

Sciota Township Board Meeting

May 9, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor Matthews. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all. Board members present were: Supervisor Matthews, Clerk Koerner, Treasurer Schuman, Trustee Stahlin and Trustee Lee. Guests present were: Charlene Austin, Brenda Boehmer, William Wilder, Edwin and Norma Parker, Jack and Diana VanKampen, Phillip Knapp, Michael and Chris Gaudette, Hank Cross, Catherine Florian, Fred Knoop, Suzanne Rook, Pauline Witchell, Tick and Laura Toren, David Witchell, Ed Kemp, Lonny Latunski, Ben Siniarski, Mike Stinson, Lathy and Jeff Harkness, Paul and Deborah Forcier, Karen Kocsis, Matthew Carlson, Eugene Rook, Jr., Pam Schuman, Bill and Patricia Murley, Tim Magyar, Eric Smarj, Kati Rose, Duane Smith, Ed Buskirk, Ken Brink, Steve and Jean McKenna, Joel and Rebecca House, Jeff and Kim Confer, Norma Fritsch, Randy and Kris LaFontsee, Jeff and Sherry Holliday, Linda Schonberg, Coleen Parker and others who didn't sign in.

A discussion was held on what should be done for upkeep or improvement of Tyrrell Road. Mr. Latunski gave information from the road commission on costs of various proposals. After much discussion a vote was taken of residents to see what the majority wished to have done. Option 1 (just gravel) received 42 votes. Option 2 (complete tree removal and ditching) received no votes and option 3 (doing tree removal and ditching only in bad spots) received 12 votes including 6 by letter. Mr. Latunski will prepare the paperwork for the township to do the gravel of Tyrrell Road this year.

Treasurer Schuman moved we accept the minutes of the April 11, 2005 minutes. Trustee Lee seconded the motion and it passed.

Supervisor Matthews moved to accept the treasurer's report subject to audit. Trustee Lee seconded it and the motion passed.

Commissioner Rozman reported on the ongoing problem of the drain commissioner's deputy. He also told of how some names are arrived at for appointments to county committees.

Deputy Flores gave his report. After June 1st they will be participating in 'saturation patrols' – especially the 'click it or ticket' ones.

During public comment remarks were made by Bill Murley, Pauline Witchell, and Ginger VanConet.

Board reports: Supervisor Matthews told of a drop off for old tires on June 11th from 8 A.M. until noon at the road commission building. There is a charge of from \$2 and up. Clerk Koerner shared her correspondence including a phone number to have cell phones put on a 'do not call' list as a directory of cell phone numbers is to be published shortly. She also requested permission to attend a conference 'Accounting 101' to be held June 7th at Mt. Pleasant. Treasurer Schuman requested to go also. Supervisor Matthews made a motion to pay to send Clerk Koerner and Treasurer Schuman to the accounting training.

Trustee Lee seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed: Supervisor Matthews yes, Clerk Koerner yes, Treasurer Schuman yes, Trustee Stahlin yes and Trustee Lee yes. She will also call on questions on our Workman's Compensation Policy. Treasurer Schuman explained the Pegasus bankruptcy and also reported that a letter has been sent by our attorney on the fire collection run. A fire proof 4-drawer filing cabinet was purchased for the hall and Clerk Koerner will take the 2-drawer one to her house to keep voter registration cards in. He would like to close the summer tax fund and use just one fund for all taxes. Supervisor Matthews made the motion to allow Treasurer Schuman to close the summer tax fund and use just one tax fund. Clerk Koerner seconded the motion and it passed. Trustee Lee had questions on the billing from the attorney.

Linda Schonberg from the Shiawassee County Community Development Dept. explained the resolution to apply for a grant to provide funds for a county planner. Clerk Koerner moved we sign a resolution of support for the county to apply for the 'Partnership for Change' grant. Supervisor Matthews seconded the motion and it passed.

Zoning permits:

205-0117	Shawn Lytle	10219 Garrison Rd.	New home/garage
205-0126	John VanGeertruy	9292 W. Bennington Rd.	Pole barn
205-0146	Paulette Swayze	7415 Colby Lake Rd.	Home addition
205-0150	Doris Berlin	7180 Doyle Road	Garage
205-0157	Merrilee Walker	4445 Leland Road.	24X28 pavillion

Building permits:

205-0117	Shawn Lytle	10219 Garrison Rd.	New home/garage
205-0146	Paulette Swayze	7415 Colby Lake Rd.	Home addition
205-0150	Doris Berlin	7180 Doyle Road	Garage
205-0157	Merrilee Walker	4445 Leland Road	24X28 pavilion
205-00110	Jonathon L. Hart	7855 W. Grand River Rd.	Remodel

The planning commission had reviewed two questions from the county. On the question of maximum lot size, the board decided that they prefer it the way it is – at 2 _ acres. On the question of private roads, they are recommending that if the road is built to county specs then the county should take the road over. They are ready to start work on an update of the township land use plan. A survey may be included in the summer tax notices. Supervisor Matthews appointed Phillip Knapp to the planning board to fill out the remainder of Larry Sparkes' term ending in April 2007. The board agreed with the appointment.

Emergency Services reported 143 fire and first responder runs since Jan. 1 (19 since last month). Hank Cross gave information on PMSA, Woodhull and Bennington. There has been lots of discussion but no decisions have been made.

There was a discussion on if the township should send out a survey with the summer tax notices. Only a few responses were received when input was requested in the winter tax billing (and most were on roads) so it was decided that one wasn't needed at this time.

Treasurer Schuman showed the two sample letterheads he had created. We will be using one for the township.

Clerk Koerner asked for a policy on hall rental as someone had inquired. After discussion, Treasurer Schuman made a motion to have a \$50 rental fee for township residents with a \$100 deposit to be returned if no damage is done. A contract would have to be signed. Supervisor Matthews seconded it and the motion passed. Treasurer Schuman will get a sample contract ready for the next meeting for the board to make changes on or approve.

Trustee Stahlin moved to accept the \$2,500 bid of Koerner Construction for a concrete parking space for the handicap on each side of the ramp to meet the requirements of the HAVA. Treasurer Schuman seconded the motion and roll call vote showed Trustee Lee yes, Trustee Stahlin yes, Treasurer Schuman yes, Clerk Koerner yes and Supervisor Matthews yes.

Clerk Koerner moved to pay the bills. Supervisor Matthews seconded it and the motion passed.

6771	Phillip Matthews	559.58
6772	Eric Schuman	550.39
6773	Nancy Koerner	623.48
6774	Matt Stahlin	141.99
6775	Norma Lee	111.40
6776	Henry Cross	111.40
6777	Pam Schuman	111.40
6778	Floyd Koerner, Jr.	182.65
6779	William Thelen	75.76
6780	Douglas Walker	44.56
6781	M.A.G.N.E.T.	1,801.00
6782	Lynn D. Bowne	846.00
6783	Carl George	60.00
6784	Dol-Jac	255.72
6785	Independent Advisor	30.00
6786	Consumers Energy	16.58
6787	Manulife	580.41
6788	Foster, Swift, Collins&Smith	285.00
6789	Dataworks	375.00
6790	Michigan Township Assn.	160.00

Trustee Stahlin moved the meeting be adjourned. Clerk Koerner seconded the motion and it passed.

Nancy Koerner, Clerk