

Sciota Township Board Meeting – July 11, 2022

The July 11, 2022, 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, Treasurer Palmer, Clerk Parker-Wing, Trustee Reed, and Trustee Vondrasek. Guests present were Charlene Austin, Dennis Hill, Floyd Koerner Jr., Nancy Koerner, Ken Wing, Cindy Garber, David White, Diane Dowler, and Mike Dowler.

Minutes: On a motion by Palmer and seconded by Vondrasek—Motion approved by all. It was moved to approve the June meeting minutes as presented.

TREASURER REPORT: Reed moved to place treasurer's report on file, seconded by Parker-Wing—Motion approved by all. General Fund \$183,314.33; Tax Fund \$9,102.65; Money Market \$33,953.62; ARPA fund \$82,704.95.

1st PUBLIC COMMENT. None

COUNTY OFFICIALS: District 6 commissioner, Cindy Garber, spoke about the work being done on the Veteran's building.

LSW FIRE/EMERGENCY SERVICES: Dennis Hill gave a report on fire/ambulance services for June 2022.

ASSESSOR: Diane Dowler reported that the governor signed into law that the Board of Review no longer needs to sign principal residence exemptions (PRE). This form now only requires the assessor's signature.

BOARD REPORTS:

Supervisor Matthews said the county road commission director did not like the written note at the bottom of the ARPA-funded road agreement (from Garrison to Bennington Rds.) The note stated "Payment contingent upon receipt of ARPA funding". The brush has not been cut this year and we were ensured to get 40 'free' hours per year. Next year we will need to contract brush/spray services to ensure we get this done. The gravel retouch on the roads is holding up well. **Clerk Parker-Wing** said the public accuracy test will need to be rescheduled to a later date due to the test deck chart not being delivered timely and other issues. She says the State of Michigan, or another entity, is sending out AV applications to constituents; applications to vote and ballots are arriving consistently. **Treasurer Palmer** says an ARPA check has arrived for \$93,475.35 and a revenue sharing check for \$29,549. She worked out some banking difficulties she had last month with the bank, and we received additional interest of approximately \$7.50 and return of a \$10 fee to the ARPA account. She's working with Shumaker Technologies on the website--they're sending things to her in pieces. She will be connecting with BS&A on August 1st for a data extraction. **Trustee Reed** had no new business. **Trustee Vondrasek** reported that for the June planning meeting they were waiting for final numbers to come in from the county; Diane Baclawski is working with the 2020 census members now. There will be another planning meeting in August.

OLD BUSINESS:

Laingsburg Boat Launch project
Greater Laingsburg Recyclers (invite sent)

NEW BUSINESS:

- **MAGNET** - The Lieutenant did not attend the meeting to give an overview of MAGNET 2021-22 events. Clerk Parker-Wing will follow up with her.
- **AMBULANCE/special assessment:** Supervisor Matthews explained to guests that the LSW ambulance agreement for the city of Laingsburg, and Sciota and Woodhull townships exists as follows: If 2 out of 3 districts approve the increase, the 3rd district must assess that same fee to their constituents, no matter whether it was approved by the 3rd party or not. If the districts do not assess a higher yearly ambulance assessment there would either be, 1) no LSW ambulance service, or 2) funding would need to come out of each district's budgets. For this reason, we will be holding a hearing at the August and September board meetings to discuss a special assessment for ambulance services. It was found that, to retain the LSW ambulance service, the districts would need to assess a new rate of \$160/yr. per household (vs. current \$80/yr.) to cover employee and overhead costs.
- **BS&A TRAINING** pay: A discussion ensued concerning pay for elected board members who must take off time from their day job to complete necessary township day meetings and training.
- **PUBLIC ACCURACY** test: It was decided that a public accuracy test will be held on July 26, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. (instead of July 11 after the meeting) for the August Primary election. The July 11th public accuracy test of the AutoMARK elections tabulator was held up due to the auto mark test deck not arriving in time.

2nd PUBLIC COMMENT. None

Trustee Reed moved to pay bills, seconded by Clerk Parker-Wing.

Bill Payments		
6/13/2022 through 7/10/2022		
Num	Description	Amount
10718	Jamie Parker-Wing	\$600.00
10719	Diane Baclawski	\$79.20
10720	David White	\$60.09
10721	Howard Pierce	\$60.09
10722	Diane Dowler	\$849.80
10723	Lisa Doyle	\$150.23
10724	Kimberly Palmer	\$912.31
10725	Phillip Matthews	\$811.89
10726	Lucille Matthews	\$150.23
10727	Jamie Parker-Wing	\$1,196.84
10728	Lisa Harmon	\$210.23
10729	Mike Reed	\$150.23
10730	Vaughn Vondrasek	\$60.09
10731	T-Mobile	\$31.15
10732	Consumers Energy	\$53.74
10733	Traci White	\$47.16
10734	Twin Oaks Mowing & Snowplowing	\$517.00
10735	MAGNET	\$1,900.00
10736	MTA	\$1,310.40
10737	United States Treasury	\$394.32
10738	Shiawassee County Road Commission	\$3,241.80
10739	Michigan Election Resources	\$45.00
10740	John Hancock Financial Services	\$679.06
10741	Shiawassee County Equalization	\$1,449.19
	OVERALL TOTAL	14,960.05

ADJOURNMENT: Parker-Wing moved to adjourn the meeting; Matthews seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by; Jamie Parker-Wing, clerk