

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	David Jeffers, Cemetery Sexton

The Somerford Township Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, June 8, 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 May, 2022 meeting were read and approved by the trustees.

Ms. Toni Young is in attendance discussing the “pilot program” for Oak Run Solar Project. Green lane is her connection to Somerford. They are working on House Bill 118 giving more allowances to the townships. Ms. Young informs the Board that Champaign County is having a meeting tomorrow with Commissioners. Chairman James Moran presents a resolution written to the Madison County Commissioners against the Solar Farm Initiative. The Trustees discuss the zoning issue as well as pros and cons. Zoning Inspector, Brian Knowles, will dig deeper on the zoning side of things. Mr. Moran also reports there will be a meeting with Monroe Township and Deercreek Township on the matter as well. After finishing their discussion Mr. Sparks makes a motion to pass the resolution, Mr. O'Connor seconds. All are in favor and the motion is carried.

Amanda Knowles, Fiscal Officer, hands out the June bills and payroll at this time to be reviewed. There are also seven deeds to be signed for the sale of cemetery plots. Ms. Knowles then reminds the Trustees of the Sewer Meeting that is being held at the Township Hall at 7 pm on June 14, 2022. There will also be a public informational meeting being held by Savion for the Oak Run Solar Project on June 22, 2022.

Zoning Inspector Brian Knowles updates about following the County’s lead for condition use when dealing with agricultural properties. It used to be the resident had to have at least 20 acres to allow a split but now they allow it as long as they meet frontage and depth ratio. Mr. Knowles will continue to search for the old Zoning Minutes that may have discussed this matter in the past for a property on SR 187.

Cemetery Sexton David Jeffers reports that we are still waiting on a few pieces of equipment but that the majority have arrived at the cemetery.

Vice Chairman Ernest Sparks attended the Fire Meeting and reports they are still having difficulty getting new equipment and high turnover rates as well.

Chairman James Moran reports that the EMS is also having issues with turnover. The Squad is discussing whether to hire only Medics and they will touch back next month on the topic.

Trustee Keith O'Connor reports that he plans to attend the Regional Planning Committee next week. He also reports that the Township Association Summer Social is on Monday, June 13 at Union Township.

Being no further business to be discussed at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 2009.

Respectfully submitted:

Amanda Knowles, Somerford Township Fiscal Officer

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James Moran, Chairman