

Scio manager asked to improve

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Scio Township Manager Darrell Fecho has been given six areas in which the township board would like him to improve his performance.

Fecho received an overall average score of 2.96 out of a possible top score of 5 on a recent evaluation.

Individually, he received a rating of 4 from both Supervisor Charlie Nielsen and Trustee Jim Dries. Trustee Jean King and Clerk Kathleen Knol gave him 1.5; Treasurer Donna Palmer rated him 3.5 and Trustee Chuck Ream gave him 3.7.

Nielsen said Fecho "got a lot of credit in areas that pertain to township knowledge, budget and ordinances and how townships work."

The township manager was asked to improve his communications with the board, staff and residents, to begin leadership meetings with township officers and improve customer service and performance.

"I'm plugging away on meeting the standards the board put together," Fecho said.

Included in those goals was better communication with the board and staff via weekly reports as well as the development of a personnel manual.

After 90 days, the township board "will see how well he does on these improvements," Nielsen said.

A decision is expected in June. Fecho is an at-will employee and his contract is up for renewal in September.

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