

**JUNE 11, 2024**  
**VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Eric Emmert, Doug Fehrman, Cindy Hayes, Ryan Green and Mechelle Siemer. Also present were Mayor Johnson, Chief Schons, Kelly Beem and Will Flautt.

**GUEST:** Linda Dupler: Linda brought in pictures of her neighbors house. There is trash, debris, high grass, weeds, mice, snakes and a fallen tree. She is embarrassed to have anyone come to her house. She asked what the Village can do about it. Council is discussing property management tonight. Chief Schons addressed the issues with the neighbor but we really can't enforce it.

Since The Property Management Code is on the agenda, Mayor skipped the order on the Agenda to it. There are some concerns with the International Property Maintenance Code.

There are a few properties in town that are concerning. Ordinance 14-03 states "Grass shall be cut at least three (3) times in every year, once between April 1 and May 30, once between June 1 and July 31, and once between August 1 and September 31.". "Application of weed control may be required if large areas of said weeds are growing and will spread if not controlled" All of the above is in the Ohio Basic Code Section 93.40-93.44. We are not to out to target anyone, just to have something enforceable in plan. Eric will contact his Code Enforcement Officer Chad Wilkins to meet with Village Officials on the Code. The Village can modify the IPMC code to their standards or write their own Code.

**SBC UPDATE:** Tom, Eric and Chris sat in on the meeting to discuss changes to the construction. They are confident it is a manageable project to reduce costs. We could do some of the cosmetic updates ourselves and save money. Defer the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

**POLICE UPDATE:**

Chief Schons informed Council and the Public that he is resigning as Chief. His last day will be June 23<sup>rd</sup>. All wished him well. Mayor will have Kelly post his position.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from May 28, 2024 were reviewed. Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ST JOES LAKE:** Kelly shared pictures from David Snider on the Kayak Ramp he installed. Tom shared an invoice from David as well. They paid almost \$27,000 for it, and the prices are still current. We still have almost \$39,000 leftover in Capital Grant money from OPWC. The rest could be used for Trail Building and invasive species around the lake through summer HAPCAP workers. Eric motioned to approve purchasing the Kayak ramp up to \$30,000, Mechelle seconded. All voted Aye.

**PROPERTY MANAGEMENT CODE:** Discussed above.

**RES. 1-2024** SOPEC approved our request for funding of \$4,843.74 to maintain and clean the monument. Kelly needs a signed resolution approved and signed by council. Ryan motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**New Medical Insurance Rates:** Kelly shared the new quote from Medical Mutual for the 2025 year. The quote increased by .95%. The current rate is \$2,943.87 and the new rate if approved would be \$2,982.92. Doug motioned to approve the new rate, seconded by Cindy. All voted Aye.

**APPALACHIAN ENDOWMENT FUND:**

The Village has an endowment fund and there is \$21,000. We need to appoint the current Mayor and Current Council President as joint advisors. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Ryan. Eric and Mechelle abstained, Doug, Cindy and Ryan with yes votes. Tom has established an “Emerald Necklace Fund with Appalachian” to be managed by the Park Board. There are other endowments that could be set up. Such as for the Fire Department, SBC, Park, youth sports etc.

**NO EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS NEEDED.**

**PAY ORDINANCE 10-2024:** Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

**May Financials and Bank Reconciliation:** Kelly shared the month end closing was \$1,197,614.66. All funds were reviewed. Mechelle motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

No further business was discussed.

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

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President Eric Emmert

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Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem