

Sciota Township Board Meeting

September 13, 2004

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Matthews at 7PM with Supervisor Matthews, Trustee Koerner, Trustee Lee, and Clerk Johnstone in attendance and the Pledge of Allegiance was given. Guests were Henry Cross, Bill Thelen, Eric Schuman, Nancy Koerner, Dean Mohney, Norma Parker, Edwin Parker, Bob Johnstone, Charlene Austin, Carl George, Christine Smith, Autumn Lawson, Christina Chandler, Dave White, Pat White, Ed Buskirk, Matt Stahlin, John Gray, and illegible.

Trustee Koerner moved, supported by Trustee Lee, to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as printed. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Treasurer McGarry was unable to attend the meeting but sent a report. Trustee Koerner moved, supported by Supervisor Matthews, to accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Board Comments - Supervisor Matthews reported on correspondence he got from Region 5. He requested Trustee Lee, as our representative to the group, to find out more about warning sirens in the northern and eastern parts of the township.

Supervisor Matthews presented a letter from him regarding Doyle Rd. land splits which have been the subject of controversy. (The letter is attached.)

Supervisor Matthews presented zoning and building permits.

Zoning Permits –

204-0331	Shaundel Elowski	10155 Bennington Rd.	Single family
home			
204-0332	Gary Manthei	4523 Leland Rd	Pole barn
204-0355	Scott/Denise Smith	6556 Colby Lake Rd	Home addition

Building Permits –

B04-0305	Shaundel Elowski	10155 Bennington Rd	Single family
home			
B04-0306	Gary Manthei	4523 Leland Rd	Pole barn
B04-0323	Jerry Walden	3509 Shaftsbury Rd	Residential
remodel			
B04-0331	Scott/Denise Smith	6556 Colby Lake Rd	Home addition
B04-0347	Douglas Morrill	8502 W. Grand River Rd	Home remodel

Trustee Koerner reported on a dinner which will be held in Elsie, sponsored by Baker College. They have invited individual board members to bring a guest.

Clerk Johnstone presented her correspondence. Following her request to purchase updated election information for use by the next clerk, Trustee Koerner moved, supported by Supervisor Matthews, to allow Clerk Johnstone to purchase the updated Michigan Election Manual and CD. A roll call vote shows Trustee Lee yes, Clerk Johnstone yes, Supervisor Matthews yes, and Trustee Koerner yes. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Clerk Johnstone presented the budget including current spending. To keep the budget numbers correct, the following funds need to be moved:

Trustee Koerner moved, supported by Clerk Johnstone, to move \$1801.00 from Roads, Upgrade/Maintenance to Administrative Expenses, Contributions.

Trustee Koerner moved, supported by Clerk Johnstone, to move \$45.10 from Roads, Upgrade/Maintenance to Clerk's Office, Mileage.

Trustee Koerner moved, supported by Clerk Johnstone, to move \$75.00 from Roads, Upgrade/Maintenance to Special Board, Office Supplies.

Trustee Lee moved, supported by Clerk Johnstone, to move \$505.67 from Roads, Upgrade/Maintenance to Elections, Primary Workers.

Trustee Koerner moved, supported by Clerk Johnstone, to move \$389.69 from Roads, Upgrade/Maintenance to Roads, Gravel.

A roll call vote covering all of the above motions to balance the budget shows Clerk Johnstone yes, Supervisor Matthews yes, Trustee Koerner yes, and Trustee Lee yes.

Trustee Lee thanked Bob Johnstone for taking care of having the old voting machines removed from the hall.

Planning Commission – The Planning Commission thanked the Board for sending them to the training sessions. They reported on the school, and said it was excellent and will be valuable for them in the future.

Emergency Services - The floor has been poured at Station 2. The new Jaws of Life are in use after the training session. Emergency Services will be asking for an increase in the ambulance assessment, since the current assessment expires after this winter tax season.

Old Business - Supervisor Matthews presented an opinion letter from township attorney Lynn Bowne which states that the township should have an ordinance to collect fees for land divisions. Trustee Koerner moved, supported by Clerk Johnstone, to hire Lynn Bowne to create an ordinance for us to propose. Clerk Johnstone will contact Mr. Bowne's office, request that creation of ordinance, and will publish a notice for a public hearing to be held at the October board meeting if that hearing is necessary. All were in favor and the motion passed.

New Business – Dean Mohny presented a request from the Looking Glass Sportsman’s Club for tax exempt status. They will get a copy of their incorporation papers to Supervisor Matthews for our discussion at the October meeting.

Trustee Koerner moved, supported by Supervisor Matthews, to pay the bills.

6600	Phillip Matthews	854.55
6601	Lynne McGarry	497.55
6602	Judith Johnstone	535.15
6603	Floyd Koerner	136.36
6604	Norma Lee	98.48
6605	Henry Cross	98.48
6606	Timothy McGarry	98.48
6607	Robert Johnstone	98.48
6608	William Thelen	62.08
6609	Matt Stahlin	62.08
6610	Douglas Walker	37.88
6611	Consumers Energy	14.90
6612	Shiawassee County Zoning Dept.	125.00
6613	Elections Systems and Software	11.96
6614	Elections Systems and Software	136.85
6615	Elections Systems and Software	867.50
6616	Shiawassee County Clerk’s Office	97.50
6617	Manulife	364.18
6618	Dale Baumgras	283.93

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18PM

Submitted by Judith Johnstone
Sciota Township Clerk