

Sciota Township Board Meeting – March 10, 2014

(draft minutes)

The March 10, 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, Ben Siniarski, Deputy Matthew Davis, Don Goetschy and Vaughn Vondrasek.

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

Sheriff Department report: Deputy Matthews Davis answered questions on recent happenings in the county. The persons involved in current break-ins reported have been known to the victims. Some much appreciated equipment has been received by the department. There has been some movement of employees in positions within the department. The person involved in the Town Tub and Pizza place break-ins has turned himself in.

Public comment: None

Board Reports: Matthews received a request from the County Surveyor for additional funds to place more remonumentation markers. We will discuss this next month. The Board of Review only had one person attend today. Koerner shared correspondence. Schuman reported there have been more bankruptcies.

Planning Commission: Thelen reported that both Perry Township and Shiawassee County are updating plans. He shared information to help Commissioner Bartz get up to date on planning issues.

Emergency Services: There were 76 fire and rescue runs this year to date. There were 502 last year. They are in the process of using automatic deposit for pay checks.

Old business:

Koerner moved to approve a resolution to place the following request for renewal of emergency services millage on the August ballot:

Shall the Township of Sciota renew one mill (which is equal to \$1 per \$1,000 of taxable value of all real and personal property subject to taxation) each year for a term of 10 years (2014 through 2023 inclusive) for the purpose of operation and maintenance for emergency services (which includes but is not limited to the payment for equipment, supplies, insurance, wages, building construction, repair and other expenses of a fire department operation)?

It is estimated that if this millage is authorized that in the first year the township will receive \$52,220.

Thelen seconded the motion. There was an all yes roll call vote.

New business:

Koerner moved to keep the pay for the following the same:

Pay:	Currently
Trustees	\$120.00
Deputies	120.00
Planning Commission	48.20
Chair (reg.meet)	58.20
Board of Review	
½ day	48.20
Whole day	96.40
Election workers	\$10.00 hr.
Chairman	11.00 hr.

Thelen seconded the motion and it passed.

Matthews moved the following. Thelen seconded it and the motion passed.

Wave 1% collection fee on property taxes

Meeting times and dates - 2nd Monday at 7:00 pm at Sciota Township Hall

Library contribution - last year - \$4,500

MAGNET contribution - last year - \$1,250

Treasurer not keep dog license fees

Publications - Use the Meridian Weekly and Argus Press

Treasurer can use any bank in Michigan for investing township money

Set millage to support township budget at 1 mill or fraction thereof for Sciota Township

Mileage - \$.50 per mile

Assessor software – We will wait until next month to get some questions answered first.

Matthews made the motion and Koerner seconded it to put an announcement in the papers asking for persons interested in being appointed to the planning commission to send letters of interest to Matthews by April 5th. The motion passed.

Koerner moved to pay bills. Reed seconded it and it passed.

8811	Phillip Matthews	\$644.95
8812	Lucille Matthews	109.26
8813	Nancy Koerner	668.13
8814	Floyd Koerner, Jr.	109.26
8815	Eric Schuman	666.95
8816	Kimberly Palmer	109.26
8817	William Thelen	109.26
8818	Mike Reed	109.26
8819	Diane Dowler	773.92
8820	Clyde Casler	131.64
8821	David White	131.64
8822	Shiawassee County Equalization	898.90
8823	John Hancock Life Insurance Co.	562.38
8824	Consumers Energy	42.56
8825	Twin Oaks Mowing & Snowplowing	240.00
8826	The Argus Press	16.00
8827	Staples Credit Plan	92.21

Thelen moved to adjourn. Schuman seconded the motion and it passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Nancy Koerner, clerk