

Sciota Township Board Meeting –August 12, 2019

The August 12, 2019 meeting of the Sciota Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Matthews at 6:58 pm at the Sciota Township Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all. Members present were Supervisor Matthews, Clerk Parker-Wing, Treasurer Doyle, Trustee Vondrasek and Trustee Reed. Guests present were Diane Baclawski, Diane Dowler, Floyd Koerner, Nancy Koerner, Hank Cross and Cindy Garber.

The minutes of the July 8 meeting were approved as written, on a motion by Reed, and seconded by Vondrasek. Reed moved to accept the treasurer's report and place it on file, seconded by Vondrasek.

There were no public comments.

Planning Commission Report: Vondrasek announced the commission approved a new request for a business, special-use permit.

County Commissioner Report: Cindy Garber stated there is a deficit in the county MERS pension plan. The under-funding mostly applies to the Sherriff's office budget for road deputies.

LSW and Emergency Services Report: Hank Cross announced the LSW is being sued for unlawful discharge of an employee under the whistle-blower act. Discussion ensued.

Board reports: Matthews shared that the county must give a 2-week newspaper notice to the public prior to spraying an area with chemicals. Painted lines should be coming soon to chip/seal roads. Clerk Parker-Wing shared the State of Michigan's promotion of disability training offered through a third party organization; a new municipality insurance group requested consideration to quote township liability services for the FY year 2020; the August county clerk's meeting confirmed the presidential primary will be held March 10, 2020. Treasurer's report--none, Trustee Reed--none, Vondrasek noted that Howard Pierce did a wonderful job placing fence post and signage at the cemetery.

Old business: None

New business:

Licensing: The board concurred with the planning commission's recommendation to license a special use permit for Stuart Leinbach's gunsmith business with an additional stipulation the

township must receive copy all governmental documents and approvals, which must include a background check; on a motion by Matthews, seconded by Vondrasek, approval by all—motion passed. **LSW Emergency Services Funding:** Matthews exhibited a budget from the LSW emergency services for 2020. The board estimated an additional \$20,000 per year will be needed to provide ambulance and fire protection services for township residents. A board vote followed for approval of a special assessment levy of \$80 per year, per household; on a motion by Matthews, and roll call vote by Parker-Wing: Reed –No; Vondrasek-Yes; Doyle-yes; Parker-Wing-yes; and Matthews-yes. A hearing will be held on October 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss and reaffirm the levy. **Hall lighting:** Matthews approved funding up to \$500 for updating the township’s external lighting system for flag pole and parking lot. **Cemetery and bulletin board:** Approval by Supervisor Matthews to pay Vondrasek expenses for new fencing and signage

Public comments: None.

Reed moved to pay bills and Vondrasek seconded the motion-- it passed.

Date	Payee	Amount
10026	**VOID** printer malfunction	\$-
10027	Consumers Energy	\$27.59
10028	John Hancock Life Insurance Co.	\$645.52
10029	Twin Oaks Mowing & Snowplowing	\$500.00
10030	Vaughn Vondrasek	\$191.20
10031	Kimberly Palmer	\$54.63
10032	Howard Pierce	\$54.23
10033	David White	\$54.63
10034	Diane Dowler	\$813.76
10035	Lucille Matthews	\$136.57
10036	Phillip Matthews	\$736.00
10037	Lisa Doyle	\$761.52
10038	Jamie Parker-Wing	\$901.26
10039	Rashawn Schleicher	\$136.57
10040	Nancy Koerner	\$136.57
10041	Mike Reed	\$136.57

Doyle moved to adjourn the meeting. Matthews seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Submitted by; Jamie Parker-Wing, clerk