

Sciota Township Board Minutes – September 11, 2006
(draft minutes)

The September 11, 2006 meeting of the Sciota Township Board was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Matthews. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all followed by a moment of silence in remembrance of 9-11. Members present were Supervisor Matthews, Clerk Koerner, Treasurer Schuman, Trustee Lee and Trustee Thelen. Guests present were Laurel Phinney, Hank Cross, Floyd Koerner, Pam Schuman, Bob Hagerty, Charlene Austin, Phil Knapp, Wayne Roszman, Dale Baumgras and Ed Buskirk.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved on a motion by Trustee Thelen. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Schuman and passed.

Clerk Koerner moved to accept the treasurer's report and place it on file subject to audit. Trustee Lee seconded the motion and it passed.

The Commissioners report was given by Wayne Roszman. He told that the budget was a little better than last year. Many are asking for raises since the Administrator received hers. SOS will not be on the ballot this year. K-16 can still be a problem for townships and counties.

There was no public comment or sheriff's report.

Board reports:

Supervisor Matthews said his items were coming up during new business. Clerk Koerner said that the MTA annual dinner meeting will be Nov. 21st and the Road Commission annual dinner will be Nov. 30th. She also asked about a new paper tower holder for the restroom. Treasurer Schuman moved to have her purchase one. Trustee Lee seconded the motion and it passed. Treasurer Schuman said that a second notice has been sent on the burning violation. One of our CD's will be renewed for 90 days and the other for 30 days to have for paying the road bill when it arrives. Trustee Lee asked about the brush on the Leland and Garrison Rd. corner. Trustee Thelen reported on the MTA speaker Jon Wilson. He was very interesting.

Bill Thelen, Planning Commission Chair, said two new articles have been passed for the County Zoning. The Nichols rezoning has been approved by the County Planning Commission. An application for a special use permit for a shared drive was received. Neither applicant was present at the meeting to explain discrepancies in the material so the Planning Commission denied the request. After discussion, Supervisor Matthews moved a letter be sent to the County Planning and Zoning Department saying the Sciota Township Board recommends denial of the private road request of Don Baker and Nick Walters because of conflicting information between what was presented and information the township has until clarification can be made. Clerk Koerner seconded the motion and it passed.

Zoning permits:

Z06-0319 Pam Bohnett 8389 Doyle Rd. garage

Building permits:

B06-00295 Pam Bohnett 8389 Doyle Rd. garage
B06-00329 Doug & Heidi Snyder 4590 Leland Rd. pool permit
B06-00336 Fred & Kathy Moye 9121 Bennington Rd. enclose porch
B06-00337 Daniel & Lenora Dibble 10297 Bennington Rd. pool permit
B06-00343 Jim Storey 10224 Garrison Rd. pool & deck
B06-00356 Henry Cross 4630 S. Baldwin Rd. pool permit

The Emergency Services report was given by Hank Cross. There have been 247 fire and rescue runs and 232 ambulance runs to July 31st. There will be a training session for NIMS at the fire hall at 6:30 pm September 20, 2006. Township board members are encouraged to attend.

Old business:

The cement for stones is all done. New lot markers are here. We will look for dirt to use for the side of the driveway from the grade-all next year. Parking lot lighting was again discussed. Clerk Koerner moved to approve up to \$1,000 to pay for pole, setting it, wire and electrician to install it with Trustee Thelen to make arrangements and oversee the work. Treasurer Schuman seconded the motion. Roll call showed Clerk Koerner yes, Treasurer Schuman yes, Trustee Thelen yes, Trustee Lee yes and Supervisor Matthews yes. The motion passed.

New business:

Supervisor Matthews moved to approve the 2005-2006 audit of the township books. Trustee Thelen seconded the motion and it passed.

Treasurer Schuman moved to send a letter to the County Road Commission stating that "Sciota Township wants to postpone gravel for the roads until next year due to the lateness of the season and lack of time for the gravel to settle and pack down before winter". Trustee Thelen seconded it and the motion passed.

Supervisor Matthews made a resolution that the Township of Sciota requests and will participate in the Shiawassee County Purchase of Development Rights Program. It was supported by Clerk Koerner. Roll call showed Treasurer Schuman yes, Trustee Thelen yes, Trustee Lee yes, Clerk Koerner yes and Supervisor Matthews yes. The resolution passed and will be forwarded to the county.

Treasurer Schuman offered the resolution that Sciota Township will not accept any partial payments of any taxes and/or assessments except as provided by law. The resolution was supported by Supervisor Matthews. Roll call showed Treasurer Schuman yes, Trustee Thelen yes, Trustee Lee yes, Clerk Koerner yes and Supervisor Matthews yes. The resolution passed.

Treasurer Schuman offered the resolution to approve and authorize the late penalty charge of 3% on taxes paid after Feb. 14 – as we are currently doing. It was supported by Supervisor Matthews. After much discussion on why the same wasn't done with taxes due Sept. 14, Clerk Koerner moved to table the motion. Trustee Lee seconded it and the

motion passed with 4 yes and 1 no. The MTA Guidebook was referred to for the state rules on interest and penalties. Supervisor Matthews moved to take Treasurer Schuman's motion off the table due to new information from the MTA book. Clerk Koerner seconded the motion and it passed with 4 yes and 1 no vote. Roll call on the original motion was Treasurer Schuman yes, Trustee Lee yes, Clerk Koerner yes, Supervisor Matthews yes and Trustee Thelen no.

Trustee Thelen moved to pay bills. Supervisor Matthews seconded it and the motion passed.

7078	Void	
7079	Phillip Matthews	\$571.60
7080	Henry Cross	105.48
7081	Nancy Koerner	568.28
7082	Floyd Koerner, Jr.	232.08
7083	Eric Schuman	452.87
7084	Pam Schuman	105.48
7085	Norma Lee	105.48
7086	William Thelen	274.28
7087	Kimberly Palmer	168.80
7088	Phillip Knapp	42.20
7089	David White	42.20
7090	Dale Baumgras	661.51
7091	Consumers Energy	17.49
7092	Fidlar Companies	57.63
7093	Holland Supply Inc.	294.30
7094	John Hancock Life Insurance, Co.	468.12

Trustee Thelen moved to adjourn at 8:50 pm. Treasurer Schuman seconded it and the motion passed.

Nancy Koerner, Clerk