

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

Amanda Knowles, Fiscal Officer
Brian Knowles, Zoning Inspector

The Somerford Township Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, November 9, 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 October, 2022 meeting were read and approved by the Trustees.

Amanda Knowles, Fiscal Officer, hands out the November bills and payroll at this time to be reviewed. Ms. Knowles also hands out the bank reconciliation to be approved.

Trustee Keith O'Connor received a call from Bob Blake, Sr. discussing the sewage situation. Mr. Moran states that we'll continue to pump the tank every few weeks. Mr. O'Connor is working to follow up with the EPA contact that has been out to the site as well. Mr. Moran went to the site of the Blake's property and there was no standing sewage as previously reported at this time. Mr. Moran states that there are two leach beds near the location that could be the cause the sewage smell. Will continue to follow up.

Zoning Inspector Brian Knowles reports that he has two public hearings on Nov 21. One for the old drive thru site and another for Steve Messenger for the Wedding Venue Deer Farm. He needs to apply for a Conditional Use permit. A lot of regulations will be put in place regarding traffic, restrooms, noise, etc. Mr. Knowles reports that he attended the Regional Planning meeting the night before with Mr. O'Connor. Other Townships reviewed the zoning resolution that the Board of Zoning passed. Mr. Knowles will hold a public hearing in regards to the zoning resolution. Then Somerford Trustees will also have to hold a public meeting.

Chairman Moran attended the Solar Meeting last week put on by Savion. There was a moderator as well as their Board there for discussion. Mr. Moran states that he has written his questions down to bring to the Siting Board Meeting. The best way to make any headway would be for the community to email their complaints and questions so that they post them on the website. The EMS hasn't received their funding from their new levy yet and will get it in late winter/early spring 2023. They will be borrowing money from the County until the funds are received. Mr. Moran reports that he received a proposed Comprehensive Plan. After he received it, the County contacted him with a Plan different from the one sent to Mr. Moran. Many different areas were rezoned from AG to Commercial. Mr. Moran contacted the former County Prosecutor and he said that in 1972 when the township seceded with their own zoning, the Comprehensive Plan became a part of the Township's responsibilities. After discussion, it is decided that the Township will stand their ground and fight these changes. With Somerford having its own zoning, they are in control of their own destiny and have the power to say they are opposed to

these changes. Somerford Township will hold a Public Meeting for the Comprehensive Plan revisions discussed tonight.

Being no further business to be discussed at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 2029.

Respectfully submitted:

Amanda Knowles, Somerford Township Fiscal Officer

Date: _____

James Moran, Chairman