

SOMERFORD TOWNSHIP
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Ernest Sparks, Chairman
James Moran, Trustee
Dave Jeffers, Cemetery Sexton

Amanda Knowles, Fiscal Officer
Brian Knowles, Zoning Inspector

The Somerford Township Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 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 August, 2023 meeting were read and approved by the trustees.

Mr. Mark Silliman is in attendance and would like some information about the housing development that is going in near Old Columbus Road. He saw the construction that has begun but he hasn't seen any signs or anything stating anything. He went to the County as well as the EPA. Mr. Silliman filed a complaint regarding burn piles as well as some other activities. His main concern is how many houses will be built and how it will impact the community? His concerns are in regards to increased traffic, increased noise, utilities/water being affected. Mr. Silliman would like to know how the Township will proceed with this project? Mr. Knowles, Zoning Inspector, states that nothing has been filed at this time for the development. When the land was purchased, a PRD, Planned Residential Development, was agreed upon which means The Township has a say in the planning process when that begins. As for clearing out the land, the owner is allowed to do that. The next step would be for the owner to submit his request to the Zoning Board and go from there. Mr. Moran states that it is a very expensive and lengthy process and will likely take a few years.

Amanda Knowles, Fiscal Officer, hands out the September bills and payroll at this time to be reviewed. Two bank deeds were passed out and signed. The Proof of Loss document related to the fire at the Township Building had a discrepancy on what the contractor had bid and what insurance will pay. Chief Bennington has resolved it so Ms. Knowles will reach out to the claim department to see if the Proof of Loss she received is the updated one or not.

Zoning Inspector, Brian Knowles, met with Tim Wilson and they are trying to find an electronic copy of the current Zoning Resolution so that it doesn't need to be completely re-typed. He also gives an update and states that the old car is being moved on the Webster's property.

Trustee Moran reports that Regional Planning for Madison County had a large overhaul and last night there was a vote and the old regional planning was dissolve. A notice will be sent out about how it will be reestablished. Members of all 14 townships and the commissioner's office will make up the new planning committee. The Sewer project had a contractor preview today and will start in the next 60 days. Cemetery roads have been asphalted. The Township Association Meeting the other night stated that there are lots of grants out there right now to

look into if there are projects in the near future. Corridor for sewer and water was discussed at the association meeting as well and communications have not been great. Corridor goes down 40, all the way to Plain City. Lastly, Mr. Moran states that he received quotes for the stairs at the front of the Township Building to be repaved. The invoice is for \$3,475. R. Moran makes a motion to approve spending these funds on repairing the stairs and Mr. Sparks seconds. Motion is carried.

Dave Jeffers, Cemetery Sexton, reports that there are multiple trees in the way of the mowing line in the alleys. Mr. Moran states that he can trim the trees over the alley but we cannot go onto someone's property to take their tree down without their permission. If it is in the way of the alley or in the way of plowing, we'll have to do something about it. Mr. Knowles will reach out to the owner of the property and see if he would care if the Township removes the dead tree on his property.

Being no further business to be discussed at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 1950.

Respectfully submitted:

Amanda Knowles, Somerford Township Fiscal Officer

Date: _____

Ernest Sparks, Chairman