

**SCIOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 9, 2012
7:00pm**

Call to Order @ 7pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present:

Mitch Penny
Randy Volkert
Shannon Olson
Tracie Roberge
Renee Otte

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Jason Otte
Steve Schultz
Jill Trescott

Approval of Minutes: June 11, 2012

Otte commented that the only change should be to add that Castle rock created the second pond because the first pond had filled up. Otte makes motion to approve minutes with changes. Penny seconds. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Tracie Roberge

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

Roberge mentioned to the board that we are almost out of checks. She discussed the cost of going with CTAS checks and replacing the ink jet printer with a laser printer to accommodate this change. The price of the printer is \$238.00. This will print, fax, copy, & scan. The cost of regular checks is \$235.14, plus the cost of envelopes. The cost of 1000 CTAS checks is \$199.00, plus the cost of 1000 envelopes. The clerk and treasurer will have more information at the August meeting.

Building Permits:

- **None**

Other Business:

- Handling Complaints from residents & Update on Castle Rock Materials (Mitch Penny). Mitch met with Dee McDaniels from the County, a representative from Soil and Water, and Jerry with Castle Rock Materials. Jerry purchased ownership of the pit about a year ago. He had the property surveyed and they determined that a portion was in the flood plain. The little pond in the SE area was in the flood plain. They moved the pond farther to the north out of the flood plain. Water and soil thought the idea of the holding pond from the run-off of the upper pond was fine because it was turning surface water back to its natural run way. They looked at the Castle Rock Materials rock in the field and it was discovered that it was rip rap from the bridge. Soil and water that they have asked Marthaler's to put a waterway in his field. Mitch mentioned that there may be funding and this would help Marthaler's out financially. Sciota township,

Castle Rock Materials or Lonnie Pommerening are not at fault for what happened to Marthaler's field. Trescott updated the board on what the Planning Commission found when they visited Castle Rock Materials. It was decided that because of the pit, they had a lot less water than they would have otherwise.

- Penny moved that if there is someone that has a complaint and brings it to a town board member, they need to be advised to contact the clerk and that they need to bring their issues to a board meeting to have their complaints heard by everyone. If the party does not show they will be dismissed without prejudice. Otte seconds. All in favor.
- Cemetery Plots (Deed). Diane Langdon would like to purchase 2 plots in section 6, plots 1 & 2. Cremation plots will be \$175.00. Clerk will contact attorney to see how many cremation remains can go in one hole & to have deed reviewed.
- Steve Schultz @ 1117 320th Street (drainage into ditch and washout of road from June storm) was present to discuss drainage of the field over the culvert and into the ditch from the June storm. Volkert stated that he thinks the culvert is too high. Otte stated that the culvert seems high because of the excess of materials in the ditch to begin with. Otte thinks that we could clean out the ditch and lower the culvert. Volkert inquired if the culvert was in the township right away. Schultz stated that the driveway was always there, but he put in the culvert because the water would pool and they would have a lot of mosquitos. Volkert asked about how much it would cost...Otte stated that it would cost about \$3,000.00, to get rid of the materials and dig it out. Renee inquired if this was the townships responsibility. Volkert stated that he thought that cleaning the ditches is our responsibility, but taking care of the culvert should be the responsibility of the property owner. Schultz indicated that he didn't think this would resolve the problem in the future. Trescott stated that it sounds like Roger Hand should do something with adding a waterway in the fields. The landowner would need to work with soil and water to have a waterway put in. Trescott talked about a spot on Cedar Avenue where they have rip-rap in the ditches and she inquired if something like this would work. Penny asked Steve when the culvert was put in and if he came before the board. Schultz stated that he put it in around 2004 and did not come before the board. Penny stated that when people are putting culverts in we should have the property owner come before the board so that it can be looked at by Otte Excavating to ensure that it is installed properly. Volkert stated that the cleaning out of the ditch should be the responsibility of the township and the cleaning and lowering of the culvert should be the responsibility of the property owner. It was decided that we would wait until the fall to clean out the ditch and the culvert to avoid the cost of hauling the material away. The dirt will be put in the field when removed. Otte's will take care of the damage to the road now. Trescott inquired about getting money from FEMA. It is estimated that we will spend about \$18,000.00 to repair roads, ditches, etc. Schultz inquired about putting up a pole bldg., he will attend the July Planning Commission Meeting.
- There was discussion about the runoff from Dean Taylor's property into the ditch and road. Jason will contact someone from the NRCS to come up with a solution to dealing with future rainfalls.

Communications Received:

- City of Northfield (Partnership for Fire Services). Renee attended a meeting with Arnold Ness. The rural fire board is trying to work with Northfield. They are trying to get 5-7 people to be on a committee to work together with Northfield to form some sort of

agreement. They were going to hire a facilitator, which may cost about \$10,000.00 and Jerry Anderson said this will not come out of the townships pocket. They nominated individuals to sit on this board.

- UMore Park Newsletter

Public Comment

None

Motion to Adjourn @ 8:35pm