

SCIOTA TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

FALL
2005

Sciota Township Board meetings are held at the Sciota Township Hall, 3990 Leland Road, (at Bennington) the second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

Township residents are always welcome and encouraged to attend and provide your Board with input.

Township Board 2004-2008

Phillip Matthews, Supervisor
651-5387

Nancy Koerner, Clerk
651-5540

Eric Schuman, Treasurer
651-5788

Norma Lee, Trustee
651-5457

William Thelen, Trustee
989-834-5313

Township Assessor

Ron Goetschy
323-4489

Board of Review

David White
Vaughn Vondrasek
Clyde Casler

Planning Commission

William Thelen, Chair
Doug Walker
Floyd Koerner
Phillip Knapp

WINTER TAXES ARE HERE

Don't forget that this year 1/3 of your county taxes were moved to the summer (next year will be 2/3 and the year after all of it). Save yourself time and gas, and pay by mail. I have enclosed a mailing label for your convenience. Remember, the forms are perforated on the top third. Simply, tear off at the perforation and keep the lower half as your receipt along with your cancelled check. To pay your Winter Tax Bill, please send your check or money order, made out to "Sciota Township Treasurer", and use the enclosed mailing label or send it to:

Sciota Township Treasurer
7928 Tyrrell Rd.
Laingsburg, MI 48848-8720

Your township treasurer will accept tax payments most any time he is home by appointment. Simply call Treasurer Eric J. Schuman at 651-5788 (or email him at sciotatreasurer@aol.com) to arrange a time and day. Some reminders for you:

- You may pay for multiple parcels on one check, as well as adding your dog license fee to the same check
- There is a \$25.00 fee for all returned checks
- Deferred State Education Taxes (SET) **CANNOT** be paid with your winter taxes; they must be paid to the County Treasurer
- Please remember, taxes are due by February 14, 2006, without penalty
- Taxes paid February 15, 2006 and thereafter, will have a 3% administration fee added which **MUST** be paid in full
- Taxes paid March 1, 2006 and thereafter, **MUST** be paid to the County Treasurer

While the treasurer is required by law to keep specific office hours pursuant to PA 641 of 2002, he will be available to collect your taxes most other times too. It would be best, however to call first to make an appointment so as to be certain of his availability. The required dates will be December 28, 2005 and February 28, 2006 (9am – 5pm), or by appointment by calling 651-5788. In case anyone wants to pay their taxes on February 14, 2006 (the last day before penalty and interest), the Treasurer will also be available from 2pm – 6pm.

SCEMHS REQUESTS INFORMATION

Shiawassee County Emergency Management & Homeland Security is trying to compile a list of privately owned equipment and other resources in case of a "large scale event" occurring in our area such as a "natural disaster or caused by the actions of a person either intentional or non intentional".

While the township has opted not to participate in gathering this information from private citizens, we felt it prudent to publicize the effort here in case any of our residents would like to provide information concerning any equipment they might have that could be used in case of a "large scale event" as described above.

Some examples include bulldozers, backhoes, animal cages and services such as construction and electrical contractors, caterers, etc.

Should you be willing to provide your name, address, phone number, and types of equipment and/or services you would be willing to provide, please call 989-743-5841 to supply the information. They also have an index of resources they would consider "needed" should an event occur.

DOG LICENSE TIME AGAIN

If your veterinarian is in Shiawassee county, you can purchase your dog license at the time of getting their rabies vaccination. You can also purchase them at the same time as you pay your taxes. To save the cost of postage, this is preferred.

Dog licenses are due by February 28, 2006 for the fees listed below. Stop by whenever the Treasurer is home (your best bet is to call first (651-5788)). After February 28, the license may be purchased at the County Treasurer's office. Delinquent license fees are \$60.00 (non-neutered) and \$20.00 (neutered).

Any dog six (6) months or older must have a license. Dogs 4-6 months old with a valid rabies vaccination are also eligible for licensing.

If you are licensing more than four (4) dogs, you must have a kennel license. Please call Animal Control at (989) 743-2406 for such a license.

Please send or bring with you all dog's proof of current rabies vaccination by an accredited veterinarian, proof of sterilization or neuter, and the attached form completely filled out. All certificates will be returned to you with the license.

Feel free to photocopy for additional animals

Owner's Name:
Telephone
Address
Dog's Name
Sex
Breed
Color
Age
Check the correct line:
<input type="checkbox"/> Un-neutered (either sex) \$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Neutered \$10.00

BURN PERMITS

Township Ordinance 10-1-1 requires residents to obtain a burn permit.

You can get one by calling the Laingsburg - Sciota - Woodhull Fire Authority at 517-651-2638, or go in person to the Fire Hall on Woodbury Rd.

RECYCLING

The Greater Laingsburg Recyclers have monthly recycling drives on the second Saturday of each month and are currently being held at the High School on Woodbury Rd.

If you're interested in volunteering to help them, call Terry Link at 651-2005.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

The township has appointed positions that become available on a regular basis.

If you're interested in serving, please submit your name and interest (both where and why) to Clerk Nancy Koerner at 651-5540 or email her at sciotaclerk@aol.com. The areas where openings occur include Board of Review, Planning Commission, and Election Inspector.

NEW PROPERTY PURCHASE

Most know that the township has purchased 4 acres on Bennington & Leland. The house that was on the property was recently demolished. Landscaping will be done to make a portion of the property a new parking lot for all residents to use during busy times at the hall such as elections.

There is discussion of also creating a small "park" of sorts on it with picnic tables and water available.

The balance of the land may be used in the distant future for building a new hall, relocating the current hall and adding on to it, or selling it as a future board and the citizenry may decide.

APPOINTMENTS

William Thelen was appointed to and by the Board to take the place of Matthew Stahlin, who submitted his resignation due to family relocation in October. His resignation was accepted with regret.

Bill will serve by appointment until the next general election in November, 2006 at which time he can run again for election. The person elected in November, 2006 will serve until the end of the regular term in 2008.

In related action, Supervisor Matthews appointed Dave White to serve the remainder of Matthew's unexpired term on our Planning Commission.