

Sciota Township Board Meeting – August 9, 2010

(draft minutes)

The August 9, 2010 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 Pamela Schuman, Hank Cross, Deputy Matthew Davis, Ed Buskirk, David White, Floyd Koerner, Jr. and Henrietta Sparkes.

Minutes were approved on a motion by Schuman, seconded by Thelen and passed.

Koerner moved to accept the treasurer's report and place it on file. It was seconded by Allen and approved.

Sheriff report: Deputy Matthews told a little about what was happening and answered questions, mostly about solicitors.

Public Comment: David White brought up about the number of insects in the hall when it was cleaned. He also stated a pick-up and camper had been parked in the lot.

Board reports: Matthews reported on upcoming meetings and discussed road work done to date. Koerner shared correspondence and reported on the election.

Planning Commission: Bill Thelen reported that split questions has been answered for a resident. The planning commission had made comments to the county on the review questions on A-1, A-1 ½ and A-2.

- 1) Many of these problems in the past arose due to the lack of consistency & enforcing of the ordinances by the staff.
- 2) We suggest for future: Review should be even more intensive and maintain a higher standard of uniform record keeping, and investment of staff education to include keeping up with current state laws.
- 3) Strict compliance with current zoning ordinances, we feel would negate many of the issues.

Matthews moved we send a letter to the County Planning Commission to say we agree with our Planning Commission on the comments. Allen seconded the motion and it passed.

Zoning permit:

PZ10-0145 Michael & Mary Beaty 8203 Parker Rd. Deck and screened porch

Building permit:

PB10-00108 Michael&Mary Beaty 8203 Parker Rd. Deck and screened porch

Commissioner report: Henrietta Sparkes gave an update on the county. They are working on the budget and hope to have it done by October. 500 tires were collected (50 from river) on the recent collection day.

Emergency services: Hank Cross reported there have been 252 fire and rescue runs and 238 ambulance runs to date this year. The budgets for both departments were discussed. There were a couple of questions that will be answered next month. Matthews moved to accept the proposed budgets for the fire and ambulance departments. Koerner seconded the motion and it passed.

Jim Demis and Rob Dorcey, auditors, presented our audit results and explained the report to all. Schuman moved to accept the audit. Koerner seconded it and the motion passed. Koerner moved to accept the audit letter and Thelen seconded the motion. It passed.

Old business: MAGNET – Matthews moved to table it again until next month to give time for board members to read the report. Thelen seconded it and the motion passed.
 Solicitors ordinance – It was reopened and died for lack of interest. Homeowners can place a ‘No Solicitor’ sign by their drive if desired.
 Matthews moved to refund the hall rental check to White’s due to the excellent cleaning job that was done. Allen seconded it and the motion passed.

New business: Matthews moved to purchase software (Microsoft and Versa Check) for about \$!05 plus the rebates from computers and a coupon. Schuman seconded the motion. Roll call showed Koerner yes, Schuman yes, Thelen yes, Allen yes and Matthews yes.

Schuman moved to make the following budget adjustments:

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| \$150 to election forms from election equipment & maintenance | |
| From contingency fund \$1,890.00 | |
| To clerk office – equipment and supplies | \$500 |
| Publications | 50 |
| To treasurer office – equipment and supplies | \$400 |
| Postage | 600 |
| To trustee - mileage | \$340 |

Matthews seconded it and the motion passed.

Koerner moved to pay bills. Schuman seconded the motion and it passed.

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| 7987 Phillip Matthews | \$571.99 | |
| 7988 Henry Cross | 109.26 | |
| 7989 Nancy Koerner | 850.55 | |
| 7990 Floyd Koerner, Jr. | 153.13 | |
| 7991 Eric Schuman | 554.49 | |
| 7992 Pam Schuman | 109.26 | |
| 7993 William Thelen | | 162.25 |
| 7994 Jodi Allen | 109.26 | |
| 7995 Phillip Knapp | 43.88 | |
| 7996 Kimberly Palmer | 43.88 | |
| 7997 David White | 43.88 | |
| 7998 Diane Dowler | 709.86 | |
| 7999 Shirley Smith | 195.00 | |
| 8000 Norma Parker | 175.00 | |
| 8001 Pat White | 175.00 | |
| 8002 Mavis Norder | 120.00 | |
| 8003 Marilyn Baumgras | 85.00 | |
| 8004 Dee Siglico | 115.00 | |
| 8005 Frank Quine | 337.50 | |
| 8006 Consumers Energy | 30.90 | |
| 8007 Shiawassee County Equalization | | 352.10 |
| 8008 Mail Room | 318.56 | |
| 8009 Election Source | | 112.86 |
| 8010 Shiawassee County Equalization | | 1,037.00 |
| 8011 John Hancock Life Ins. Co. | 709.09 | |
| 8012 Shiawassee Co. Road Commission | 20,675.47 | |
| 8013 Independent Advisor Newspaper | 22.00 | |

Koerner moved to adjourn and Thelen seconded it. The motion passed.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Nancy Koerner, Secretary