

Sciota Township Board Meeting – January 13, 2014

(draft minutes)

The January 13, 2014 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 Reed. Guests present were Hank Cross, Floyd Koerner, Jr., David White, Sandra Chavez, Mike and Diane Dowler and Lt. Wolf.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved on a motion by Thelen, seconded by Schuman and passed. Koerner moved to accept the treasurer's report and place it on file. Reed seconded the motion and it passed.

Sandy Chavez gave a report on library happenings for the past year. E-books are new to the library. The Lion's Club is paying for this. They were closed for six weeks this past year due to the flood, but they did a lot of improvement in addition to the repairs. The computers are used a lot by residents.

Lt. Wolf reported that MAGNET had a very busy year. Arrests were up by 39%. There were 9 investigations in this township – 3 of which were unfounded. Meth is on a comeback.

Public Comment: None

Board reports: Matthews read a thank you card from the Turner family for board member's individual gifts to the family. The Road Commission will be here next month. Board of Review training is February 6th. Board of Review meetings are in early March - Dates next month. Koerner shared correspondence. Schuman reported there were more bankruptcies. Reed reported on the meeting he attended on roads and what he had learned. Thelen said there was one planning request. There was no meeting in January due to the storm.

Diane Dowler said there were new poverty exemptions guidelines to vote on next month.

Emergency Services: Hank Cross said there was not much to report.

Old business: None

New business: We need wording for the millage renewal for emergency services. Since all entities should have the same wording on the ballot, we asked Cross to have the emergency services board come up with it. Koerner moved to make the budget adjustments of \$400 to grave opening and closing and \$69.38 to Medicare out of contingency fund. Matthews seconded it and the motion passed.

Schuman proposed the following resolution, mainly due to township fees because of checks that do not clear: Be it resolved that any added expense to the township caused by tax payer actions shall be the sole responsibility of the tax payer. Matthews seconded it and the resolution passed on an all yes roll call vote.

Matthews moved to extend the assessor's current contract for 3 more years – from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2017. Reed seconded the motion and it passed on an all yes roll call vote.

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

8772	MTA	\$316.00
8773	Dan Woodbury	400.00
8774	Phillip Matthews	644.95
8775	Lucille Matthews	109.26
8776	Nancy Koerner	718.45
8777	Floyd Koerner, Jr.	109.26
8778	Eric Schuman	624.95
8779	Kimberly Palmer	109.26
8780	William Thelen	109.26
8781	Mike Reed	109.26
8782	Diane Dowler	773.92

8783	Consumers Energy	40.39
8784	First Merit Bank	6,495.47
8785	Vaughn Vondrasek	43.88
8786	Clyde Casler	43.88
8787	David White	43.88
8788	John Hancock Life Ins. Co.	540.66
8789	Laingsburg Public Library	4,500.00
8790	MAGNET	1,000.00
8791	United States Treasury	300.99

Schuman moved to adjourn. Reed seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Nancy Koerner, clerk