

AGENDA # I.1
Scio Township Board of Trustees
Letter of Engagement for Legal Services

FOR MEETING DATE OF: December 28, 2021

PREPARED ON: 12/22/21

PREPARED BY: Will Hathaway

SUBMITTED BY: Supervisor

ITEM TYPE: Possible Action

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approval the Letter of Engagement with Foster Swift Attorneys.

BACKGROUND: The volume of legal work generated by Scio Township has increased. This is having an impact on the ability of the Township Attorney to complete tasks and is thus limiting the Township's service to its residents. The addition of Michael Homier and his colleagues in Foster Swift's municipal practice group will provide Scio Township with necessary support to meet this increased demand for legal services.

The idea of seeking additional legal support was proposed at a Board meeting last fall. This specific proposal is new, but it has been reviewed by the Township Administrator and the Township Attorney.

The fiscal impact will be marginal, if any, because the hourly rate is approximately the same and the legal work is needed by the Township.

FISCAL IMPACT: none

RECOMMENDATION: Supervisor recommends approval.

MODEL MOTION: Moved by _____ support by _____ to approve retaining Michael Homier and Foster Swift Collins & Smith PC as Township Attorneys and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the engagement agreement.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Scio Township Engagment Agreement 12.15.21.pdf](#)

QUESTION: Shall this Motion by APPROVED?