

Sciota Township Board Meeting – September 14, 2009

(draft minutes)

The September 14, 2009 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 Allen. Guests present were Hank Cross, Pamela Schuman, Mike and Diane Dowler, Ed Buskirk, Larry Clever, Jeanne Hull, Henrietta Sparkes and others who didn't sign the book.

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

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

Emergency services: Hank Cross reported there have been 346 fire and rescue runs and about 30 less ambulance runs so far this year. The new trucks are back after having all equipment installed. Training on them will be done shortly. They are working on an amendment to the inter-local agreement.

Larry Clever, of Burnham and Flower Insurance, went over our policy and explained the various items it contains. He will send a quote for a \$500 and \$1,000 deductible and to add law enforcement coverage.

Public Comment: Jeanne Hull raised concern on ground water and surface water in the subdivision. They have been in contact with the road commission and the drain commissioner. The county departments are working to see what can be done with the problem. The lots where it used to drain have been built upon and water backs up.

Commissioner report: Henrietta Sparkes reported that the 2010 budget is about finished but needs many finishing touches. They are considering one meeting a month instead of two and that will save some money.

There was no sheriff department report.

Board reports: Supervisor Matthews asked for anyone knowing of a location where the grad-all is needed to let him know. Clerk Koerner asked about filing out a report for the 2010 census. Treasurer Schuman presented a request to attend a conference with information on collection of delinquent personal property taxes. Supervisor Matthews moved to allow him to go and to authorize a check to be written for it. Trustee Allen seconded the motion and it passed. Schuman also asked direction on what to do with the uncollected fire run judgment. We understand the person is out of state. It will be kept in an inactive file in case he returns. Trustee Allen reported he took the FEMA class but has found out it is outdated. Do we all have to take a new one?

Planning Commission: Bill Thelen said the Gun Club has applied for a special use permit for two accessory buildings.

Old business: We will wait another month to set a time to work on the policies handbook.

Trustee Allen reported that the trees have been taken care of in the cemetery. He moved to pay the tree service right away instead of waiting until next month. They did not send a bill to the clerk. Clerk Koerner seconded it and the motion passed.

New business: The audit report was passed out. It will be gone over next month and approved then.

Our ambulance assessment has expired. After much discussion, Supervisor Matthews made a resolution to extend our ambulance assessment for four more years at the current rate. Trustee Thelen seconded the motion. Clerk Koerner, Trustee Thelen and Supervisor Matthews voted yes. Treasurer Schuman and Trustee Allen voted no. Supervisor Matthews moved to have Clerk Koerner get cards, have them printed and sent and have same advertised in the Laingsburg Independent the required two times. Treasurer Schuman seconded the motion and roll call showed Trustee Allen yes, Clerk Koerner yes, Treasurer Schuman yes, Trustee Thelen yes and Supervisor Matthews yes.

Treasurer Schuman moved to make a budget adjustment of moving \$973.90 from asphalt to chloride. Clerk Koerner seconded it and the motion passed.

Trustee Thelen moved to pay bills, Treasurer Schuman seconded it and it passed.

7786	Phillip Matthews	\$576.99
7787	Henry Cross	109.26
7788	Nancy Koerner	560.21
7789	Floyd Koerner, Jr.	109.21
7790	Eric Schuman	568.49
7791	Pam Schuman	109.49
7792	William Thelen	109.26
7793	Jodi Allen	109.26
7794	Vaughn Vondrasek	43.88
7795	David White	43.88
7796	Diane Dowler	804.75
7797	Frank Quine	200.00
7798	Consumers Energy	24.83
7799	John Hancock Life Ins. Co.	378.56
7800	Shia. Co Road Commission	3,762.50
7801	Demis & Wenzlick, P.C.	2,150.00
7802	Staples Credit Plan	36.82

Clerk Koerner moved to adjourn, Treasurer Schuman seconded the motion and it passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Nancy Koerner, clerk