

Sciota Township Board Meeting – October 9, 2017

(draft minutes)

The October 9, 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 Vondrasek. Guests present were Hank Cross, Rashawn Schleicher, Charlene Austin, Diane Baclawski, Diane and Mike Dowler, Jeff Bartz and Caroline Wilson.

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

Commissioner report: Jeff Bartz reported the ground breaking for the 'Pro-Lime' plant was held today. They hope to have it up and running by spring. It will be the first facility of its kind in Michigan. Judge Stewart would like to make the old Pleasant View home into a rehab center. Ownership reverts back to Corunna when closed so don't know what will happen.

Public Comment: County Clerk, Caroline Wilson passed out new directories. She discussed the new equipment and the change of hours for vital records. A new elections clerk is being trained and works 28 hours per week. Diane Dowler announced there will be a December Board of Review meeting. Hank Cross stated the impracticality of grain rescue systems. It is impossible to get them to the site of need and put together in time to save someone. They are good for recovery only.

Board reports: Matthews reported on a Planning training meeting planned by Rowe. About 4 members will attend. Koerner – none. Doyle said her web training due last month was cancelled and she will be going for more training this Friday. She had a question on late fees for returned notices. We will go by the first postmark and/or date on original check and not charge late fees for those whose payments were returned to sender.

Planning Commission: Koerner moved to concur with the planning commission and recommend approval of the Eugene Furnish land division. Reed seconded the motion and it passed.

Emergency Services: There have been 457 fire and rescue runs so far this year. There was a problem with lack of maintenance on some trucks that came with another entity.

Old business: Reed had researched fire proof file cabinets for us. Matthews moved to allow him to order the 4 drawer file for \$1,049 to be used to store planning records at the township hall. Reed will use his credit card and a check is approved to repay him as soon as the bill comes. There was an all 'yes' roll call vote.

New business: The subject of windmill and more correspondence on them was discussed. Reed moved we make no further recommendations. Matthews seconded the motion and it passed. Doyle brought up that there are a number of uncleared checks from each account back to 2006 that make it harder to balance each month. We will check with the auditor to see if he has recommendations on what needs to be done with them. Koerner brought a letter from the state treasury department noting improvement needed for deficiencies. We have had expenditures that exceeded revenues for the last 3 years. We will return letting them know that the money was from our contingency fund and used for road maintenance.

Second public comment: There was a question on what was done with over/under payments. Doyle said it seems like a waste to send a check for a 50 cent overpayment. She will ask MTA if there are rules in place for this.

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

9599	MTA	\$125.00
9600	Phillip Matthews	756.00
9601	Nancy Koerner	774.52
9602	Floyd Koerner, Jr.	200.30
9603	Lisa Doyle	859.52
9604	Mike Reed	136.57
9605	Vaughn Vondrasek	200.30
9606	Rashawn Schleicher	136.57
9607	Diane Dowler	813.76
9608	Diane Baclawski	63.73
9609	Kimberly Palmer	63.73
9610	David White	63.73
9611	John Hancock Life Ins. Co.	638.00
9612	Shiawassee Co. Road Comm.	3,230.00
9613	Shiawassee Co. Road Comm.	91,917.05
9614	Consumers Energy	27.96
9615	The Weekly	198.79
9616	Twin Oaks Mowing & Snowplowing	420.00

Reed moved to adjourn. Vondrasek seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Nancy Koerner, clerk