

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

The Somerford Township Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, September 9, 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 7:01 p.m.

Amanda Knowles, Somerford Township Fiscal Officer, hands out the meeting minutes from the August, 2020 meeting. They are read and approved by the trustees at this time. The Somerford Trustees then reviewed and signed approval of the September 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. Six deeds for the purchase of cemetery graves were signed by the trustees and returned to Ms. Knowles at this time.

Zoning Inspector Brian Knowles updates the Trustees of the two public hearings he held last week. There were no issues with either and both granted their conditional use permits. Mr. Knowles also went to court two weeks prior for the Blake property. He met with Prosecutor and Mr. Blake was granted until December 1 (90 days) to get both of his properties cleaned up. If he does not comply, he will be charges a \$100/day fine. Mr. Knowles then informs the Board that he has sent out a few new letters for multiple properties including the one with the camper on it, the Verizon property, and the Bowers property. They each have until October 2 to respond. Mr. Knowles will be touching base with Frank Ward at the end of the week to see what his next steps will be. He also was approached again about the bus shed. It will be a movable, nonpermanent, structure and will be serviced every six months. The advertising signs need to be 50% public service for it to be approved per Ohio Revised Code. Trustee Moran suggest running it passed Prosecutor Pronai to double check it all sounds good. If Mr. Pronai gives the okay, Trustees are okay with it also.

Vice Chairman Bill Laney then asks if anyone has seen any information on green burials? Up and coming and something to look into. He then discusses the Covid grant and that there are a lot of things the money can be spend on. Ms. Knowles states that she will be attending the Madison County Township Meeting to find out more on that topic. Vice Chairman Laney then states that there is a way to transfer the unused grant money to Fire and EMS.

Cemetery Sexton Dave Jeffers then updates the Board that the dump truck is currently being worked on and that we are just waiting to hear back on diagnosis.

Trustee Moran states that the Engineer's Office has been out assessing road signs that will be replaced. He left it up to them to decide if the posts need replaced as well. New signs will be put up in the alleyway previously discussed by township residents. Mr. Moran is meeting with Mr. Rafferty in the morning regarding the cemetery issue at hand. He then states that Chief Bennington has mentioned in the Fire meeting that they may have granting next year for a possible generator. Jimmie would like to get that in motion and get the ball rolling. (35 kW would provide energy to the entire building). It would be detrimental to the Fire and EMS if something were to happen and the Fire and EMS not have power in case of emergencies.

Mr. Brian Harrington is in attendance and would like to know the cost of the physical alley sign? Asks if the Engineer puts the post in? The Engineer's Office does put the posts in. He'd like to know the cost and suggests maybe getting some donations. Mr. Harrington states he is very happy with the way Mr. Knowles is handling poorly cared for properties. Asking if the new sewer system is going to get done? Mr. Moran states that it's up for bidding right now and that tap fees are not established yet. Mr. Laney adds that the Engineer's Office is hoping they have enough grant money to cover that.

Being no further business to be discussed at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Amanda Knowles, Somerford Township Fiscal Officer

Date: _____

Ernest Sparks, Chairman