

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

The Somerford Township Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 14, 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.

Assistant Prosecutor Nick Adkins was in attendance, introducing himself as a candidate for Madison County Prosecutor. Nick grew up in Madison County, attended Madison Plains school system. Prosecutor Steve Pronai is his mentor and he has prepared Nick well. Nick believes in working closely with law enforcement and is endorsed by the Madison County Sheriffs. Prosecutor Pronai has taught him the importance of relationships with trustees and he wants to continue that. Nick states that he believes in an open door policy and wants to build on Steve's philosophy.

Vicki Cordle and Jaime Martin are also in attendance. They wanted to know since the house next door to them went to foreclosure, who will clean it up if it doesn't sell? The consensus is that it will sell and the new owners will be required to clean it up. They also reported that a large trailer behind the Truett house is being used by neighborhood kids as a ramps. They are worried that one of them is going to get injured. Brian Knowles will follow up. Still no alley signs up. Trustee Moran will follow up tomorrow. Lastly, they report that the stop sign on the corner keeps getting run over and knocked down and suggest that maybe a stop sign with lights be put up.

Trustee Moran states that the road work that the Engineer was doing is done and we should be receiving a bill. Ms. Knowles will be on the lookout for that invoice. Mr. Moran touches on the Val Wilson road ditch work that is going to be done as well. Lastly, he updates The Board about Central Township Fire widening the driveway to bring the fire truck out and get it back in the building more easily.

Brian Knowles informs The Board that the camper at the Blake property has been removed. Blake property has 6 more weeks to clean up but is working well with Brian. Frank Ward has multiple vehicles that have been moved off of his property and he is making progress. There is a BZA Public hearing tomorrow night about a setback. Lastly, Julie Alcott called asking if they can build on top of hill on their property. Mr. Knowles is searching through previous minutes to find if that is allowed or not.

Amanda Knowles, Somerford Township Fiscal Officer, then hands out the meeting minutes from the September, 2020 meeting. They are read and approved by the trustees at this time. The Somerford Trustees then reviewed and signed approval of the October 2020 payroll and bills. A typed resolution was given to each of the trustees for review regarding the CARES act grant. It was passed and signed at this time. Five deeds for the purchase of cemetery graves were signed by the trustees and returned to Ms. Knowles. At this time, Ms. Knowles informs the Board of a call that was received regarding the cemetery layout and if we have an aerial map of the cemetery as a whole? Both Ms. Knowles and Mr. Moran will look into this. Ms. Knowles suggests putting the map on the Township website, if possible, so the public has access to it as well. Lastly, Ms. Knowles informs the trustees of the information she gained while attending the Madison County Township Association meeting earlier in the week. Somerford Township has received the first and second distributions and was informed by the County Auditor that a third round of distributions went out two days ago. Ms. Knowles will be on the lookout for this. Lastly, a vote is needed in order to encumber and appropriate these CARES Act funds at this time. Vice Chairman Laney moves a motion to accept and encumber the CARES Act funds; Chairman Sparks seconds. All are in favor and the motion is carried at this time. A list of appropriate items the CARES Act funding can be used on was passed around with certain items highlighted that may be beneficial to Somerford Township. The trustees will review this and begin making decisions on where to appropriate the money.

Being no further business to be discussed at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Amanda Knowles, Somerford Township Fiscal Officer

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Ernest Sparks, Chairman