

Public Safety Committee
Village of Somerset
Monday July 14, 2025

Members Present: Chairman Chris Moreno, Donnie Kern by Zoom. Chief Trepczyk in person. Member absent Chris Dubak.

1. Public Safety Committee Meeting called to order at 5:06 pm.
2. Approval of June 9, 2025 minutes with the correction of #8.

#8 correction should read: Police and Court Bills- Motion Kern, 2nd Dubak to approve the May bills- carried.

No official motion or 2nd to approve the June 9, 2025 Minutes.

3. Public Comment- None
4. Unfinished Business – None
5. New Business

a. Discussion-Concert Update

First Concert was 06/20- around 7,000 people.

2nd Concert was 07/11- around 3,500 people.

The drone was used to determine where the backups were at the last concert. They are working on correcting parking issues, “specialty parking” seems to be the issue. Chief Trepczyk suggested signage instead of the QR code to eliminate backups. There were no arrests at the most recent concert, there were a couple of medical calls. Egress was less than 30 minutes for the 07/11 concert.

b. Discussion/Possible Recommendation- Temporary Class “B” Beer License- Apple River Cruizers Car Club

Motion Kern- approval of the Class B License, 2nd Moreno- Carried

c. Discussion/Possible Recommendation- Squad Car Purchase

Chief updates the committee: Explorer set to be replaced, Chief would like to keep this vehicle and replace the 2016 Ford Taurus (unmarked vehicle) instead. It has numerous maintenance issues and because of that it is not being used to transport anyone anymore. Chief Trepczyk would like to replace it with a 2025 Ford F150 Lightning. This vehicle would qualify for a tax credit.

Motion Kern to purchase the Ford F150 Lightning, 2nd Moreno- carried

d. Discussion/Possible Recommendation- Capital Improvement Planning, Department Overview

Tabled until the August meeting when the full committee is in attendance and Zoom is available.

e. Discussion/ Possible Recommendation- Anticipated Military Deployment, Staffing and Budget Considerations.

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6. Municipal Court

a. 2025 Budget Report

Motion Kern to approve the 2025 Budget Report, 2nd Chairmen Moreno – carried

7. Police Department

a. 2025 Budget Report

Motion Kern to approve the 2025 Budget Report, 2nd Moreno – carried

b. Police Chief Report

1. June Incidents Report

298 calls for service for June 2025 and 193 June 2024.

2. Department Activities

- Officer Blomberg attended Pepper ball training. Departments are using this more as a non-lethal intervention option.
- A Jury Trial was held on a Somerset child sex assault case. This was Lt. Farrell's case. Ended up in a guilty verdict.
- Pea Soup Days, SCSO helped as SMPD was down an officer due to military leave.
- Officer Cooper attended Intox Training.
- 1st Concert was June 20th with around 7000 people
- Department participated in a shoot test. This was a state qualification course.

8. Police and Court Bills

Chairman Moreno recommends approval of Bills, 2nd Kern- carried

9. Future Agenda Items

- Items “d and e” from this agenda that were tabled.
- Approval of new meeting time.

10. Adjourn-

Motion Kern to adjourn, 2nd Moreno at 5:40pm – carried

Submitted by Gina Thurnbeck