

## **Sciota Township Board Meeting – February 13, 2017**

(draft minutes)

The February 13, 2017 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 Doyle, Trustee Reed and Trustee Thelen. Guests present were Hank Cross, Floyd Koerner, Jr., Charlene Austin, Mike Constine, Brent Freiss, John Mahalic, Jim Demis, Dan Izdebski, Dane Nichols, David White, Diane and Mike Dowler and Jeff Bartz.

Brent Friess give a presentation of the road commission outlining the projects they are recommending. There was some discussion. The board will finalize the ones we do later. Weight restrictions went on today.

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

Commissioner report: Jeff Bartz reported on happenings in the county. The clerk fired all of her staff and hired new without permission. There are problems getting the work done. Only two commissioners are getting insurance through the county. The rest take the buyout of \$1,800. They are getting paid for more meetings than they were. 911 is getting the new building ready to use. Land Mark Construction is the architect and they are to use local contractors as much as possible.

Public Comment: Jim Demis from the auditing firm explained some of their problems the last two years. All of their employees are local – from Shiawassee County.

Board Reports: Matthews noted need to repair the ramp. Vaughn Vondrasek is unable to serve on the Board of Review because of cataract surgery. The alternate, Carla Dilday, will replace him. He received a letter from MAGNET, but they have not offered to come to our meeting as requested. May 6<sup>th</sup> – Household waste day at Durand. July 29<sup>th</sup> – tire collection at the road commission. Koerner shared information on MTA training. The Laingsburg School District will hold an election on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Doyle reported taxes coming in and many stated they appreciated the receipts. Thelen had examples of rubber mats available for the ramp. Matthews moved to purchase a 50 foot roll of the diamond design at \$481.00 and send check if necessary to get it shipped. Reed seconded the motion and it passed with an all yes roll call vote.

Planning commission: Dane Nichols, representing Elaine Stewart and his self, presented some changes in land divisions. Matthews moved to concur with the planning commission and recommend the changes. Koerner seconded the motion and it passed. There is a question on splits and divisions on the Searles property.

Emergency Services: Hank Cross passed out monthly activity reports.

Diane Dowler reported that the organizational meeting for the Board of Review will be March 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am and the appeals dates will be March 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 3:00 and March 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 9:00.

Old business: Web-Site proposals were discussed. Thelen moved to contract with I.T.Right for a one year contract at \$775, with future years at \$500. Reed seconded the motion and it passed on an all yes roll call vote.

New business: Lawn care. We had 3 bids. Koerner moved to contract with Twin Oaks Lawn Care for \$2500 plus \$25 per hour for general maintenance. Thelen seconded the motion and it passed on an all yes roll call vote. Auditing. Matthews moved to contract with VMD and Associates for \$3,475 for this year and ask them if it can be a two year contract. Thelen seconded the motion and it passed on an all yes roll call vote.

Paul Brake has resigned from the planning commission as he has moved out of state. We will wait a couple of months to advertise for a replacement.

Matthews moved to pay Thelen \$15.00 towards his phone bill each month due to the number of calls he makes for the township planning commission. Thelen abstained from voting. The motion passed.

Our Budget Hearing was set for March 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm with the Annual Meeting to follow at about 6:00. The regular meeting will follow.

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

9452	MTA	\$324.00
9453	Phillip Matthews	644.95
9454	Nancy Koerner	828.63
9455	Floyd Koerner, Jr.	197.02
9456	Lisa Doyle	624.95
9457	Shawn Doyle	109.26
9458	Mike Reed	109.26
9459	William Thelen	162.25
9460	Diane Dowler	773.92
9461	Kimberly Palmer	87.76
9462	David White	43.88
9463	The Weekly	56.00
9464	The Argus Press	54.00
9465	BS&A Software	205.00
9466	Consumers Energy	44.88
9467	Twin Oaks Mowing	45.00
9468	Andrews Hooper Pavlik PLC	2,250.00
9469	Shiawassee Co. Equalization	11.77
9470	John Hancock life Insurance Co.	545.88
9471	Dol-Jac	269.17

Matthews moved to adjourn and Thelen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Nancy Koerner, clerk