

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

The Somerford Township Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 13, 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 September, 2021 meeting were read and approved by the trustees.

Honorable Mark Forrest, Madison County Commissioner, is in attendance observing the information given with the Savion project. Randy Boyce and Keith O'Connor are also in attendance to observe the meeting.

Nick Adkins is in attendance and states that he is reaching out and meeting with each township and introducing Assistant Prosecutor Michael Klamo. He informs the Board of a Fiscal Officers meeting regarding the American Rescue Plan on October 25 at Deercreek Township at 7 p.m. Amanda Knowles, Fiscal Officer, states she plans to be in attendance. Mr. Adkins then goes on to inform the Board that he will also be speaking at the Township Association Meeting on November 8 at 7:30 at Engineer's Building. He has been working closely with Attorney Beck with regards to appropriate expenditures of ARP funds and will be doing a brief presentation on funds being used to improve township cemeteries.

Sarah Moser, with Savion- A Renewable Energy Company, is also in attendance. Savion is currently working on a project at Orlitin Farms. The project is called Oak Run and has the protentional to be one of the largest solar projects in the country. The project would produce a large tax revenue- 7.2 million per year that will go into mileage. The guidelines are set by Senate Bill 232 which takes a set rate and splits it into mileage. Schools get the most due to the fact that they have the most property tax. Savion is currently contacting surrounding land owners to offer them a chance to be involved in the project. The more people agree to be a part of it, the more money that comes back into the Township. Another project similar will begin in the Spring and Sarah welcomes anyone to come visit during the start of this project to see what it is all about. The project affecting Somerford likely won't begin until 2025. Sarah is currently trying to organize a public discussion about the project to help inform residents. Sarah also volunteers to speak at any rotary meetings. Vice Chairman James Moran asks when a preliminary map will available to the Trustees? Sarah states that once they know who is participating, they will begin drawing up a map. The project will begin with the first big area of properties that have already committed. A proposal will be presented before any work is begun and it will be presented to the Township. A realistic timeline depends on capacity on the line. Mr. Moran asks for size of the project. Sarah reports there is potential for 1.6 gigawatts. She

then explains that the city of Columbus is 3 gigawatts for reference. Trustee Ernie Sparks asks how long before the township would see a turnaround? Sarah explains that the profits are in arrear like property taxes. Sarah states that she will be in touch as the project moves further along and that she is available if anyone has any questions that arise.

Amanda Knowles, Fiscal Officer, hands out the October bills and payroll at this time to be reviewed.

Brian Knowles, Somerford Township Zoning Inspector, reports that the food truck vender would like to build a storage shed on his property. The BZA has a meeting in two weeks to discuss the variance that they would need in order to do this. The owner will be in attendance to show drawings. Mr. Knowles also reports he has court on the the October 27th for the Blake property. Brian is in contact with Bob Blake and he is meeting with him in the near future to see if the property has met the requests of the township. Lastly, all vehicles are tagged and licensed at the corner of 56 and 40 so they are in good standing.

Vice Chairman James Moran states that the Sewer Project is set to go to bid this Fall and construction to begin next Spring. Materials are a tremendous issue at this time and they are hoping this will not hold up construction. Mr. Moran also attended the EMS Open House and it was very beneficial. He states that he learned a lot about the history of the Township and was happy with the turnout.

Trustee Ernest Sparks reports that the Zoning meetings have been stagnant at this time.

Chairman Bill Laney states that he is still working with the sign company to get everything straightened out.

Dave Jeffers, Cemetery Sexton, asks if they will be trading in the current mowers? He states that they have had multiple issues and cannot get anyone to come out and work on them. He also reports that the tractor is having some front-end issues and likely needs new tires. Mr. Moran will reach out to Bailey at Ag-Pro and look into quotes.

Being no further business to be discussed at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 1951.

Respectfully submitted:

Amanda Knowles, Somerford Township Fiscal Officer

Date: _____

Bill Laney, Chairman