

NOVEMBER 14, 2023
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

Members present: Ryan Green, Bill Mohler, Chris Shonk, Doug Fehrman and Eric Emmert. Also present were Mayor Johnson and Will Flautt.

GUEST: Wichert Insurance Kevin Howell Kevin and Dale are here presenting their insurance quotes for Liability coverage for 2024. They have 2 quotes. One from EMC who we currently have and it was \$39,340.00. They also have a quote from Selective for \$33,915.00. Selective previously would not insure the Village due to the Dam at Reservoir. Mayor asked to extend our current coverage till the end of the month to give council time to review and decide.

CHIEF SCHONS: Chief introduced James McCall as a new auxiliary officer. Mayor Johnson swore him in. Chief gave his stat update. Their budget was discussed. He will need new cruisers soon. The 4H spin club is moving forward and the first session will be Dec. 5th at the Builders Club.

MINUTES: The minutes from October 28,2023 was motioned to approve by Eric, seconded by Chris. All voted Aye, except Doug with a no vote.

2024 BUDGET REVIEW: Mayor reviewed all department budgets with council. Eric motioned to approve the First Reading, seconded by Doug. All voted Aye.

2024 Wages: Mayor and council reviewed the employee wages. Doug motioned to approve 5% for Kelly, Ryan and the Police Department, and approve the BPA recommendations for Ike and Kenny to \$29.50 each. They would like to do 5% across the board if BPA eliminates all overtime. Chris seconded. All voted Aye except Bill voted No.

OLD BUSINESS:

Callahan Property: Erik Peterson met with Sheridan FFA at the house today, and they are very interested in the garages and possibly rent office space in the house.

Safety Study: We have sent the application to Buckeye Hills for approval for this instead of Streets. We should have an answer by the end of the month.

SBC Invoices: Tom presented invoices for the builders club to be submitted to ACGP for funding. Kelly will process and only pay when the funding is received. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Eric.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTORCYCLE DRIVE: This club wants to stand on the square to collect money for kids and families for Christmas. This is approved as long as it isn't on the Small Towne Christmas day.

Res. 18-23 Amend Appropriations: Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

Ord. 7-23: To Annex the Callahan property and the property behind Fincks Spring. Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Bill. All voted Aye.

PAY ORDINANCE 18-23 Doug motioned to approve, seconded by Eric. All voted Aye.

OCT FINANCIALS AND BANK REC: Council approved.

No further business was discussed

President Eric Emmert

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem