

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

The Somerford Township Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 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 February, 2021 meeting were read and approved by the trustees.

Kelly Maynard, Nicholas Maynard and William Fields are in attendance. Mr. Fields starts by explaining that his parent's marker was moved and scratched at the cemetery. He also voiced his concern for the use of chemicals around their grave sites. He would like both of those items to be addressed with Dave Jeffers, Cemetery Sexton. Chairman Bill Laney states that it will be addressed. Next, Mr. Field's sister, Kelly Maynard addresses the Board. Ms. Maynard's husband recently passed and he was buried in the wrong grave at the cemetery. Her husband was laid to rest in the grave next to her mother, which was reserved for when she was to be buried there. Ms. Maynard states that Dana from Eberle-Fisher informed the cemetery sexton of this request. Ms. Maynard's son, Nicholas, states that he would like the opening and closing of his father's grave to be reimbursed since he was not buried in the correct location. Vice Chairman James Moran states that he will contact both Dana and Mr. Jeffers to see where the miscommunication took place. Mr. Moran then gives Ms. Maynard his cell phone number and lets her know he will personally be in touch with her on the matter. The Board expresses their apology for the miscommunication and will discuss a resolution and get back to the Maynard family.

Amanda Knowles, Fiscal Officer, hands out the Bank Reconciliation to be reviewed and signed by the Trustees at this time. The Somerford Trustees also reviewed and signed approval of the March 2021 payroll and bills. Ms. Knowles also revisits the topic of the UAN Opt-In program. After review, the Board has decided to join the program. Roll call is taken: Bill Laney- Yes, Ernest Sparks-Yes, James Moran-Yes; motion is passed and Ms. Knowles will join the program via UAN.

Trustee Ernest Sparks touches back on the visit from the Maynard/Fields families. After much discussion, the Board decides that they will investigate further but also reimburse Ms. Maynard her opening and closing costs for her husband's grave.

Vice Chairman James Moran then gives an update on the Somerford Sewer Project. He states that grinders are scheduled to be installed. He also discusses the topic of upgrading the mowers at the cemetery. Will look into this further and reconvene at a later date. Mr. Moran states that EMS agrees to continue paying monthly utilities to the township and he will discuss with Central Township Fire about their contributions at their next fire meeting. Mr. Moran is also looking at bids for the Township parking lot asphalt work that needs done,

Somerford Zoning Inspector, Brain Knowles, updates the Board on the Ward and Blake properties. He continues to work with these individuals to reach their requirements. Mr. Knowles received a complaint about the Cavalero property at Arbuckle and 187, he will be sending a letter to the owner. He will also be reaching out to a business, The Wild West, that is in a residential location. Lastly, he states that there is another property with a large shipping container on location. He will be sending a letter to notify the property owner that it must be removed.

Being no further business to be discussed at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 2046.

Respectfully submitted:

Amanda Knowles, Somerford Township Fiscal Officer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Bill Laney, Chairman