

Public Safety Committee
Village of Somerset
Monday April 14, 2025

Members present: Chairperson Chris Dubak, Committee Member Ryan Sicard, Chris Moreno all in person. Chief Trepczyk and Lt. John Farrell in person.

1. Public Safety Committee Meeting Called to Order by Chair Dubak at 5:00pm.
2. March 10, 2025 Minutes
Motion by Chair Dubak, 2nd Moreno to approve the March 10, 2025 minutes.
Carried.
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items: - None
4. Unfinished Business: - None
5. New Business:

- a. Discussion/Possible Recommendation-Engagement of Specialized Legal Services.

Chief Trepczyk makes a proposal to engage in the services of Von Briesen & Roper for specialized legal services in addition to the representation of our Village Attorney. This firm has a strong focus on municipal governance and employment law. Their services include advising on labor and employment issues, conducting internal investigations and representing governmental entities in complex legal matters.

Motion Chair Dubak to approve the services of Von Briesen & Roper, 2nd Moreno. Carried.

- b. Discussion/Possible Recommendation- Temporary “Class B” Wine & Class “B” Beer License Application – Somerset Lions Club, Pea Soup Days

Chair Dubak notes there are no hours of operation listed on the application. Dubak confirms operator licenses have been completed.

Motion Dubak to approve the application pending completion of the AB-100 form for the members of the organization, and hours of operation will be Fri. 5:00pm- midnight, Sat. 10:00am- midnight, Sunday 10:00am- 3:00pm.
2nd Moreno. Carried.

6. Municipal Court
 - a. 2025 Budget Report- reviewed

7. Police Department

a. 2025 Budget Report- reviewed

b. Police Chief Report

1. March Incident Reports- 180

2. Department Activities

- There was in in-house training, “Back to the Basic’s” that everyone participated in. Trying to do one in-house training monthly. They are optional for the officers.
- March 6th was Hazmat awareness refresher training. This is an annual training.
- Lt. Farrell and Chief Trepczyk completed a Rescue Task Force Training with the fire dept. Their mission is to get something like this organized county wide.
- Lt. Farrell presented to drivers’ education instructors.
- SRO Kerber and Officer Weiske are coaching baseball at high school this year.

8. Police and Court Bills- reviewed

9. Future Agenda Items:

Committee member Moreno questions the use of E-bikes on roadways with a lot of young children operating them, how do we keep them safe while riding them? Chief Trepczyk defines the ordinance as it is written now, officers are addressing issues on a case-by-case basis. Chief Trepczyk feels there is enough in our current ordinance at this time for enforcement. This is something that may need to be reviewed in the future.

Chair Dubak addresses the increasing number of dog complaints. Chief Trepczyk believes this is not unique to Somerset. Seems to be an issue with other municipalities as well.

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn Chair Dubak, 2nd Moreno at 5:45pm.