

SOMERFORD TOWNSHIP  
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Ernest Sparks, Vice Chairman  
Bill Laney, Trustee

Brian Knowles, Zoning Inspector  
Amanda Knowles, Fiscal Officer

The Somerford Township Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 9, 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 September, 2019 meeting were read and approved by the trustees. The Somerford Trustees reviewed and signed approval of the October 2019 payroll and bills.

Mr. Kevin Detroy was in attendance along with Sally Hoey and Jeremy Johnston. Ms. Hoey is selling her Creative Carpet business to Mr. Johnston at this time. Mr. Detroy is Sally's attorney and he is seeking recognition for Creative Carpet to stay as is under the new ownership. The business will not be changing in any way other than ownership. When Ms. Hoey purchased the property, the 5 lots were deeded the same and she states she was "grandfathered in" without a conditional use permit but she cannot locate the paperwork to do so. Trustee Bill Laney states that the Board will work with them in any way on this matter. Mr. Detroy states that by law, the Zoning Inspector makes the ultimate decision on whether or not to allow the business to stay classified as residential as long as it continues to meet all requirements that it currently does. He will get a letter of legal nonconformance to Mr. Knowles and it will be reviewed by the BZA. Mr. Knowles also informs Mr. Detroy that he should contact the Madison County Zoning Inspector as well as the County Prosecutor.

Somerford Township Zoning Inspector, Brian Knowles, updates the Board on multiple items. They have a BZA meeting set for the following Monday to discuss a variance request related to setbacks. He also discusses the idea of passing a resolution for infractions in the Township. By doing so, people might be more compliant. The Frank Ward property hasn't had much change. The tires have not been removed but some cars have been removed at this time. Mr. Knowles is going to reach out to him again. Lastly, there was a property out on Arbuckle Road that wanted a lot split. The BZA will be reviewing this property at their November meeting.

Mr. Bill Laney states that there will be an Open House at the Engineer's Office from 5-7 p.m. on November 13 to finalize the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Knowles and Mr. Laney both state that they will attend.

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Meeting Minutes

Being no further business to be discussed at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Amanda Knowles, Somerford Township Fiscal Officer

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Ernest Sparks, Vice Chairman