

SOMERFORD TOWNSHIP  
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Bill Laney, Trustee	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, May 8, 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 April, 2019 meeting were read and approved by the trustees.

Mr. David Kell of the Madison County Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Rob Slane of the County Board of Commissioners attended the meeting to inform the Trustees of the progress related to the Comprehensive Plan that is being revised and finalized this year. They discussed the new sewer system that will be going in and stated that they have received nearly \$925,000 in grants as well as an additional \$1,000,000 grant to finance the project. An Advisory Committee Board Meeting will be taking place at the end of the month and they suggest a representative of Somerford be in attendance. The Somerford Trustees agree and will be present at this meeting. Maps of the current and past Comprehensive Plans were left with the Township Trustees in order for them to review. Mr. Slane would also like to hold a public meeting in conjunction with the Township Meeting in June to discuss the public sewer. Trustee Bill Laney states that he will have it placed on the Township Sign for the public to see.

Mr. Bob Binns and Mr. Paul Bennet were in attendance for the meeting as well. They stated that Mr. Richmond dug up a gas line and the gas on the street was out for 3-4 hours. There were clouds of gas as well as a strong scent coming from the line. Mr. Binns stated that with an emergency situation such as this, he felt the residents should have been informed. Trustee Laney states this is the first he is hearing of the situation and that he will check with the sheriff. Trustee Laney agrees that the sheriff should have contacted everyone in the vicinity. Mr. Bennet then asks if Mr. Richmond is, "Just going to get away with it again?" Trustee Laney informs him that this is up to the sheriff. Mr. Binns then shows pictures of the fire pile that is building up on the Richmond property as well as pictures of the abandoned house they brought attention to at the previous meeting. Mr. Binns states that he had the electric company come out and pull the meter on the house. Chairman Moran was to follow up with this property and Zoning Inspector Brian Knowles states that he will follow up with Mr. Moran on the topic. Lastly, Mr. Binns states that he was informed that the Corson property received a letter regarding repairing the fence on the property and he wants to know if the other properties in the area are also receiving these letters? Mr. Knowles informs him that all of the properties that are outside of their agreements are being notified in a timely fashion.

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Mr. Brad Gummere also attended the meeting in order to discuss receiving an easement on a property he purchased. Mr. Knowles will check with the county commissioner, Dave Dhume regarding this topic.

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

Somerford Township Zoning Inspector, Brian Knowles, states that he has found a fifth member for the Board of Zoning Appeals, Bobby Ernst. Vice Chairman Sparks makes a motion to appoint Mr. Ernst, Trustee Laney seconds, the motion is passed. The Fiscal Officer will make sure Mr. Ernst receives a letter of appointment. Mr. Knowles then states the Corson property was notified that the fence needed to be fixed and it is already in the process of being repaired.

Vice Chairman Ernest Sparks then states that a Mr. Frank Groves reached out to him in regards to the baseball field behind the Township Hall. He would like to use it. Mr. Laney states that any Somerford Township resident can use the field but that we should seek out how often they want to use it and what for? A liability waiver should also be signed by those residents accessing the field.

Lastly, Cemetery Sexton, Dave Jeffers, states that two 54" mowers are being delivered on Friday by Ag Pro.

Being no further business to be discussed at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Amanda Knowles, Somerford Township Fiscal Officer

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Ernest Sparks, Vice Chairman