

SOMERFORD TOWNSHIP
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Bill Laney, Trustee
James Moran, Chairman

Dave Jeffers, Cemetery Sexton
Brian Knowles, Zoning Inspector
Amanda Knowles, Fiscal Officer

The Somerford Township Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, September 11, 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 August, 2019 meeting were read and approved by the trustees. The Somerford Trustees reviewed and signed approval of the September 2019 payroll and bills.

Mr. Robert Turvey, the Central Township Fire Chairman, and Mr. Stephen Pronai, the Madison County Prosecutor were in attendance in order to discuss the merging of Central Township Fire District and Somerford township in the year 2020. Prosecutor Pronai will draw up a long-term lease agreement and bring it to the Central Township meeting on 9/18 for further review. Everyone is in agreement.

Amanda Knowles, Fiscal Officer, informs the Board of the upcoming Madison County Chamber of Commerce Bonanza and how they can purchase tickets if they would like to attend.

Somerford Township Zoning Inspector, Brian Knowles, updates the Board on multiple properties. Frank Ward has been in touch and has been very agreeable to clean up his properties. The BZA will work with him to help get this done. He also reports that the Richmond Property planted new trees after the previous ones died on the property. One of the neighbors contacted Mr. Knowles and stated that the Richmond property is much quieter than it used to be. The owner of the Drive Thru on St. Rt. 56. contacted Mr. Knowles about putting in gas pumps at the location. Mr. Knowles referred him to Dave Hughes for further information. The property next door to the Township Hall has begun putting up framework for a project that has not been granted a permit. Zoning Inspector Knowles will contact the owner of the property. Lastly, the Creative Carpet business may be changing hands. The problem Mr. Knowles has found is that the property is currently zoned as residential and if the carpet company wants to stay, it needs to be rezoned as commercial. Also, a conditional use permit needs to be obtained in order to continue the business as it is.

Chairman Moran notes that the Engineering phases of the water project are underway as workers have been out to survey septic tanks. He also informs the Board that a family contacted him about wanting their family member reburied at the Cemetery as they were unhappy. Prosecutor Pronai informed Trustee Laney previously that to dig a grave up

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you have to go to the probate court. Chairman Moran informed the family that the Township's responsibility is to open and close the grave only. Somerford Township is not responsible for the vault and has no jurisdiction over the funeral director. He informed the family that if they get the proper paperwork, we can work with them to get their request done.

Being no further business to be discussed at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Amanda Knowles, Somerford Township Fiscal Officer

Date: _____

James Moran, Chairman