's are ordered and will be installed when they come in, but it won't be on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Mayor asked Chief Ross to have Police coverage on the square for that week during the change.

**Police Report:** Chief Ross listed his call list. He is very thankful for the Newton American Legion 726 for their donation of \$2,223.00 To cover the printers for their cruisers. He is working on raffle tickets for the gun that was donated by Dennis Luke.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Callahan Property:** Kelly is ready to advertise for bids. She and Mayor Emmert discussed placing the Ad in the Newark Advocate to reach more parties. This will be advertised for 5 consecutive weeks. Will reviewed and revised the Bid announcement. The grass needs mowed around the house. Kelly will talk to Ryan about mowing.

**Resolution 11-25: A resolution reaffirming and authorizing the execution of a subrecipient agreement and addendum with the City of Athens, Ohio related to the Appalachian Community Grant Program with the Builders Club and Buckeye Hills.** This was read by title only and declaring an emergency. Ryan motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

**Resolution 12-25: A resolution to Amend Resources and Appropriations.** Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye.

**Ordinance 2-25: An Ordinance authorizing the sale of Real Property owned by the Village.** This was read as Title only and declared an emergency. Mechelle motioned to approve, seconded by Cindy. All voted Aye.

A memorandum of Understanding with The Village of Somerset and Buckeye Hills Regional Council was approved.

A motion to suspend rules and go into executive session to discuss Legal matters and contracts were made by Ryan, seconded by Cindy. All voted Aye.

A motion to return to regular session was made by Doug, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye. No action taken.

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

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Council President Ryan Green

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Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem