

Sciota Township Board Meeting – November 10, 2014

(draft minutes)

The November 10, 2014 meeting of the Sciota Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Matthews at 7:00 pm. Board members present were supervisor Matthews, Clerk Koerner, Treasurer Schuman, Trustee Thelen and Trustee Reed. Guests present were Deanna Turner, Charlene Austin, Floyd Koerner, Jr., Hank Cross, Karen Kocsis, Deputy Matthew Davis, Dave White, John McDougall, Diane Dowler, and Larry Sparkes.

The minutes of the October 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.

Commissioner report: None

Sheriff department report: Cuts of 1.5 million have been ordered from the sheriff dept. budget. Most will be from the road patrol, but cuts to be made are not all decided.

Public comment: None

Board reports: Matthews reported on drains and tubes needing work. He also told of the annual county MTA meeting. Koerner shared correspondence. Schuman gave the number of parcels draining into each drain that had work this year. Thelen reported a citizen had a question on drains and he helped them find the information.

Planning Commission: The Miller property will be coming to the zoning board of appeals. Matthews moved to approve the letter of recommendation from the planning commission and request the variance be granted. It is not a self-imposed difficulty. Reed seconded the motion and it passed. Koerner will get the information to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Koerner moved to approve the land splits for the Furnish property. Schuman seconded the motion and it passed. Schuman moved to approve the land splits for the White property. Reed seconded it and the motion passed.

Zoning permits:

PZ14-0261 Peter & Angela Porter 5995 Austin Rd. Install out door wood burner

Emergency Services: Rick Betts, John McDougall and Larry Sparkes were present representing the LSW Emergency Services. Rick explained some possibilities of cuts to make to cover the costs of the new minimum wage law. Schuman moved to support the proposed changes and eliminate the echo unit. Koerner seconded the motion and it passed. There have been 330 ambulance and 336 fire and rescue runs to date.

Old business: A few citizens have asked the township to consider a 'Friends of the Cemetery' committee to help oversee the maintenance to the cemetery. If you are interested in serving on this committee please contact Clerk Koerner (517-651-5540) or Treasurer Schuman (517-651-5788) or just come to our next regular board meeting on the second Mon. of December to

discuss the possibility. Matthews moved to form the above committee, Schuman seconded it and the motion passed with one no vote.

New business: If a December Board of Review is necessary, it will be held on December 9th.

Public Comment: It was asked if agendas were available early. They are not.

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

8963	Phillip Matthews	\$682.45
8964	Nancy Koerner	957.52
8965	Floyd Koerner, Jr.	153.14
8966	Eric Schuman	676.40
8967	Deanna Turner	109.26
8968	Mike Reed	109.26
8969	William Thelen	176.17
8970	Diane Dowler	773.92
8971	Kimberly Palmer	43.88
8972	David White	52.99
8973	Eric White	43.88
8974	Charlene Austin	150.00
8975	Shirley Smith	150.00
8976	Wanda Potter	150.00
8977	Dee Sigilco	90.00
8978	Pat White	115.00
8979	Shiawassee Co Drain Office	3,100.00
8980	The Weekly	42.00
8981	Morgan Cannon	130.00
8982	John Hancock Life Insurance Co.	750.99
8983	Twin Oaks Mowing & Snowplowing	350.00
8984	Consumers Energy	34.22
8985	Michigan Election Resources	54.16

Koerner moved to adjourn. Matthews seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Nancy Koerner, clerk