

Sciota Township Board Meeting - August 13, 2007

(draft minutes)

The August 13, 2007 meeting of the Sciota Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Matthews at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all. Members present were Supervisor Matthews, Clerk Koerner, Treasurer Schuman, Trustee Thelen and Trustee Lee. Guests present were Hank Cross, Charlene Austin, Ed Buskirk, Ben Siniarski, Jean McKenna, Steve McKenna, Henrietta Sparkes, Jody Allen and Carrie Allen.

The minutes were approved on a motion by Treasurer Schuman, seconded by Trustee Lee and passed.

Clerk Koerner moved to accept the treasurer's report and place it on file. Supervisor Matthews seconded the motion and it passed.

The public hearing on the 10-year \$50 per household assessment for roads was opened by Supervisor Matthews at 7:15. Supervisor Matthews gave a background on the assessment and the fact that the previous assessment has allowed us to greatly improve the roads. Clerk Koerner read a letter from township residents Steven and Sylvia Cummings opposing the assessment (letter attached). Hank Cross stated he didn't agree with this method but wouldn't oppose it. Ed Buskirk stated our roads are great compared to roads in other townships. Ben Siniarski said he was satisfied with Colby Lake Road.

The public hearing was closed at 7:36 pm. Clerk Koerner made the resolution for renewal of the \$50 per household road assessment for another 10 years. Supervisor Matthews seconded it and roll call showed Treasurer Schuman, Trustee Thelen, Trustee Lee, Clerk Koerner and Supervisor Matthews voting yes. There were no no votes. The supervisor declared the resolution passed.

Commissioner Sparkes told that the commissioners were on summer hours for the remainder of August and will go back to regular hours in September. The issues with private roads has been sent back to the planning commission with requirements to be meant before returning it to the commissioners.

There was no deputy report.

There was no public comment.

Board reports: Clerk Koerner brought up the upcoming census for 2010. There was a discussion on costs for us and if it would be worth the costs. We will try to find out what other townships in the county are doing. Trustee Thelen made a motion to send the clerk and deputy clerk to the District meeting in October. Roll call showed Clerk Koerner yes, Treasurer Schuman yes, Trustee Thelen yes, Trustee Lee yes and Supervisor Matthews yes. The motion passed. Treasurer Schuman said we had a CD due. He will cash that one out and put in general fund to help pay for road work. He brought a resolution that

we apparently have to adopt each year since the board opted out of collecting summer taxes the first year. Treasurer Schuman made the resolution to collect summer SET taxes, and Supervisor Matthews seconded it. Roll call showed Trustee Thelen yes, Trustee Lee yes, Clerk Koerner yes, Treasurer Schuman yes and Supervisor Matthews yes. The resolution passed.

Planning Commission report: There was no meeting in August due to the absence of any business. The Shiawassee County Planning Commission will be going over the private drive and shared driveway text amendments August 22 and a couple of members from our planning commission will plan on attending.

Emergency Services: Hank Cross reported that another ‘burning without a permit’ was carried out by the same party that hasn’t paid for his last infraction. He shared the proposed budgets of the fire and ambulance departments and asked for questions. There were none.

Old Business: Trustee Lee moved to accept the bid of Hi-Quality Glass to make covers for the sign for \$151.52 with Hank Cross doing installation, as he volunteered to, with check to be written when needed. Trustee Thelen seconded the motion. Roll call was Trustee Thelen yes, Clerk Koerner yes, Clerk Koerner yes, Treasurer Schuman no and Supervisor Matthews yes. The motion passed.

New business: Trustee Lee questioned if we have cemetery insurance. Trustee Thelen moved to accept the audit report. Treasurer Schuman seconded the motion and it passed. Supervisor Matthews moved we pay mileage for officers of the township for all township business. Treasurer Schuman seconded the motion. Roll call showed Trustee Lee yes, Clerk Koerner yes, Treasurer Schuman yes, Trustee Thelen yes and Supervisor Matthews yes. The motion passed.

Treasurer Schuman moved to pay bills. The motion was seconded by Trustee Thelen and passed.

7298	Phillip Matthews	\$585.49
7299	Hank Cross	109.26
7300	Nancy Koerner	564.54
7301	Floyd Koerner, Jr	109.26
7302	Eric Schuman	554.49
7303	Pam Schuman	109.26
7304	Norma Lee	109.26
7305	William Thelen	109.26
7306	David White	43.88
7307	Vaughn Vondrasek	43.88
7308	Shiawassee County Road Commission	30,014.06
7309	Independent Advisor Newspapers	52.25
7310	Frank Quine	374.00
7311	Shiawassee County Treasurer	1,038.00
7312	John Hancock Life Insurance Co.	569.55

Treasurer Schuman moved to adjourn and Trustee Thelen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Nancy Koerner, clerk