

SOMERFORD TOWNSHIP
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James Moran, Chairman
Ernest Sparks, Vice Chairman
Keith O'Connor, Trustee

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

The Somerford Township Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 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 February, 2022 meeting were read and approved by the trustees.

Amanda Knowles, Fiscal Officer, hands out the March bills and payroll at this time to be reviewed. She also hands out the January 2022 bank reconciliation to be approved. Ms. Knowles then reports that the township will be receiving additional funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. The U.S. Treasury requires the state to redistribute the unclaimed, remaining funds to those eligible in accordance with its guidelines. Somerford Township will be receiving an additional \$623.94 and asks for a motion to approve the supplemental appropriations needed to accept this amount. Vice Chairman Ernest Sparks moves that these appropriations be approved, Trustee Keith O'Connor seconds the motion. A role call is taken: James Moran-Yes; Ernest Sparks-Yes; Keith O'Connor-Yes. All were in favor and the motion is carried.

Mr. Joe McFadden from Savion Energy is in attendance. Wanted to introduce himself and will relay any questions that the trustees have to Sarah Mosier. They have a new office opening in Mechanicsburg next month. Mr. McFadden reports that he just started with the company and he is here to introduce himself and let the trustees know that the office will be opening later this month. Chairman Moran states that he would love to find a time to sit down and discuss future plans along with topics such as setbacks and grass areas around properties involved. He also states that he would like to discuss the kilowatt fee that the County receives over and above the levies. Mr. Moran states that we, as a township, would like to discuss those fees and see if there is any way that this income would benefit Somerford. Mr. McFadden takes down the fiscal officer's contact information at this time.

Zoning Inspector Brian Knowles updates that the BZA has a meeting tomorrow night, March 10, 2022 for two different properties. There is a lot split on the county line that is rather straight forward. The property owner is asking to obtain a conditional use on an agricultural property. The other one is for the food truck property. He is asking for a variance in order to build a storage building on his property. Mr. Knowles also brings up the topic of the BZA being in need of another member. Dante Talley and Dan Moran were both nominated for the vacancy by other members of the BZA. The floor is open for discussion at this time. Motion to appoint Dante made by Keith O'Connor and seconded by Ernie. All in favor, none opposed.

Vice Chairman Ernie Sparks reports that at the last Fire Meeting the members discussed budget and that they are still having staffing issues and will continue to work on solving this issue.

Trustee Keith O'Connor reports that he attended the Township Association Meeting. There were a handful of items discussed including roads and green space but nothing that sounded pertinent to Somerford.

Chairman James Moran reports that he had a meeting with Commissioners on the sewer that's coming to town. They reported that bids are expected to go out in the next few weeks. Mr. Moran also reports that the Solar Project has no financial benefit to Somerford Township unless there is a levy to collect from, which it does not have at this time. Mr. Moran suggests going through the Solar Company to maybe get some financial benefits sent our way. On another topic, there have been some complaints about the roads at the Cemetery. They need repaired and repaved. Mr. Moran will start collecting bids to get some of this work done.

Dave Jeffers, Cemetery Sexton, reports the new loader came in but no tractor delivered at this time. Reports the cemetery truck is leaking oil and he will have it looked at.

Being no further business to be discussed at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 1944.

Respectfully submitted:

Amanda Knowles, Somerford Township Fiscal Officer

Date: _____

James Moran, Chairman