

MAY 14, 2024
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

Members present: Chris Shonk, Mechelle Siemer, Ryan Green, Cindy Hayes, Eric Emmert and Doug Fehrman. Also present were Mayor Johnson, Kelly Beem, and Chief Schons

SBC UPDATE:- Trace Johnson- Trace presented invoices for reimbursement from the Builder's Club Appalachian Community Grant program. Council requested additional information and legal counsel on whether the invoices are reimbursable from the existing grant funds". Bids will be submitted in the office for construction on May 17th by 2pm. He is having his first AI session tomorrow from 1:30-4. Excited to Law Enforcement Officers attend. They can use AI to transcribe forms, citations etc. AI will also have k-12 on tutoring. He had a senior tech program with 54 participants. They were all given Fitbit watches and learned how to use them and watch their health. Summer camps will soon begin. HAPCAP will be guiding the builders camp, and there will be several sessions of Battlebots again. Chess club still meet weekly.

SBC INVOICES: Kelly presented several invoices for approval to submit for ACGP funding.

POLICE UPDATE:

Chief Schons had several items to discuss:

1. He would like approval to get car 204 repaired at Kesslers for \$6,500.00. It is a 2018 Explorer with about 88,000 miles. Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye.
2. There are 385 pieces of evidence to be reviewed by Will Flautt, then sent to Municipal Court for approval to destroy. Some unnecessary documents have been shredded.
3. In order to write parking tickets according to ORC 45.21, the Village needs to have an Ordinance.
4. He is working to adopt a policy with the SEO Taskforce.
5. Mayor has approved the Police Department to become the Zoning Inspector once Jay Holwick leaves.
6. He is working on a jurisdictional ordinance.
7. He would like to bring back traffic lights in the school zones crosswalks.
8. Working on mutual aid agreements with surrounding villages.

MINUTES: The minutes from April 23, 2024 were reviewed by council. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cemetery Board: Waiting to hear back from Township Trustees

St. Joe's Lake: We need to have the final plan in motion. OPWC wants to close out the grant if we don't proceed soon.

Downtown Revitalization: Bob Loversidge was hired to do the design and technical assistance. We need to ask businesses if they are interested in cost-share.

NEW BUSINESS:

Certificates of Deposit: We have 4 CD's to mature on May 31, 2024. Doug motioned to renew, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

PAY ORDINANCE 8-2024 Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye, except Eric with a no vote.

APRIL BANK RECONCILIATION AND FINANCIALS: Eric motioned to approve, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

Doug motioned to suspend rules, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

Doug motioned to go into executive session to discuss Personnel according to ORC 731.46, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

Mechelle motioned to return to regular session, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

Eric motioned to increase Kelly Beem by \$15,000 a year for her new role as Grant Administrator on top of her Fiscal duties and extended hours as of today. Mechelle seconded his motion. All voted Aye.

With no further business to discuss, Mechelle motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye.

Eric Emmert, President

Kelly Beem, Fiscal Officer