

**SCIOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, April 8, 2013  
7:00pm**

**Call to Order @ 7:03pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Members Present:**

Randy Volkert  
Renee Otte  
Mitch Penny  
Tracie Roberge  
Shannon Olson

**Members Absent:**

**Others Present:**

Jill Trescott (compensate \$15.00 for attending meeting)  
Mike Slavik  
Arnold Ness  
Gerald Ness  
Don Marthaler

**Approval of Minutes:** March 11, 2013

Otte makes motion to approve minutes. Penny seconds. All in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tracie Roberge

Otte makes a motion to approve the treasurers report and pay bills. Penny seconds. All in favor.

**Re-organizational Meeting:**

A.) Elect Town Board Chair.

*Penny was elected as town board chair.*

C.) Set compensation for town officers

Currently Board members and Planning Commission members paid \$50.00 per regular meeting Plus \$15.00 per extra meeting, capped at \$65.00 per month. Clerk is paid \$500.00 per month. All members are compensated \$50.00 for any special meeting scheduled and costs are reimbursed to the township by anyone requesting the meeting. *No Changes Made*

D.) Designate supervisor duties

**Roads** – Randy Volkert & Renee Otte. **Building** – Mitch Penny

E.) Designate Posting Place(s) & official newspaper

Currently: Posting in front window of Town Hall and Newspaper of record is Cannon Falls Beacon. Will also post on the website.

F.) Designate bank as town depository

Currently: Castle Rock Bank. *Will remain the same*

G.) Review township ordinances.

Jill Trescott brought in the proposed revisions to the mining ordinance for the Planning Commission members to review. *Ness made a motion to request that the township board set a public hearing to take comments on the proposed revised mining ordinance at the May 20<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission*

*Meeting. Hardy seconds. All in favor. Public hearing was set for the May 20<sup>th</sup> Planning Meeting at 7pm. Clerk will post and publish.*

H.) Confirm Town Financial Reporting Form completed and returned to state officer. *Clerk sent on 3/1/13.*

I.) Upcoming training (for more detailed information visit: [www.mntownships.org](http://www.mntownships.org))

- o Urban Short Course

**April 18, 2013 @ Rockwoods Grill & Conference Center, Otsego**

J.) List of Officers

Supervisors: Mitchell Penny, Randy Volkert, Renee Otte; Treasurer: Tracie Roberge; Clerk: Shannon Olson

K.) Adopt schedule of board regular meetings

Currently held the second Monday of each month at Town Hall (except legal holidays, when held the Tuesday immediately following the second Monday). Planning Commission meetings are the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm at Town Hall (except legal holidays, when held the Tuesday immediately following the third Monday). *Will keep the same for 2014.*

L.) Appointments to planning commission & fire district:

*Planning Commission: Jill Trescott, Linda Hardy, and Duane Ness. Northfield Fire District meetings will be attended by Mitch Penny*

M.) Board of Appeal & Equalization will be held on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 9:30am to 10:30am. *Renee Otte, Mitch Penny, and Randy Volkert will attend.*

#### **Building Permits:**

*None*

#### **Other Business:**

- Dust Control & Gravel Bids. Volkert talked to Otte Excavating, and they stated that we have about 1 years' worth of gravel stock piled and then we will have to have more crushed. Clerk will talk to Anderson trucking to get them to put down gravel and get a bid on cost. Clerk will Contact Enviro Tech and other dust control companies for bids and find out what type of product they use.
- *Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems ordinance/need to talk about enforcement. Clerk will bring this to the planning commission. The board recommended that we send them a letter and then have our attorney contact them if they are non-compliant.*
- *Tire Collection Event: partnering with Randolph Township. Don Marthaler was present and we asked him about partnering for a tire collection event, he is interested and will bring this to the Randolph Township board meeting. Clerk will contact Eureka Township about who they contacted for tire disposal and dumpsters, will also see if we are able to hold the event at Woody's Pump n' Munch.*
- *Sign Randolph/Hampton Fire Contract. Complete*
- *Oath of Office & Certificate of Election for Tracie & Renee. Complete*

- *Sign Officer List. Complete*
- *Jill Trescott would like to donate time worked at elections to landscape fund. Amount \$32.00.*
- *Scheduled road patrol for the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May at 3:00pm. Clerk will contact Jason Otte to see if he is able to attend.*
- *Penny updated the board on the Northfield Rural Fire Board. They are looking at a couple of different options. 1). Nfld will run the fire department and everyone will pay in to them. 2). They are looking at JPA. 3). Fire district taxation, where they would add on to our taxes. They also looked at how many fire calls were placed by each township.*

**Communications Received:**

- Certificate of Insurance from Otte Excavating

**Public Comment**

- *Arnie Ness was present and he would like to transfer/split a half acre of his property to Gerald Ness. The county would like a verification from the township that this is okay. Volkert makes a motion to approve the split of ½ acre from parcel B owned by Arnold Ness, adding it to Parcel A owned by Gerald Ness. Otte seconds. All in favor. Clerk will email lawyer and copy Gerald Ness in regard to this.*
- *Mike Slavik was present to touch base on some things that are going on. The capital is looking at giving a little more discretion on aggregate tax for areas that are burdened with road usage. There was a resident that contacted Mike Slavik over the weekend in regard to when Alta Avenue will be paved. They were told by their developer that this was going to be paved. Slavik stated that at this time it is not part of the CIP. There was a traffic study done on Alta Ave. There are approximately 300 cars a day heading South bound on Alta Avenue. Slavik also stated that sometime in the future they may pave Cannon River Blvd; it is currently not in the 5 year plan, but it is something that they are looking at. Also Slavik also stated that Dakota County has made a commitment to be debt free.*
- *Butch Marthaler was present to talk about the lake at Castle Rock Materials, it overflowed and the dam broke again. Marthaler stated that he spoke to Brian Watson and he suggested that they get an engineer to look it over to see what the options are. Butch stated that the dyke broke after the big rain that we had. It is now down about 3 feet. Volkert stated that we would talk to Brian about this to see what he would recommend we do. Clerk will contact Paul and ask him if he can attend our May board meeting. Contact Butch Marthaler after the meeting.*

Volkert inquired about the recycling plant. Marthaler stated that they had a planning commission meeting and they voted it down 2 to 1. Marthaler doesn't think it will pass by the board and he stated that the recycling plant would probably take it to court if it was denied.

- *Trescott was present to go over the changes that the Planning Commission made to the current mining ordinance. She explained to the board the*

reasoning behind the changes. The board will further review the changes, and they scheduled the public for the May 20<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting at 7pm. Clerk will post and publish.

**Adjourn @ 8:30pm**