

SOMERFORD TOWNSHIP  
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Ernest Sparks, Vice Chairman  
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, August 14, 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 July, 2019 meeting were read and approved by the trustees. The Somerford Trustees reviewed and signed approval of the August 2019 payroll and bills.

Amanda Knowles, Fiscal Officer, explains that the audit for 2017-2018 has been completed and that Somerford Township is in good standing with the Auditor of State. She also informs the Board that she has submitted the application for a Cemetery Grant that would help with updates needing done at the cemetery properties.

Somerford Township Zoning Inspector, Brian Knowles, informs the Board that the phone number he has for Frank Ward is incorrect and he is still looking for a number to reach him by. He then informs the Trustees that the BZA met the night before and that they still have a situation to resolve with Richmond Kennels. Mr. Richmond took down kennels on his property for the BZA inspection and now wants to put them back up. He has been informed that the requirements that were met during the inspection need to remain intact for his permit to stay valid. Mr. Knowles will follow up with him as need be. He also states that the Corson property is being taken care of and it should meet requirements by the end of the month.

Vice Chairman Sparks informs the Board that a resident contacted him to state that the trees they donated to the cemetery have snapped in recent storms and that they would like for them to be replaced. Cemetery Sexton, Dave Jeffers, will get the trees cleaned up and call the nursery where the trees were received from. He believes there was a warranty and that the trees can be replaced free of charge.

Trustee Bill Laney takes the floor to update the Board on the topic of the fire levies. He states that if Central Township is taking over coverage January 1, 2020, our levy needs to be in place as of that date. He also brings up the topic of discussing whether or not Central could start contributing to the building loan payments. Mr. Laney will discuss this topic with Central Township as well as the possibility of them collecting their full levy. Will touch back at a later time. The next topic of discussion was in relation to our own fire levies. The Board had previously stated that they would like to pass a resolution to have the three Somerford Township fire levies placed on hold in 2019 but that date needs to be changed to January of 2020. Ms. Knowles will get the new resolution typed

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up for the Trustees to sign. Mr. Laney then informs the Board that the EMS monthly utilities payment will increase from \$500 to \$978 beginning in September 2019. Ms. Knowles takes note of this and will change the amount on the next bill. The last update was on a bit of duct work that had to be corrected as a return air duct cannot be in a storage area as discovered recently.

Chairman Moran then adds that one of the ditches on Val Wilson Road needs some work to be cleared out. Will touch back at a later time on this topic.

Being no further business to be discussed at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Amanda Knowles, Somerford Township Fiscal Officer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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James Moran, Chairman