

## Sciota Township Board Meeting –March 9, 2020

The March 9, 2020, meeting of the Sciota Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Matthews at 7:00 p.m. at the Sciota Township Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all. Members present were Supervisor Matthews, Clerk Parker-Wing, Treasurer Doyle, Trustee Reed and Trustee Vondrasek. Guests present were David White, Diane Baclawski, Floyd and Nancy Koerner, Ken Wing, Hank Cross, Cindy Garber, Kathryn Berkholder, Dennis Hill and Sandra Chavez.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the March 9 meeting were approved with a change of “spraying for bugs” be changed to “spraying for brush”, on a motion by Doyle, and seconded by Reed.

**Treasurer Report:** All is going well with the return of taxpayer’s money for the over charge of 1% administration for drain fees. Reed made a motion to place treasurer’s report on file, Parker-Wing Seconded—motion approved by all.

**There were no public comments.**

**County Commissioner:** Cindy Garber says there is a veteran coming to commissioner meetings that has been suggesting theories that which are not copasetic with the main stream of conversation, and seems to be out of control. He’s was asked to privately converse with commissioners about discrepancies and to submit his ideas ahead of time. His course of actions did not cease and the veteran’s association voted all in favor that this person be removed from the meetings. The 911 millage for county services will be on the November 2020 ballot and is worded as: “up to \$2.65” per telephone line, should the millage pass.

**City of Laingsburg Reports:** Librarian Sandra Chavez gave a report on the use of funds appropriated to the library last fiscal year.

**LSW Emergency Report:** Hank Cross resigned from his duties as the LSW Emergency Chief effective April 15, 2020. Hank supports Dennis Hill as his replacement.

**Board reports:** **Supervisor Matthews** spoke of the various roads needing repair this year and it was discussed which road repairs should take place. Candidate for partisan and nonpartisan offices are due to the county clerk’s office by April 21<sup>st</sup>. Deadline to withdraw nomination from the clerk is April 24 by 4:00 p.m. Board Meeting dates will be the second Monday of each month. No other board reports were given.

**Old business:** None

**New Business:** Kathryn Berkholder, consumers affairs manager for Shiawassee county with Consumer’s Energy, requested signature for a **Consumer’s Energy Gas franchise agreement** with the Sciota Township. This agreement renews every 30 years and allows Consumer’s Energy the authorization to remove brush and trees necessary to get to their equipment. The agreement was approved by all and signed by all board members and trustees. The new LSW Emergency chief supported replacement is Dennis Hill. Matthews moved that that **Dennis Hill be recommended to the board as Hank Cross’ replacement** beginning April 15, 2020 as LSW Chief, Doyle seconded the motion—approved by all,

motion passed. **Supervisor Matthews made a motion** to move budget funding to under-funded areas; seconded by Reed. All approved—motion passed.

**Budget Adjustment** from Hall and Cemetery: Building Maintenance -\$7,692

**Move to** Clerks Office: Telephone +\$60

**Move to** Clerks Office: Legal notices and publishing +\$80

**Move to** Elections: Publishing & printing +\$100

**Move to** Insurance and Bonds: Retirement – Township portion +\$251

**Move to** Roads and Drains: Asphalt & Sealcoat +\$7,051

**Move to** Trustee: Per Diem +\$150

Matthews made a motion to keep all ‘business to transact’ for board members the same as 2019. After board discussion of election worker hourly pay, Trustee Vondrasek moved to **change the election worker hourly wage** to \$14/hr. and the chair’s wage to \$15/hr., seconded by Reed. All members in favor—motion passed. Reed moved to **keep all remaining budget items as is from 2019** costs; seconded by Vondrasek, approved by all—motion passed.

**2<sup>nd</sup> public comment.** None

Trustee Reed moved to pay bills and seconded by Vondrasek, all approved-- it passed.

**BILL PAID 3/1/2020 through 3/31/2020**

<b>Ck No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
10153	Lisa Doyle	\$ 987.46
10154	Void	\$ 0.00
10155	Phillip Matthews	\$ 736.00
10156	Lucille Matthews	\$ 136.57
10157	Rashawn Schleicher	\$ 136.57
10158	Nancy Koerner	\$ 136.57
10159	Jamie Parker-Wing	\$ 860.27
10160	Mike Reed	\$ 136.57
10161	Consumers Energy	\$ 42.46
10162	John Hancock Life Insurance Co.	\$ 585.52
10163	The Weekly	\$ 96.00
10164	The Argus Press	\$ 44.00
10165	Laingsburg Public Library	\$4,750.00
10166	Nancy Koerner	\$ 136.57
10167	Diane Dowler	\$ 813.76
	<b>TOTAL BILLS</b>	<b>\$ 9,598.32</b>

Doyle moved to adjourn the meeting, Matthews seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by; Jamie Parker-Wing, clerk