

MARCH 12, 2024
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mechelle Siemer, Doug Fehrman, Chris Shonk, Cindy Hayes and Ryan Green. Eric Emmert led the meeting for Mayor Johnson. Also present were Kelly Beem and Will Flautt.

MINUTES: The minutes from Feb. 13, 2024 were reviewed. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye, except Mechelle abstained.

SBC INVOICES: Kelly presented invoices for the Builders Club to be paid after reimbursement from the ACG Grant. Mechelle motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

Callahan Farm Lease: Council decided to advertise for bids for farm use of the property till the end of this year. This would include maintenance around the house and barns. Kelly will need to post this for 5 weeks in the paper. Doug motioned to approve the bid, and advertising, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

Cemetery Partnership: Council agrees we need to work with the Trustees on putting a levy on the November ballot. Eric will contact Trustees to come to the next meeting.

St. Joe's Lake: Kelly reports that we have been given an extension till Nov. 1, 2024 to use up the remaining \$39,9825.65 of grant money. More discussion will take place at the next meeting when the Mayor is here.

Monument cleaning: Chris will organize the cleaning. He needs to find scaffolding to rent. We have \$4,389.33 from SOPEC that council would like to use for that. Ryan motioned to approve Res. 1-2024 for the monument purposes, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

We need to hire a part-time street maintenance worker soon. Ryan will be needing help and he can help with the monument.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business was discussed.

PAY ORDINANCE 3-2024 AND 4-2024 Doug motioned to approve both pay ordinances, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

Kelly brought up we have 2 levies to put on the ballot this year. One is for 2.1 mill and the other is .5 mill. Should we do a replacement, renewal or replacement with an increase? Could we possibly not levy the .5 mill now that we have an income tax in the Village??

Our Trash contract will expire this year with Win Waste. We should advertise bids for the renewal. Council would like to see an incentive added in the Bid for the Village.

January financials and bank reconciliation: Mechelle motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

Council would like to discuss a property maintenance code again.

No further business was discussed. Doug motioned to adjourn and everyone joined with a Aye vote.

Council President Eric Emmert

Village Fiscal Officer