

**SCIOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 10, 2013
7:00pm**

Call to Order @ 7pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present:

Shannon Olson
Tracie Roberge
Mitch Penny
Renee Otte
Randy Volkert

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Duane Ness
Gerald Ness
Bob Hegner
Ken Taylor

Approval of Minutes: May 13, 2013

Otte makes motion to approve the minutes. Penny Seconds. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Tracie Roberge

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

Building Permits:

James & Dawn Root.

At the May 20 Planning Commission meeting James Root was present with building plans. The Planning Commission reviewed the plans and a motion was made. *Trescott moves that we recommend that the board approve the Roots request for a building permit subject to approval of the building plans by Bob Hegner, the approval of the septic system plans by Bob Feiermuth, approval of the building permit from the County Shoreland office, and that the Roots provide the dimensions of where the house, septic and well will be located on the property. Ness seconds. All in favor.* The Roots will be present at the June Board Meeting for review and approval of the building permit, subject to the above conditions being met.

The Roots were not present at the June board meeting. Otte makes a motion to table the building permit for the Roots until the July meeting when the above conditions can be met. Penny seconds. All in favor.

Other Business:

- *Sign Amended JPA for Northfield Area Ambulance Association. Penny read through the amended JPA for the Northfield Area Ambulance Association. There was discussion and concerns about the township not being covered for service. After further review of the documents, it was found that service coverage will not be affected. There was further discussion and the board agreed to sign the amended JPA. Volkert moves to approve the amendment. Penny seconds. All in favor.*

- *Review Insurance Coverage. Clerk will contact MAT about Inland Marine Coverage and premium being paid on 2 locations.*
- *Gerald Ness was present because he received a letter from the township about tree trimming. Penny explained that we recently went out on road patrol and we noticed a lot of trees that were interfering with road signs, water drainage, etc. Jerry wanted to talk about 302nd street and he said the road has issues. There is an alignment issue with 302nd street; it is not in alignment with property lines. He also stated that the township has no easement on record with the county, there is no crown on this road & there is no ditch. At one time this was not a road; it was just used for field access. There are alignment issues, maintenance issues, easement issues, dust issues & safety issues. Penny inquired when the house was built, Ness stated in 1979. This became a road sometime in the 60's. Clerk will need to look at minutes from years ago & review history of the road. Volkert would like to contact the MAT attorney after we get all the information on the history of the road. If the road is not closed Ness would really like to see that the road be moved over & centered, which would move it further onto Hendrickson's property; it resides primarily on Ness' property at this time. Ness also stated that the trees located along Cty Rd 47 are outside of the right of way. Otte stated that the trees are a safety concern. Volkert asked Ness to talk to his dad (Arnie Ness) about any information he can recall about the road, Jerry will get whatever information he can get for the boards review.*
- *Ken Taylor was present because he received a letter about tree removal. Penny stated that we may take out more of the scrappy stuff. Taylor's main concern was about the ditch coming around Lockrem's corner and running over onto his property. Volkert stated that Otte's will be cleaning this out. Volkert will go out and take a look at it and see what Jason can do. Volkert inquired about whether there was a field driveway on the east side of the road, Taylor stated that there is a culvert, but it is filled. If this is a private driveway then the homeowner will need to open the culvert. Clerk should contact David & Dayna about what the township wants to do. The meeting was recessed and board members went out to Boyd/Bovey Avenue to look at what can be done with the road on the S curve by Lockrem's property. The clerk will contact both Lockrem and Bell/Johnson and invite them to attend our July board meeting to discuss options with the road and culvert issue at the field access drive. Volkert and Renee Otte will meet with Jason Otte to get an idea of what the cost will be.*
- *Dehumidifier. A motion was made by Volkert to approve the purchase of a dehumidifier for the town hall to remove excess moisture from the building. Otte seconds. All in favor.*

Communications Received:

- Septic Permit for George Hallcock
- Septic Permit for Jim & Anja Stephanis
- Metropolitan Council. Population Estimates
- MAT. Summer Short Courses
- Membership Cards from MAT
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Public Comment

Recessed meeting at 8:30pm to look at property on Boyd Ave