

SOMERFORD TOWNSHIP
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Bill Laney, Chairman	Amanda Knowles, Fiscal Officer
James Moran, Vice Chairman	Brian Knowles, Zoning Inspector
Ernest Sparks, Trustee	

The Somerford Township Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 via Zoom Call with the above members present. The meeting was called to order at 1900.

Mr. Joe Craft is the only member of the public in virtual attendance at this time.

Amanda Knowles, Somerford Township Fiscal Officer, informs the Trustees that she is accepting nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board for the year 2021. James Moran nominates Bill Laney for the position of Chairman and Ernest Sparks seconds. Ms. Knowles takes roll call, no objections; Mr. Laney is the 2021 Chairman by acclamation. Mr. Sparks then nominates James Moran as the Vice Chairman. Mr. Laney seconds, Ms. Knowles takes roll call, no objections and the motion is carried. Ms. Knowles also asked for a motion to accept Somerford Township not exceeding \$85,000 for medical insurance costs in 2021; Mr. Laney moves that this number be approved, Mr. Sparks seconds, roll call was taken and all in favor, motion is carried. Appointment to committees for 2021 will be as follows: Mr. Laney - Madison County Emergency Medical District, Mr. Moran - Sewer & Water Board and Central Township Fire Board, Mr. Sparks - Regional Planning Commission. The minutes from the December 2020 meeting were read and approved by the trustees. The Somerford Trustees reviewed and gave verbal approval of the January 2021 payroll and bills at this time. Lastly, Ms. Knowles asks for a motion to approve the permanent appropriations for fiscal year 2021 after review. James Moran moves that these appropriations be approved, Bill Laney seconded; roll call was taken and all were in favor, motion carried. Ms. Knowles then moves on to the CARES Act funds and updates the Trustees on the receipts and invoices she has received and what the balance is on the Township's Cares Act Fund.

Somerford Zoning Inspector, Brian Knowles, updates the Board on the Frank Ward property. He states that they are still chipping away on the removal of the cars and other automobiles on the property. He also said states that he is working with both Bob Blake Jr. and Bob Blake Sr. on the property he received complaints of. The alley behind the church on Old Columbus is being cleared out and once it is cleared, it can be plowed when need be. Mr. Knowles informs the Board that there is a public hearing set for January 25th in regards to the Creative Carpet property. Mr. Jeremy Johnson, owner of the property, has joined the zoom call and is voicing his concerns with the setbacks on

the property. He is also worried about running into sewer issues if the slab the old garage sat on shows damage from the fire. He has a structural engineer coming out to look at it in the next week. He states that he has torn down the old loading dock and he does not plan to rebuild it. That solves the issue at hand regarding the old dock being on the Township's property. These topics, as well as the possibility of asking for a variance will be reviewed at the public hearing later in the month.

Vice Chairman Moran then reports that the plow truck has been repaired and is in working order. He also reports the Buckeye Power Sales invoice came through but was billed to Somerford Joint Fire. Ms. Knowles will call and get this straightened out. The generator they installed on the property is functioning properly. It will fire up every Wednesday at noon as a test/maintenance run. The Township Hall can now be used as an emergency facility and can house up to 100 people in case of an emergency. Mr. Moran also reports that he is receiving estimates to get an additional shower put in for the Fire and EMS.

Chairman Laney updates the Board that the digital sign is in production for out front of the Township Hall. He also reports that the new tax bills have all been sent out and the fire levy had dropped off as anticipated. Lastly, he reports that Chief Olwin will be officially retiring on February 5. A plaque will be gifted in his honor.

Being no further business to be discussed at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 1945.

Respectfully submitted:

Amanda Knowles, Somerford Township Fiscal Officer

Date: _____

Bill Laney, Chairman