

SOMERFORD TOWNSHIP
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James Moran, Trustee	Amanda Knowles, Fiscal Officer
Bill Laney, Vice Chairman	Brian Knowles, Zoning Inspector
Ernest Sparks, Chairman	

The Somerford Township Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 via Zoom Call with the above members present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Jeremy Johnston was in attendance via zoom call. Mr. Johnston owns Creative Carpets across the street from the Township Building. He had a fire a few weeks ago and is looking to rebuild the garage that was damaged in the fire. He would like to know what steps he needs to take in order to get this building started. Zoning Inspector Brian Knowles states that Mr. Johnston will have to come before the Board of Zoning Appeals and bring his request to them. He will not need a variance if he plans to rebuild in the same location as the previous garage. The rebuild must be within 90 days of the fire and the teardown is deemed a part of the rebuild. Mr. Johnston states that he is waiting on the insurance money from his insurance claim before he can get started. Mr. Johnston will stay in touch with Mr. Knowles on the matter.

Fiscal Officer Amanda Knowles then asks the trustees to review the minutes from the November 2020 meeting that were emailed to the trustees prior to the meeting. Vice Chairman Laney makes a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Trustee Moran seconds. The motion is carried. The December 2020 bills are then reviewed. Vice Chairman Laney makes a motion to approve the bill pay. Chairman Sparks seconds and the motion is passed. Ms. Knowles then presents the Trustees with the Temporary Appropriations for year 2021. Chairman Sparks makes a motion to adopt these Temporary Appropriations and Trustee Moran seconds motion. A roll call vote was called and resulted as follows: Chairman Sparks-yes, Vice Chairman Laney-yes, Trustee Moran-yes. Motion was passed at this time. A public notice will be placed in the paper to inform the public of the Appropriation measures.

Zoning Inspector Brian Knowles then touches on a few of the properties he has been working with to make improvements on. The Blake property is making slow progress. Mr. Knowles will be contacting Mr. Blake again to see where he is at and what he can do to help get things moving along a little quicker. In regards to the Alcott request discussed in the previous meeting, Mr. Knowles cannot find the previous meeting minutes at the old Township Building. Trustee Moran states he will meet up with Mr. Knowles and they can look together.

Trustee Moran gives an update in our Coronavirus Relief Fund projects at this time. Mr. Moran states that the new chairs have been delivered for the meeting room. He also states that the new generator for the building is on site and all of the metered work is completed. The generator and air purification system will be installed in the next two weeks. Mr. Moran also touches on the dump truck that is being repaired at Freightliner. It should be finished within the week and able to be picked up at that time.

Vice Chairman Laney then takes the floor and states that he has had several calls about the fire levy that will be falling off for 2021. Some residents have stated that the levy did not fall off of their bill. Mr. Laney states that these residents are looking at last year's bill as this year's bill will not be released until the middle of January 2021. The fire levy falling off is embedded in the Somerford Township Fund. Mr. Laney also discusses the topic of getting an electronic sign to better communicate with the public. He makes a motion to purchase the electronic sign with the Coronavirus Relief Funds. Trustee Moran seconds the motion. Mr. Laney will get the ball rolling.

Being no further business to be discussed at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Amanda Knowles, Somerford Township Fiscal Officer

Date: _____

Ernest Sparks, Chairman