

SOMERFORD TOWNSHIP
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James Moran, Chairman	Amanda Knowles, Fiscal Officer
Ernest Sparks, Vice Chairman	Brian Knowles, Zoning Inspector
Keith O'Connor, Trustee	

The Somerford Township Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 13, 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.

Amanda Knowles, Fiscal Officer presents the minutes from the March, 2022 meeting which were read and approved by the trustees at this time. Ms. Knowles hands out the April bills and payroll at this time to be reviewed. She also hands out the February 2022 bank reconciliation to be approved. Ms. Knowles then reports that after looking into it further, Somerford does not qualify for the Building Grant discussed at the previous meeting. There was then a discussion of the EMS paying utilities and if the previous agreement was still accurate? Chairman Moran states that EMS has about 15 personnel and FIRE has more but not as many full timers. Ms. Knowles states that she will pull numbers in terms of utilities spent on the Township Building and get them to the Trustees for further review with MCEMD and Central Fire.

Mr. Brain Harrington is in attendance to find out information regarding two graves at the Somerford Cemetery. Ms. Knowles takes down the information and will get back to Mr. Harrington once she reviews the plots in question.

Taylor Christian from the Ohio Land and Liberty Coalition is also in attendance. He would like to discuss the Oak Run Solar Project and how each township will have one member on the Board along with property rights leasing the land. Mr. Christian suggests staying in touch with the developer, Savion, and he is also happy to stay a contact person in case of any questions that may arise. Chairman Moran states that it is still very early and that it is definitely a learning process and that Somerford appreciates Mr. Christian's time.

Zoning Inspector Brian Knowles updates that the airport filed for a variance to build a new hanger. BZA has a meeting set for April 25 for this. Mr. Knowles also received a call about the old deer farm property to see if the owner can do an extension off the agriculture building as well as grow/sell flowers and vegetables and possibly host weddings on the premises. Mr. Knowles states that he will check with Dave Hume to see if their requests fall under commercial or agricultural. He will also inquire about the property being used as a wedding venue.

Vice Chairman Ernie Sparks reports that at the last Fire Meeting, it was reported that Central Fire did purchase a new vehicle. They also upgraded to 3 new "jaws of life" tools as their old one would not cut through all cars.

Trustee Keith O'Connor reports that he looked into beginning a new personal website for Somerford Township that would not have to be controlled by the county. Ms. Knowles will reach out to the county to see if that is allowed and if it can be linked to the county webpage.

Chairman James Moran reports that he spoke to some local asphalt companies about redoing the roads at the cemetery. Some areas need patched while others need tree roots grinded off and then they can asphalt over them. Price for asphaltting two of the lanes would be approximately \$25,000 or they could tar and chip and that would cost \$15,000. Mr. Moran also discussed possibly working with Savion to see if they could help with these costs since Somerford does not have a levy that would allow collection from the Solar Project. Vice Chairman Sparks makes a motion to spend up to \$25,000, Trustee O'Connor seconds. All in favor, none opposed and motion carries. Mr. Sparks asks whether or not Fire and EMS benefits from the solar project? Mr. Moran states that they will because they have a levy while Somerford Township does not. Lastly, the Trustees received an email regarding the Sewer Project. Rob Slane sent information out asking for support via a grant. All trustees are in agreement and Ms. Knowles will prepare the formal letter to be sent back to Mr. Slane.

Being no further business to be discussed at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 1953.

Respectfully submitted:

Amanda Knowles, Somerford Township Fiscal Officer

Date: _____

James Moran, Chairman