

Sciota Township Board Meeting – June 14, 2021

The June 14, 2021, 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 Palmer, Trustee Reed, and Trustee Vondrasek. Guests present were Dennis Hill, Mike and Diane Dowler, Nancy and Floyd Koerner, Diane Baclawski, Cindy Garber, and Nathan Kirby.

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES: On a motion by Vondrasek, seconded by Reed, it was moved to approve the Planning Commission's June minutes as written—Motion approved by all.

BOARD MINUTES: On a motion by Matthews, seconded by Palmer, it was moved to approve the May 10, 2021 meeting minutes as written—Motion approved by all.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On a motion by Reed, seconded by Parker-Wing—Motion approved by all. The board approved to place the treasurer's report on file.

1st PUBLIC COMMENT. Diane Baclawski asked Officer Kirby if people can be held accountable for hitting/running over animals in the road. Someone ran over a snapping turtle in front of her home road—the response from Officer Kirby was “No”.

COUNTY AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

- Deputy Nathan Kirby of the Shiawassee County 911 department gave an overview of the department's activities for May 2021.
- Commissioner Cindy Garber says that she, Sherriff, Ian McMasters, and employees of the Shiawassee County Department of Health and Wellness will be teaching gardening skills to adults with learning disabilities. This will take place during the summer on Wednesdays at the Jail grounds garden site. She also noted the Shiawassee County 2020-21 audit has been completed. Auditor's notes for improvements were to balance bank statements and make budget adjustments when cost-share categories have been depleted.
- NOTICE: Tire collection is the last Saturday of July at the Shiawassee County Road Commission, 8 am-3:30 pm.

LSW EMERGENCY SERVICES: Dennis Hill stated the LSW sold their old fire truck for \$8,000. He gave an overview of emergency services completed for the month of May 2021.

ASSESSOR: Diane Dowler went over Michigan tax guidelines for land split divisions.

BOARD REPORTS: **Supervisor Matthews** made note there was an unexpected expense for the Doyle Rd. Stark drain of \$3,900. The drain system needed to be replaced prior to resurfacing the Doyle Road project. There was a hailstorm which damaged the town hall roof and window flashing. A discussion ensued about handling payment needed for installers. The supervisor says trees have fallen in the cemetery. David White is handling issue and will get back with Supervisor Matthews on the subject. **Clerk Parker-Wing** discussed an article from the MTA magazine concerning the introduction of a bill into legislation which would require all absentee voting ballot distribution and absentee ballot voting collection to be established from the township hall, vs. working from a clerk's home office. On another note, the Clerk and Treasurer will be meeting with VMD auditors on June 17th at 9:00 am. for the 2020-21 fiscal year audit. **Treasurer Palmer** went over balances for township accounts as of May 31, General Fund \$162,667.20, Tax Fund \$9,090.35, Money Market \$22,944.32. Treasurer Palmer said there are numerous small checks of \$.10 etc. waiting to be cleared through the tax account. A discussion ensued. **Trustees Reed and Vondrasek** had no new news.

OLD BUSINESS:

- On a motion by Vondrasek, seconded by Palmer, the Sciota Township Board approved a \$1,000 contribution to the Greater Laingsburg Recyclers (GLR) for the 2021-22 fiscal year. A roll call vote was taken
YES Vote = Parker-Wing, Reed, Vondrasek, Palmer, Matthews. **NO Vote** = NONE.
- A letter will be sent with the check requiring the GLR present the yearly “state of affairs” to the board as a precondition of receiving future contributions.

NEW BUSINESS:

- o On a motion by Reed, seconded by Vondrasek, an approval of (7) land splits were approved by the Board as recommended by the Sciota Township Planning Commission at the June 2021 meeting. Approval for Parcel #009-34-200-005, applicant Leon D. Searles, Owner V&S Development, LLC. A roll-call vote was taken

YES = Reed, Parker-Wing, Palmer, Vondrasek, Matthews. **NO** = NONE

- a. Approved: Tax Map Reference #1(A), Land Division Application #PLD21-008
- b. Approved: Tax Map Reference #2(B), Land Division Application #PLD21-008
- c. Approved: Tax Map Reference #3(C), Land Division Application #PLD21-008
- d. Approved: Tax Map Reference #4(D), Land Division Application #PLD21-008
- e. Approved: Tax Map Reference #5(E), Land Division Application #PLD21-008
- f. Approved: Tax Map Reference #6(F), Land Division Application #PLD21-008
- g. Approved: Tax Map Reference #7(G), Land Division Application #PLD21-008
- h. Approved: Tax Map Reference #8(REM), Land Division Application #PLD21-008

2nd PUBLIC COMMENT. David White suggested contractor “Jones Trees” on Krouse Rd. should we need to contract for tree removal—he says they do a very good job. Nancy Koerner said she and Floyd attended the MTA Association meeting and there were about 30 people who attended.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS: On a motion by Parker-Wing, seconded by Reed—Motion approved by all, a motion to pay bills was approved.

BILLS PAID 6/14/2021 through 7/11/2021

Ck No.	Description	Amount
10496	Diane Dowler	\$851.69
10497	Lisa Doyle	\$150.23
10498	Kimberly Palmer	\$1,039.20
10499	Phillip Matthews	\$811.89
10500	Lucille Matthews	\$150.23
10501	Jamie Parker-Wing	\$883.29
10502	Nancy Koerner	\$150.23
10503	** VOID**	\$0.00
10504	Vaughn Vondrasek	\$150.23
10505	Consumers Energy	\$37.71
10506	Mike Reed	\$150.23
10507	John Hancock Life Insurance Co.	\$656.78
10508	Twin Oaks Mowing & Snowplowing	\$517.00
10509	MTA	\$1,273.32
10510	United States Treasury	\$411.21
10511	Shiawassee County Road Commission	\$69,393.74
10512	Shiawassee County Equalization	\$1,440.85
10513	Greater Laingsburg Recyclers	\$1,000.00
10511	Shiawassee County Road Commission	\$69,393.74
10508	Twin Oaks Mowing & Snowplowing	\$517.00
10510	United States Treasury	\$411.21
10504	Vaughn Vondrasek	\$150.23
	TOTAL	\$79,067.83

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Trustee Reed, seconded by Trustee Vondrasek—Motion approved by all, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Submitted by; Jamie Parker-Wing, Clerk