

We held a budget workshop prior to the January meeting. Matthews called it to order at 6:00. The budget for next year was worked on. It will be presented at the Budget Hearing to be scheduled in March. All board members were in attendance. The meeting was concluded at 6:55.

## **Sciota Township Board Meeting – January 12, 2015**

(draft minutes)

The January 12, 2015 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 Hank Cross, Floyd Koerner, Jr., Karen Kocsis, Deanna Turner and Mike and Diane Dowler.

The minutes of the December 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.

Commissioner report: None

Public Comment: None

Board reports: Matthews distributed packets from the road commission. They will be attending the March meeting. He also reported to the board on under road tubes needing replacement. Koerner announced that there are free radon testing kits available from the county for the month of January. Get one on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Surbeck Building. We will have an election in May. The firm that has done out audits has merged with another firm. We have a person interested in renting the hall for 2 days in late February. The results of the County Paser study were shown. Schuman gave the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter investment report. He also discussed a bill that would let the township allow golf carts on roads if they decided to. The County Board of Commissioners can disallow them for safety reasons.

Planning commission: There is one person considering a land split. The Commission held election of officers. Eric White is the new chairman. Kim Palmer continues as secretary.

Emergency Services: Hank Cross reported 13 fire and rescue runs to date. There was a short discussion on Victor Township and mutual aid.

Old business: A sign for the cemetery was discussed after a list was passed out that was compiled last month. Schuman moved to accept as is and to move the top line to the bottom.

Cemetery closed from dawn to dusk

Driving of any motorized vehicle off the roadway is prohibited

Artificial decorations allowed from Nov. 1 until April 30

Artificial & summer plantings allowed from May 1 until October 31

Stone chips, rosebushes, anything glass or spreading plants are not allowed

Destruction, defacing or littering within the cemetery is prohibited

Regulated by Ordinance 2008 – 01

Karen Kocsis read a statement about the 'Friends of the Cemetery' and stated that she was quitting the committee. Thelen asked about brush clean up. Some members will meet him to clean up and burn brush when weather is appropriate. Thelen moved to table the 'Friends of the Cemetery' committee. Reed seconded it and the motion passed.

New business: Diane Dowler presented the new poverty exemption guidelines for the Board of Review. Matthews moved to accept them. Schuman seconded the motion and it passed on an all yes roll call vote. Schuman moved to make the following budget adjustment:

Move \$500 from the contingency fund to refunds

Thelen seconded the motion and it passed.

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

9005	MTA	\$237.00
9006	Phillip Matthews	639.95
9007	Nancy Koerner	706.41
9008	Floyd Koerner, Jr.	153.14
9009	Eric Schuman	780.95
9010	Deanna Turner	109.26
9011	William Thelen	197.02
9012	Mike Reed	109.26
9013	Diane Dowler	773.92
9014	Kimberly Palmer	43.88
9015	Eric White	43.88
9016	David White	52.99
9017	Sheridan Reality	50.00
9018	Consumers Energy	39.79
9019	United States Treasury	318.67
9020	John Hancock Life Ins. Co.	544.38
9021	First Merit Bank	6,233.43
9022	Phillip Matthews	20.89

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

Nancy Koerner, clerk