

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

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

The Somerford Township Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, February 22, 2024 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 January, 2024 meeting were read and approved by the trustees.

Patty Hamilton was in attendance. She is running for State Representative. Ms. Hamilton is a retired lieutenant colonel that believes public service should come back to the forefront of elected positions. She also believes there should be no solar on farm land. She will also be focusing on parental rights in schools and is strongly against men in women's sports for injury purposes. Ms. Hamilton reports herself to be a "very big second amendment person, and that we need to be able to defend ourselves. Communism is the next step after taking our guns from us." Ms. Hamilton's father was in the military as well as her husband. She is not afraid of work and can give 100% to the people unlike her opponent. Another piece of legislature that she believes in is no non-citizens purchasing land as well as medical freedom- never be masked, vaccinated or isolated. Ms. Hamilton states she "will not allow the government to do that to us and our children again." Ms. Hamilton states that she is endorsed by multiple groups in Ohio and that we can visit her website for more information. Lastly, she states that the current state representative spent capital money all in Pickaway county and none on Madison County.

Amanda Knowles, Fiscal Officer, hands out the February bills and payroll at this time to be reviewed. At this time, Ms. Knowles informs the Trustees that she has closed the Fiscal Year 2023 and has put an ad in the paper for public review.

Zoning Inspector, Brian Knowles, states someone wants to build where the old garage at the corner of 56 and 40. He'll need variances from BZA to do so. Websters have removed the truck from their property, will send a letter stating that they understand garden decorations are not props and if they are used at all, we will be notified. Will get a letter to us stating they know they cannot use these props for pictures. Richmonds want to sell off their rear 4 acres but Mr. Knowles is researching is Karen Drive was a deed restricted community when built? Mr. Moran says no. Piece of agricultural ground due to little road frontage so he cannot build on it. Richmonds relinquished their commercial breeder license. Mr. Knowles will reach out to see what their plans are with all of the dogs on the current property. Old Deer Farm is going to sell and keep property intact. The Kimes Farm on Arbuckle wants to split off a building lot at the rear of the property off a 73 acre parcel, meeting frontage will be a challenge.

Trustee Moran says big truck is down for Fire Department. He also heard that the sewer project will not be going south of 40 but he is not sure if that is true, originally it was included.

Probably going to be 6-8 properties that they didn't figure in the system. Looking to start in a couple months.

Fire and EMS merger possibly coming. Need to consolidate the two and a vote will need to be had in the months to come. Public will need educated and possibly both levies would be canceled and a new levy for the same amount will need passed. Fire and EMS will also both vote on it.

Being no further business to be discussed at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 2043.

Respectfully submitted:

Amanda Knowles, Somerford Township Fiscal Officer

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Keith O'Connor, Chairman