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Somerville to dissolve into Milford Township

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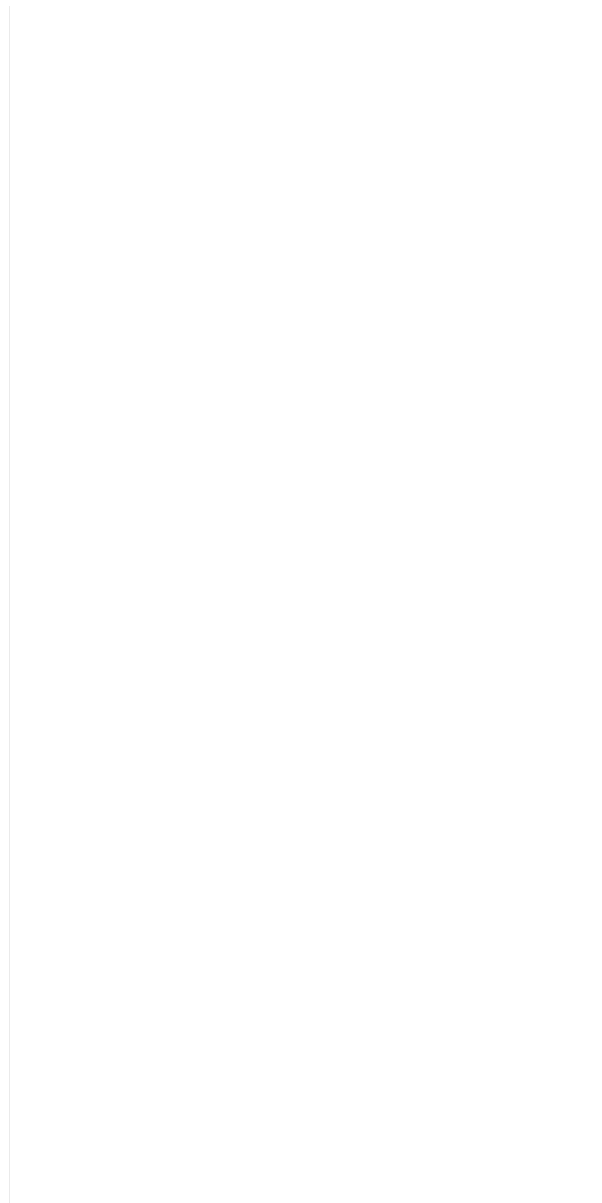
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SOMERVILLE, Ohio — The village of Somerville will soon be no more.

Residents voted 25-23 to dissolve the small Butler County village into nearby Milford Township.



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Somerville is home to 283 people and has been incorporated in Butler County since 1832.

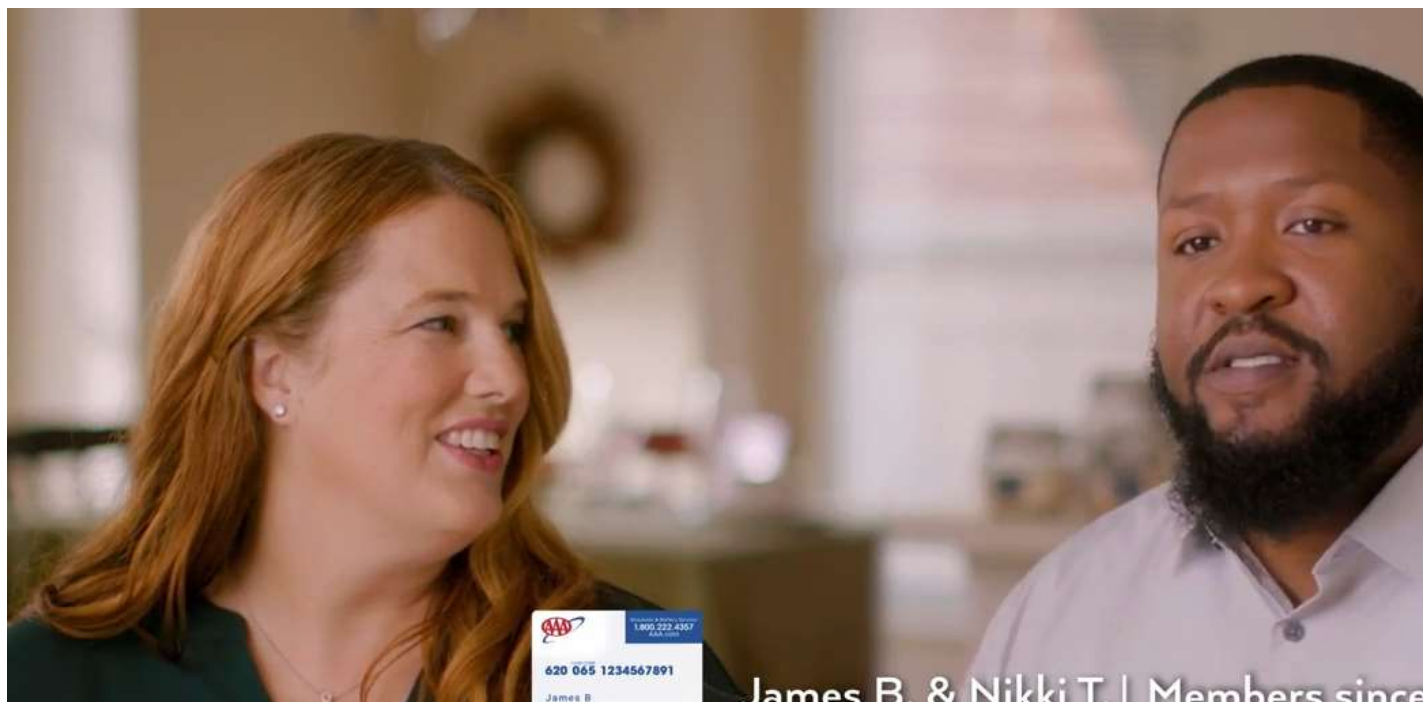
But last year, no one ran for mayor or council. The final two council members resigned and the village was barely scraping by on a \$50,000 budget.

Most residents WLWT spoke to Monday said they wouldn't mind if the village was absorbed into Milford Township.

"At some point, I just think you have to move on," resident Sondra Webb said. "There's nothing for the kids to do here anymore. It's just not a place where you establish roots anymore."

Milford Township officials said if they get control of the village, they'll maintain the Somerville Fire Department, a concern some residents had.

Somerville is located in Butler County just below the Preble County line.

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