

JULY 22, 2025
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

Members present were: Mechelle Siemer, Ryan Green, Cindy Hayes and Chris Shonk. Others present were Mayor Emmert, Will Flautt, Chief Ross, and Kelly Beem.

Doug Fehrman was absent, and no motion was made to excuse him.

Minutes: The minutes from July 8, 2025 were read. Ryan motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

Mayor Reports: Eric has had nothing but positive feedback on the traffic change on the square. Traffic seems to be flowing smoothly.

Chief Reports: Chief reports the new cruiser is at Parr for the lights and sirens. He presented pictures of properties around town. He stresses the need for a property maintenance code for enforcement reasons.

Fiscal Officer Reports:

Pay Ordinance 12-2025 was presented. Ryan motioned to approve, seconded by Cindy. All voted Aye.

June Financials and Bank Reconciliation was presented. Mechelle motioned to approve, seconded by Cindy. All voted Aye.

Mayor Emmert would like to see a paving project list from Ryan Yzenski for next year.

Unfinished Business:

1. **Holy Trinity Sign Variance:** Kessler signs has reduced and changed the dimensions of the sign, and verified with Chris the location. Cindy motioned to approve the sign, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.
2. **Property Maintenance Code:** More discussions were held on the need of developing a property maintenance code for Somerset. Kelly and Chief will work on the International Property Maintenance guidelines and share with council.
3. **CRLAF Emerald Necklace V:** OPWC has paid our \$148,484.35 to purchase the property and that amount is 75% of \$197,979.13. So we need to get the total project costs up to at least \$197,979.13 which means we will need to submit at least \$8,858.13 of site improvement costs that will go towards local share. Anything over that amount will be paid at 75%. Cindy has is working on a Disc Golf course surrounding the trailer court property. It needs an excess road and parking. Mayor Emmert said Ryan Yzenski can start on this. He would like to have Cindy, Dittoe, himself and Ryan to meet on this. We can keep track of his time, equipment etc for our local match.

New Business:

1. **Zoning for Farm:** We need to zone the property we have for sale. Eric will reach out to MORPC for guidance. It was suggested to have Bill Mohler at the next meeting.
2. **Alley between 108 and 110 S. Columbus.** There have been issues with this alley between the homeowners. There is a utility pole. TJ will check to see if he can see the boundaries, and what type of pole is there.
3. **Lights:** Eric mentioned we could move one of the street lamps off the square, and place close to Kevin Flautts house on East Main.

Ryan motioned to suspend rules and go to executive session. Cindy seconded. All voted Aye. Chris motioned to go into executive session to discuss legal matters/contracts. Seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye. Mechelle motioned to return to regular session, seconded by Cindy. All voted Aye. No action taken.

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

President Ryan Green

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem