

**MARCH 25, 2025**  
**VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING**

**Members present:** Mechelle Siemer, Chris Shonk and Cindy Hayes. President Ryan Green led the meeting due to the absence of Mayor Emmert. Also present were Kelly Beem and Chief Ross.

Cindy motioned to excuse Doug Fehrman from the meeting, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

**Minutes:** Council reviewed the minutes from February 25, 2025. Chris motioned to approve, seconded by Cindy. Chris and Cindy voted Aye, and Mechelle abstained.

**Department Heads Reports:**

**MAYOR:**

- Kelly informed council that we have an \$125,000 grant to be used on the Emerald Necklace. It was suggested that we purchase equipment to maintain the parks and trails. There is a time limit for us to put together a project, so equipment would be perfect. Mayor Emmert is getting quotes for a Skid Steer, and Ryan received a quote for a side by side. We will get more quotes to compare. Chris motioned to purchase equipment with this Grant Funds, seconded by Cindy. All voted Aye.

**POLICE CHIEF:**

- Chief Ross gave a Stats update.
- He is working with Kelly to purchase the new cruiser

**FISCAL OFFICER:**

- **Pay Ordinances 4-2025 and 5-2025** Mechelle motioned to approve both, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.
- **February Financials and Bank Rec.** Mechelle motioned to approve, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.
- **Medical Insurance Coverage:** Kelly contacted Tony Palandrani from Rankin & Rankin Insurance about the Genesis Medical Coverage HealthyPath. The monthly premiums are lower than we currently pay with Medical Mutual. Lower to no costs for employees if they use a Genesis provider, Pharmacy or Urgent Care, ER. Etc. Mechelle motioned to approve switching Healthcare providers from Med Mutual to HealthyPath, beginning May 1. Cindy seconded her motion. All voted Aye.
- **2022-2023 Audit report:** Kelly shared the final audit report from the State Auditors Office. Only a couple mentionables, but a really clean audit. Cindy motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Callahan Property.** Kelly and Eric are working hard to get the water/sewer line easements drawn up. Andy Knisley will meet with Eric and Chris to determine the best way to do the lot split. We will have to advertise for sealed bids for 5 consecutive weeks in the Tribune. Will is working on the annexation agreement. Hopefully, the sale of property can be done by July.
2. **Nicholson Property:** Tabled for next meeting
3. **SBC Update:** We are still working on the construction. Waiting on the GOA to determine our next move. Kelly, Doug, Ryan and Eric visited the Workforce Development in New Lexington last week, and was very impressed.
4. **Zoning Inspector:** Mayor Emmert hired Chad Wilkins. Chad is the Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer in New Lexington. Chad has already approved a couple permits for the Village.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **New Tree Service:** Mayor Emmert would like to hire Kelly Clapper for tree removal. He charges \$1,000 per day, regardless of how many trees he removes. Council would like to have a tree list from Ryan with quotes

**There were no committee reports**

**RESOLUTIONS: Res. 2-2025 A resolution authorizing Kelly to permanently transfer funds from General to Street and Police as approved in the 2025 Budget by Council.** Mechelle motioned to approve, seconded by Cindy. All voted Aye.

No further business was discussed.

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

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President Ryan Green

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Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem