

SOMERFORD TOWNSHIP
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James K Moran, Chairman	Dave Jeffers, Cemetery Sexton
Ernest Sparks, Vice Chairman	Brian Knowles, Zoning Inspector
	Amanda Knowles, Fiscal Officer

The Somerford Township Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at the Somerford Township Hall located at 91 St Rt. 56 NW with the above members present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and the minutes from the March, 2019 meeting were read and approved by the trustees.

Mr. Bob Binns and Mr. Paul Bennet are in attendance for the meeting. They wanted to continue to voice their concerns regarding the Richmond Kennel case. Mr. Binns states that he would like a copy of the sign permit that Mr. Richmond was granted in the past. He also stated that Mr. Richmond is seeking employees via Facebook for his business. He states that he thought Mr. Richmond was not allowed to have employees. Brian Knowles, the Zoning Inspector, informs Mr. Binns that under the title “Home Occupation” you are not allowed to have employees, however, his dog breeding business can due to it being on a conditional use permit. Only the carpet cleaning is listed as a “home occupancy.” Mr. Binns goes on to inform the Board that there are multiple dogs in the shed behind the house that Mr. Richmond states are his personal dogs, making a lot of noise. He also states that the fire pit Mr. Richmond uses on his property is becoming increasingly large. Lastly, Mr. Binns states that he believes Mr. Richmond put his driveway in without a permit. Mr. Knowles states that that is a state permit and that the Township cannot help him with that matter. Mr. Knowles then reminds the Board, as well as Mr. Binns and Mr. Bennet, that Mr. Richmond has until June 17th to finish the stipulations the Board of Zoning Appeals presented him with or no permit will be granted. Mr. Bennet then changes the attention to the abandoned house near his property that still has water and electric on. The owner was jailed and the woman living with the owner left the property. Mr. Bennet stated that there was water running from the house into the yard when he went over to the property. There are two vehicles still on the property as well as oil barrels and debris in the yard. Chairman James Moran will follow up on this property.

The Somerford Trustees then reviewed and signed approval of the April 2019 payroll and bills.

Somerford Township Zoning Inspector, Brian Knowles, touches on a few topics of interest at the previous meeting. He states that the Board of Zoning Appeals took the fence stipulation out of the food truck property’s permit. It was not a requirement, it was just something the owner’s offered to do, however, with the weather this past winter, they have been unable to get it put up and now they are in their busy season. A resident

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contacted Mr. Knowles about the Cavallaro property on Arbuckle and St. Rt. 187. They wanted to voice concern for the increased number of cars being collected at the property. Mr. Knowles will follow up and also states that the Board of Zoning Appeals has begun discussing how they would like to go about handling the Stars property as well.

Vice Chairman Ernest Sparks then takes the floor at this time. He informs the Board that he received an email from a Mr. Michael Norman regarding when the EMS truck started running out of the Township Hall garage. Mr. Sparks contacted Chief Olwin to get the exact date that this began.

Chairman James Moran then turns the attention to the new generator that the township received from the Sheriff. It is in need of approximately \$6,000 worth of repairs as well as a \$3,000 transfer switch that needs to be placed and wired. He states that these finances would still be far less cost than purchasing a brand new generator. He will discuss this with EMS and Fire on location to get their input and to discuss payment options.

Being no further business to be discussed at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Amanda Knowles, Somerford Township Fiscal Officer

Date: _____

James Moran, Chairman