

SEPTEMBER 9, 2025
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

Members present: Mechelle Siemer, Doug Fehrman, Chris Shonk, Cindy Hayes. Also present were Mayor Emmert, Will Flautt and Kelly Beem.

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

Guests: Brent and Christina Riley: Brent and Christina live in the Trailer Park, and they are having issues contacting the property manager and owner. They have lots on concerns about the roads, emergency vehicles could not get in to them if needed. They need to contact the owners or managers about their rent that has increased, but they get no responses. They wanted to know if the Village could do anything to help. Mayor Emmert said that we are well aware of the situation there, but it is a Civil Matter. He encouraged Brent to reach out to Chief Ross next week.

Andy From is here for a Zoning Variance. Andy is wanting to put in a garage behind his house. The Zoning Inspector referred him to the Zoning Board which denied his request. Now it is up to council. After reviewing his drawings and the space left on each side on the building, Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

Mayor stated we have a variance for Hoy Trinity School as well. Kelly pulled up the pictures on her laptop. This sits back off of the road a good distance, and should not interfere with anything. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

Minutes: The minutes from August 12, 2025 were reviewed. Mechelle motioned to approve, seconded by Cindy. All voted Aye, except Doug abstained.

Mayors Report:

SBC: Eric and Kelly talked with Chasity at Buckeye Hills. Things are starting to move forward. She has contacted Kalpa at Schooley Caldwell to do an emergency request to get the roof and structure repairs done. They have revised the plans for inside and are certain it will be under budget. We only have 1 year left. She needs to reach out for a meeting with the SBC Board soon. Kelly will send her the Boards contact information.

Ryan Yzenski received quotes for a new light pole to install by Kevin Flautts house, and a quote to repair/replace the solar school crossing sign.

Mayor informed council that Andy Love is no longer employed here. Mayor had a conversation with Chief Ross, about needing night and weekend coverage. Sgt. Love was informed of changing his shift from 10 hour days to 8 hours a day with weekends. He was mad and stormed out. Chief Ross terminated him for insubordination.

Fiscal Officer Report:

Pay Ordinance 14-2025 was presented. Cindy motioned to approve, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

August Financials and Bank Reconciliation: Mechelle motioned to approve, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

Property Insurance Renewal: Kelly was contacted by Kevin Howell to ask if council would be interested in receiving a quote from Wichert Insurance. In order to do so, our USI PEP will need a letter of notification within 60 days. Council agreed to open the enrollment process.

Trick or Treat Night: Council approved to have beggars night, Thursday, October 30, 2025 from 5:30-7pm.

Committee Reports:

Cindy stated the Property Maintenance is a work in progress.

Chris reports that someone is using the dumpsters at the Park and filling them full. These dumpsters are not for public use. Both dumpsters were filled with Hornets and Win Waste could not empty them safely. He is having signs made stating that. Also Kelly talked to Sarah Mathews who is our account rep with Win Waste. Sarah suggested we get dumpsters that have locks on them.

Resolution 17-25: This resolution gives consent to the Director of Transportation (ODOT) to completed the PER SR 13/SR668/US 22 VAR, and authorize Mayor to sign all necessary documents pertaining to this agreement. Cindy motioned to approve, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

Doug motioned to suspend rules for executive session, seconded by Cindy. All voted Aye. Doug motioned to go into executive session to discuss legal matters and contracts, seconded by Cindy. All voted Aye. Doug motioned to return to regular session, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye. No action taken.

A motion to accept the purchase agreement with the Emmert Family for 6908 St Rt 668 for \$551,000 was made by Doug, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye.

A motion to authorize Kelly to make a counter offer of the requests from the Emmert family was made by Doug, seconded by Mechelle. All voted Aye.

Doug motioned to adjourn, seconded by All.

President Ryan Green

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem