

# SCIOTA TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

FALL  
2007

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

## IT'S TAX TIME AGAIN

Unfortunately, it's that time again. 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. **PLEASE CALL** Treasurer Eric J. Schuman at 651-5788 (or email him at [sciotatreasurer@aol.com](mailto: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, 2008, without penalty
- Taxes paid February 15, 2008 and thereafter, will have a 3% administration fee added which **MUST** be paid in full
- Taxes paid March 1, 2008 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, 2007 and February 29, 2008 (both days 9am – 5pm), or by appointment by calling 651-5788.**

In case anyone wants to pay their taxes on February 14, 2008 (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).

## POVERTY EXEMPTION TAX RELIEF

It has come to our attention that anyone wishing to apply for a poverty exemption for taxes this year must do it between January 1, 2008 and March 7, 2008. This is before the Board of Review meets.

There are specific guidelines and requirements for qualifying for a poverty property tax exemption. It is also good, if approved, for only a single year and must be re-applied for and approved each year.

For more information on the requirements and guidelines contact Supervisor Matthews at 517-651-5387.

## 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 29, 2008 for the fees listed below. Stop by whenever the Treasurer is home (your best bet is to call first (651-5788)). After February 29, 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.

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 Feel free to photocopy for additional animals  
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Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Color \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Check the correct line:

Un-neutered(either sex) \$30.00

Neutered \$10.00

Tag No.

## FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

Just a short note to let you folks know what the lion's share of your money went for this past year.

We put an asphalt cap on one mile of Shaftsbury Rd., chip-sealed Grand River Rd., Doyle Rd. and part of Leland Rd and put a gravel cap on Balcom and parts of Parker and Garrison Rds. This was paid for with our share of gas tax revenue, state revenue sharing and our one mill road millage.

With at least three elections coming in 2008 your board is pleased to have the lighted and stone surfaced parking lot for your convenience and safety. With this said, please come and exercise your right to vote.

Supervisor Matthews

## 2008 IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

As we approach another year, your Board wanted to let you know some of the areas in which we feel we've advanced Sciota Township while representing you. Hopefully, you agree with our actions and feel we're doing a good job for you.

One thing is the continued updating of our website which currently has 2,256 hits and shows our residents are viewing it. It includes minutes from both Planning Commission and Board meetings as well as forms, policies, ordinances, and other pertinent information as it arises.

Our roads are in good shape and continue to be a main focus for your board. We also bought the land across from the hall for a parking lot to help congestion during elections, and as a possible future site for a new township hall when it is needed and warranted.

Both our Board and Planning Commission continue to avail themselves of educational opportunities in order to stay on top of current issues for the betterment of our township.

Finally, we have new voting equipment that is computerized for quicker and more accurate accountability in elections, which is a great aid to our Clerk. And our Treasurer has created and maintained a tax database providing not only accurate accountability, but also a reporting system that makes balancing with the county much easier.

We continue to work for YOU and look for feedback from you on our efforts.