

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

The Somerford Township Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 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.

Mr. Brian Harrington was in attendance. He recently purchased a property on Old US 40. He came to the meeting to express his unhappiness with some of the surrounding properties. He states that there are three properties in particular that need to be addressed. Zoning Inspector, Brian Knowles, had already spoken to Mr. Harrington prior to the meeting and is addressing these properties with the prosecutor. Vice Chairman Laney states that he has been in contact with the Health Department on properties before and that is an option if need be in this case as well. Mr. Knowles will continue to look into the situation and report back at the following meeting.

Mr. Duane Corson in attendance as well. He came to the meeting to express his concern with other people having cargo boxes on their properties and he was told he had to have the cargo boxes on his property inside his fence. He is frustrated that he was told to make changes to property but others were not. Mr. Knowles explained previously that a formal complaint was made about Mr. Corson's property and that is why he received a letter about his property. He also addressed the Frank Ward property and stated that he doesn't notice much change happening to his property. Mr. Laney explains that the township has been working with him but progress slowed down over the winter. Mary Jane Corson, another resident in attendance, wants to know if there are receipts to prove that any work has been done. Mr. Laney states that Mr. Knowles is working with Frank Ward and will continue to do so. It is an ongoing situation and they will continue to work to take care of it.

Michael Klamo, the new Assistant Prosecutor, came to the meeting to introduce himself to the Board. He states that he would like to work closely with the Trustees and support the Township in any way he can.

Amanda Knowles, Somerford Township Fiscal Officer, then has Mr. Laney hand out the meeting minutes from the March and April, 2020 meetings. They were read and approved by the trustees at this time. The Somerford Trustees then reviewed and signed approval of the April and May 2020 payroll and bills. There were also two deeds to be signed for cemetery

plots that were purchased. A resolution was signed at this time with the increased cemetery pricing that was passed at a previous meeting.

Trustee James Moran then updates the Board on the Comprehensive Plan. He reports that the family discussed previously regarding the plan did decide to go with the suggestion of the County on their land. Mr. Moran then asked if anyone else had been informed of whether or not the Memorial Day Service was going to take place at the cemetery? Mr. Laney states that the Health Department stated there were to be no large gatherings through the month of May. Assistant Prosecutor Klamo confirms that it is not encouraged. Lastly, Mr. Moran touches back on topic of the gutter replacement at the cemetery house. Water damage has caused a lot of issues inside the house and now that those have been addressed, the gutters need replaced in order to avoid the same thing happening again. The Trustees agree at this time to go ahead and proceed with the gutter replacement.

Being no further business to be discussed at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Amanda Knowles, Somerford Township Fiscal Officer

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Ernest Sparks, Chairman