

Sciota Township Board Meeting – February 9, 2015

(draft minutes)

The February 9, 2015 meeting of the Sciota Township board was called to order by Clerk Koerner in the absence of Supervisor Matthews. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all. Members present were Clerk Koerner, Treasurer Schuman, Trustee Reed and Trustee Thelen. Members absent were Supervisor Matthews. Guests present were Deanna Turner, Hank Cross, Floyd Koerner, Jr., Karen Kocsis, Jeff Bartz, Dave White and Sandra Chavez.

Thelen moved to have Reed act as chairman. Schuman seconded the motion and it passed. Thelen moved to allow Supervisor Matthews to listen and participate by phone. Schuman seconded the motion and it passed.

Minutes: Karen Kocsis stated that the minutes didn't reflect her exact words which she reread. Schuman made note that the hours for the cemetery should read closed from dusk to dawn. Schuman moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Thelen seconded it and the motion passed. Koerner moved to accept the treasurer's report and place it on file. Reed seconded the motion and it passed.

Commissioner report: Jeff Bartz reported the commissioners are going to consider putting .50 mills on the May ballot (about \$830,000) to go for road patrol at their meeting Tuesday. The ballot language has to be turned in by Tues. at midnight if it is decided to go for it. Not too much is being done on the board right now.

Library report: Sandra Chavez reported that 37,000 items were checked out last year. They have 4,500 e-books with access to more through other libraries. There are 5,284 active members.

Public comment: Dave White discussed cemetery work being done on trees and what else needed doing. Thank you Dave, Bill Thelen and Floyd Koerner, Jr. for the work you have done so far.

Board reports: Koerner read some correspondence. Schuman read an MTA statement supporting the gas tax ballot proposal. Thelen said that resident Robert Moyes was to be at the county board of appeals Wed. night. Dave White from planning commission and Mike Reed from the board will attend. Thelen moved to pay the trustee planning commission wages to attend the meeting – the same as the planning commission member receives. Koerner seconded the motion. Roll call vote was Reed yes, Thelen yes, Schuman no and Koerner yes. The motion passed.

Emergency services: Hank Cross reported there were 412 fire and rescue runs last year – 87 for Laingsburg, 85 for Sciota and 217 for Woodbury. The rest were mutual aid – 4 Bath, 2 Williamston, 2 Victor, 2 Perry and 1 Ovid. 364 ambulance runs were 92 Laingsburg, 80 Sciota, 185 Woodhull and some mutual aid.

Old business: There was a discussion on the cemetery. No action was taken.

New business: Thelen moved to put an ad in The Weekly and The Argus for bids for lawn care. Koerner seconded it and the motion passed. We will use the same ad as used previously. Thelen moved to advertise for bids for an auditor in the same papers. Reed seconded the motion and it passed.

The Budget Hearing and annual meeting were set for March 9, 2015 with the budget hearing to start at 6:00 pm with the annual meeting to follow. The regular meeting will follow that at about 7:00 pm. Koerner moved we publish in the same papers. Schuman seconded the motion and it passed.

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

9023	Phillip Matthews	\$642.45
9024	Nancy Koerner	735.24
9025	Floyd Koerner, Jr.	109.26
9026	Eric Schuman	681.08
9027	Deanna Turner	109.26
9028	Mike Reed	109.26
9029	William Thelen	123.01
9030	Diane Dowler	773.92
9031	Consumers Energy	57.48
9032	Dol-Jac	273.24
9033	Shiawassee Co. Equalization	11.77
9034	John Hancock Life Ins. Co.	720.16

Koerner moved to adjourn. Thelen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Nancy Koerner, clerk