

SEPTEMBER 23, 2025
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

Members present: Chris Shonk, Doug Fehrman, Ryan Green and Cindy Hayes. Also present were Mayor Emmert, Kelly Beem, Will Flautt and Chief Ross.

Doug motioned to excuse Mechelle, seconded by Cindy. All voted Aye.

Small Town Christmas Committee: Eva Kopis and Cathy Ankrum are here to discuss the committee. They also need help decorating and building a stage. Decorating starts on Nov. 1 around 10am. Eva asked if they could use the Mayors' office for cookie decorating and the Builders Club. Mayor Emmert approved the use of his office, but unsure about the Builders Club. It may be under construction. He will let them know as soon as he can. Cindy motioned to approve \$1,000 donation to the Christmas Committee, seconded by Chris.

Minutes: The minutes from September 9, 2025 council meeting was reviewed. Chris mentioned the sale price of the house was wrong on the minutes. Kelly will make the correction. Doug motioned to approve with the change, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye, except Ryan abstained.

Mayors Report:

Mayor and Kelly are meeting with Bennett from Kleinfelder along with Greg Litzinger. Eric wants to discuss with Greg the future of the BPA as well.

We have funds available from ARC Streetscape to purchase the Light Poles and Flasher for the school crossing.

Ryan Yzenski is almost finished with the alley on N. Columbus St.

The Community Clean Up Application has been pushed back to October.

P C Courthouse Grand re-opening is Oct. 3rd

We need to use up old OPWC Funds by November. This can only be used on the Old Nicholson property next to the trailer park. Eric will work with Ryan on getting the entrance and parking lot done. We will probably need a survey as well.

Chief Report:

Chief Ross is still looking for someone to hire. He has 1 applicant he is talking with.

Chief is working split shifts during the week, and some weekend hours.

Fiscal Officer Report:

Pay Ordinance 15-25 Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Cindy. All voted Aye.

Old Business:

Callahan Property. Dave Emmert requested that we pay for resealing the driveway and to have the Generator inspected and running. His estimate was \$2,132.75. Doug motioned to seal the drive and have the generator inspected, up to \$2,500.00. Chris seconded. Doug and Chris voted yes, and Cindy and Ryan voted No. Mayor Emmert could not break the tie. Motion failed. Ryan motioned to pay Dave Emmert \$1,500.00 for the drive and generator, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye, except Cindy with a No vote. Motion passed.

New Business:

Our Loan for the Callahan property matures on Sept 30th. We need to approve a loan extension till the end of November. The fees and interest will be \$3,905.00 to do this. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Res. 18-25: A resolution to repair culvert on St. Rt. 22 and enter into an agreement with ODOT. Chris motioned to approve, seconded by Cindy. All voted Aye.

Res. 19-25: A resolution to amend the annual appropriations and apply for an amended certificate and declaring an emergency. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

Res. 20-25: A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Ryan. All voted Aye.

Res. 21-25 and 22-25: Resolutions assessing the cost of water and wastewater charges as tax liens and declaring an emergency. Doug motioned to approve both, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

Res. 23-25: A resolution adopting the plan under the Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Program administered by the Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Board for participation by eligible employees. Cindy motioned to approve, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

Ord.3-25: An ordinance to approve the annexations of the Callahan property and Fincks Spring. First Reading. Ryan motioned to approve, seconded by Cindy. All voted Aye.

No further business to discuss.

Doug motioned to adjourn, all followed with Aye.

President Ryan Green

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem