

## **Sciota Township Board Meeting – February 8, 2016**

(draft minutes)

The February 8, 2016 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 Reed and Trustee Thelen. Guests present were Floyd Koerner, Jr., Deanna Turner, Hank Cross, Ed Kemp, Brent Friess, Mike Constine, Steve Zemcik, John Michalec and Mike and Diane Dowler.

The minutes of the January 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.

Road Commission: Brent Friess passed out estimates on proposed projects that will be decided later after the bids come in. MDOT has lengthened routes for individual plows which will reduce the trucks on MDOT routes. This should allow for quicker work on secondary roads, but the main ones won't be cleaned as often. Discussion was held on the poor condition of Tyrrell and Colby Lake Roads.

Commissioner Bartz explained about Tax Allocation Committee and the work they have been doing. They will probably have a proposal on the November ballot. The retirement plan has been changed for most of the county. The commissioners have hired a new financial director to replace one that left.

Public Comment: None

Board reports: Matthews reported that he had served on the county tax committee and found it very interesting. He announced the dates of the Board of Review meetings. The organizational meeting will be held in the store room at the hall as elections will be at the same time. He suggested we consider chipped asphalt for the drive in the cemetery. Thelen noted there are two trees that we need to cut. Koerner reported that she had the nominating petitions and affidavit of identity forms available for anyone running in the August election. They must be turned in by April 19 at 4:00 pm. Requests for bids for Auditor will be sent to The Argus Press, the Meridian Weekly, Vogl and Meder, Andrews and Hooper and Costerian with bids due by March 9<sup>th</sup>. The Public Accuracy Test for the March election will be held February 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am.

Planning Commission: Thelen reported there will be a meeting in March. It is also time to renew our township plan. The gravel pit will be coming up at the county meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Emergency Services: There have been about 50 fire and rescue runs so far this year. Matthews and Cross went to the Victor Township meeting to help answer questions. Victor Township and LSW Emergency Services Board will both vote in March on Victor buying services from the LSW.

Old business: None.

New business: Koerner moved to move \$400 from elections –forms and supplies to elections – workers. Thelen seconded the motion and it passed.

Thelen moved that the Board of Review follow the State Poverty Exemptions Guidelines. Reed seconded the motion and it passed. The 2016-2017 budget hearing will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm with the Annual meeting to follow at about 6:30 pm. The regular meeting will follow the Annual meeting.

Diane Dowler shared figures on sales and sales studies for the township.

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

9223	Phillip Matthews	\$649.95
9224	Nancy Koerner	671.25
9225	Floyd Koerner, Jr.	109.26
9226	Eric Schuman	666.95
9227	Deanna Turner	109.26
9228	Mike Reed	109.26
9229	William Thelen	109.26
9230	Diane Dowler	773.92
9231	Consumers Energy	41.79
9232	John Hancock Life Ins. Co.	605.94
9233	United States Treasury	293.16
9234	Shiawassee Co. Equalization	11.99

Thelen moved to adjourn. Matthews seconded the motion and it passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Nancy Koerner, clerk