

## **Sciota Township Board Minutes - September 12, 2005**

The regular meeting of the Sciota Township Board was held on September 12, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. It was called to order by Supervisor Matthews and the Pledge of Allegiance was given by all. Members present were Supervisor Matthews, Clerk Koerner, Treasurer Schuman, Trustee Stahlin and Trustee Lee. Guests present were Norma Parker, Edwin Parker, Bob Johnstone, Carl George, Dave White, Pat White, Donald Walker, Doug Walker, Charlene Austin, Bill Thelen, Hank Cross, Coleen Parker, Pam Schuman, Wayne Roszman, Ed Buskirk, Floyd Koerner, and Deputy Davis.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved on a motion of Treasurer Schuman, seconded by Trustee Stahlin. The motion passed.

Trustee Lee moved we add extra information she provided to the minutes of the special meeting held on September 1, 2005. Much discussion was held. Trustee Lee would like her comments stated in the minutes. Several members felt there was serious misrepresentation in Trustee Lee's version. The motion died for lack of support. Clerk Koerner moved to approve the special meeting minutes. Treasurer Schuman seconded the motion and it passed.

Treasurer Schuman explained the tax fund figures in the treasurer's report. Clerk Koerner moved to approve the treasurer's report subject to audit. Supervisor Matthews seconded it and the motion passed.

Commissioner Roszman discussed conditional rezoning and how it affects the Taylor property. He reported that the Owosso Speedway was reported to be violating their consent agreement and there is a meeting of the 'rails to trails' committee coming up. Mr. Roszman also answered questions from the audience.

Deputy Matt Davis was filing in for Deputy Flores and gave the township report. There were seven service calls and one ticket was issued in the township.

Hank Cross made a short comment during public comment time.

Supervisor Matthews read a letter from the road commission on using brine instead of chloride on the gravel roads. Clerk Koerner noted that Ovid-Elsie voters would be consolidated with Middlebury for the Clinton Co. Intermediate School vote. Treasurer Schuman said that all items bid for from the house have been paid for. He asked about the domain name fees for renewal. It is \$20 per year for 5 years or \$25 per year for 3 years. Clerk Koerner moved to go with 5 years instead of the 3 years as previously voted on. Roll call vote showed Supervisor Matthews yes, Clerk Koerner yes, Treasurer Schuman yes, Trustee Stahlin yes and Trustee Lee yes. The motion passed.

Emergency Services report was given by Hank Cross. He said the ECHO unit has been purchased used for less than half the new cost. It should be ready to go into service by the first of the year.

Supervisor Matthews reported that the planning commission approved the 4 land divisions of Matt Stahlin. The board agreed with the findings of the planning commission. Treasurer Schuman moved to approve all 4 land divisions of Matt Stahlin. Clerk Koerner seconded the motion and the motion passed. Matt Stahlin did not vote on this matter. Bill Thelen reported on the county planning meetings where there was much discussion and opposition to the proposed standards. The Looking Glass River storm water meeting was attended by Doug Walker and himself.

Old business:

Supervisor Matthews went over the asbestos recommendations and bid received. Clerk Koerner moved we go with the bid of Trust Thermal for \$3,995 for the asbestos removal. Treasurer Schuman seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Clerk Koerner yes, Treasurer Schuman yes, Trustee Stahlin yes, Trustee Lee yes and Supervisor Matthews yes. The motion passed. Doug Walker then turned in petitions with 53 names of residents within one mile of the site urging the board to not burn the house. It appeared that Mr. Walker did not circulate the petition he had been given, and his modification omitted the statement that nothing would be done with the house until the asbestos had been removed. After much discussion Clerk Koerner moved we proceed with demolition of the house after the asbestos is removed. Supervisor Matthews seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Treasurer Schuman yes, Trustee Stahlin yes, Trustee Lee yes, Supervisor Matthews yes and Clerk Koerner yes. Trustee Stahlin moved Supervisor Matthews and Treasurer Schuman proceed for the next seven business days to get more bids to remove the house and to accept the best one. Supervisor Matthews seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Trustee Stahlin yes, Trustee Lee yes, Supervisor Matthews yes, Treasurer Schuman yes and Clerk Koerner yes. Treasurer Schuman moved we don't sell any more items from the house. Supervisor Matthews seconded the motion and it passed.

New business:

Supervisor Matthews moved we approve the audit report. Trustee Stahlin seconded the motion and it passed. Treasurer Schuman moved the treasurer retain in the tax fund the prepaid ambulance assessments when they come in and then pay the prorated share to the ambulance each year when due. Trustee Stahlin seconded it and the motion passed. Supervisor Matthews moved to authorize the clerk to spend about \$250 on a copier and paper. Treasurer Schuman seconded the motion. Roll call showed Trustee Lee yes, Supervisor Matthews yes, Clerk Koerner yes, Treasurer Schuman yes and Trustee Stahlin yes. Supervisor Matthews moved we make the needed budget adjustments of:

\$299.25 from 'roads-asphalt' and put it into:

MTA dues	\$32.15
Emergency services notices	\$267.10

\$100 from 'treasurer's office equipment and supplies' and put it into:

Treasurer's mileage

The budget was discussed with emphasis on where the house costs would come from – mainly from not needing the 3<sup>rd</sup> chloride treatment with some from the extra in road funds.

Trustee Stahlin moved to pay bills. Clerk Koerner seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer Schuman moved to adjourn. Trustee Stahlin seconded and it passed.