

SCIOTA TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

FALL
2006

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
Floyd Koerner
Phillip Knapp
David White
Kimberly Palmer

TAX TIME AGAIN - WINTER 2006

Don't forget that this year 2/3 of your county taxes were moved to the summer (next year it will be 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
- Please remember, taxes are due by February 14, 2007, without penalty
- Taxes paid February 15, 2007 and thereafter, will have a 3% administration fee added which **MUST** be paid in full
- Taxes paid March 1, 2007 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 also be available to collect your taxes most other times too. However, please call first to make an appointment so as to be certain of his availability. **The required dates will be December 27, 2006 and February 28, 2007 (9am - 5pm), or by appointment by calling 651-5788.** In case anyone wants to pay their taxes on February 14, 2007 (the last day before penalty and interest), the Treasurer will also be available from 10am - 2pm (after 2pm, please call first to make sure he is there).

BURN PERMITS

Township Ordinance 2006-01 requires residents to obtain a burn permit prior to any brush fire or special event fire. Fires which do not require a permit first include a domestic fire or campfire as long as certain requirements are met.

See the Fire Charges Ordinance on our website for more detailed information on the requirements.

You can get a permit simply 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.

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 four (4) months or older must have a license.

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

Tag No.

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.

FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

Our township year has gone well. Financially, we are sound. There's not a lot left over but your board has met all obligations.

We finished the asphalt cap on Bennington. The graveling kept getting pushed back until I recommended to the board that we should cancel the remainder due to getting too late in the year because we'd have problems with it. The board agreed with this thinking. We are now finding out from south of our township that did do the graveling later, that we were wise in our decision.

Your parking lot has been finished and we are receiving a lot of compliments on how nice it is. The light shows very well on the limestone surface in the evening. Those that voted were pleased, and any one that has not seen it, well come take a look because after all, it is YOUR parking lot.

If anyone has any ideas for your township board to look at in the coming year, please let us know. We are trying to work for you, our people, the best we can. Our telephone numbers posted on the hall plus we have email.

Current plans are to recap some more black top next year, possibly some of Shaftsburg Rd. We'll do as much graveling as we can hopefully, including Parker Rd from Meridian to Leland, and Garrison from Meridian to Leland, along with some others if funds allow. Perhaps we can even chipseal some also.

I hope this note finds everyone well and pleased with this time of year – "PLEASED" MEANING THE NOTE, NOT THE TAX SLIP THAT'S COMING. ☺

Your Supervisor
Phil Matthews