

# SCIOTA TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

FALL  
2010

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 to the Board meetings, 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

William Thelen, Trustee  
989-834-5313

Jodi Allen, Trustee  
651-5662

Township Assessor  
Diane Dowler  
(810) 635-9596

Board of Review  
David White  
Vaughn Vondrasek  
Clyde Casler

Planning Commission  
William Thelen, Chair  
Floyd Koerner  
Phillip Knapp  
David White  
Kimberly Palmer

## WINTER 2010 TAXES NOW DUE

Unfortunately, it's that time again. Save yourself time and gas, and pay by mail. **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", 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 [sciostatreasurer@aol.com](mailto:sciostatreasurer@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, 2011, without late fee
- Taxes paid February 15, 2011 and thereafter, will have a 3% administration fee added which **MUST** be paid in full
- Taxes paid March 1, 2011 and thereafter, **MUST** be paid to the County Treasurer and will include a 4% administrative fee plus interest

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, 2010 and February 28, 2011 (both days 9am – 5pm), or by appointment by calling 651-5788.**

**Please take note that your township board has voted that any taxes not collected in person by, or with a postmark of, February 14 will be charged the 3% administration fee which must be paid in full with your taxes.**

## OUR TOWNSHIP WEBSITE OFFERS A LOT

Some of the current items listed on our website for our residents include winter tax collection hours for our Treasurer, meeting minutes for both our regular Board meetings and the township's Planning Commission meetings.

We also have a new Assessor's page too that give you the contact information for our assessor, Diane Dowler, as well as clickable links to many forms.

And don't forget many other forms/policies that are available under the "Ordinances, Policies, Forms & Fees" page which include our new Cemetery Ordinance, Fire Charges Ordinance, Summer Deferment Form, and Hardship Exemption Form among others available. This page also includes the new fees, effective 1/12/09, for cemetery plots, openings and closings, and plot transfers.

## ANIMAL LICENSE TIME AGAIN

If your veterinarian is in Shiawassee county, you can purchase your animal license at the time of getting their rabies vaccination, or you can also purchase them when you pay your taxes.

Animal licenses are due by March 1, 2011 for the fees listed below. Stop by whenever the Treasurer is home (your best bet is to call first (651-5788)). After March 1, the license may be purchased at the County Treasurer's office. Delinquent license fees are \$60.00 (non-neutered) and \$20.00 (neutered).

Any animal 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 proof of current rabies vaccination by an accredited veterinarian, proof of sterilization or neuter if applicable, and the attached form completely filled out. All certificates will be returned to you with the license.

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:
<input type="checkbox"/> Un-neutered(either sex) \$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Neutered \$10.00

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## FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

I hope the Season's Greetings from your township Board can be accepted even though we must send your tax bills at this time.

We didn't get all the road work done we had hoped for this summer, but what we did get done was crack sealing of Grand River Road, a thick layer of gravel on the east mile of Tyrrell Road, and an experiment there also in the laying of tile to hopefully eliminate the "boggy" area just east of Colby Lake Road.

After much discussion with the county Road Commission, I got them to try tiling up the middle of the Tyrrell Road. This should remove extra moisture in the spring so maybe the road won't go out in that area.

As we all know, our funding has been cut drastically so our road projects have reflected this in the amount of work we could get done.

Next year in 2011, we are slated to have grant funding available to replace the Shaftsbury bridge near Hibbard. Also we have a safety grant to rebuild Colby Lake and Grand River corners so our people can feel safer when traveling in that area. This is a project I have been working on since taking office in 2000.

If someone has interest in setting on the Board of Review, please let me know. We have room for an alternate to get some experience on this important board.

Your township board has been very vigilant with your money and doing our best to keep up to speed on all that is coming down from the state and county such as the elections recently.

You wouldn't believe what is required for us to do to serve you. November's election brought out many voters and the traffic flow was very smooth with few line ups once the voting got started.

We hope the improvements in the voting procedures will keep our people involved in their voting rights.

There is more.. I could go on but I am out of room. I surely wish more of our people would attend our township board meetings. I allow time for public comment on the agenda to give you, our residents, a time to let us know what is on your concern list so please make an effort to keep informed about your township.

Again, Season's Greetings to each and every one of you and wishes for a prosperous new year.

Your Supervisor  
Phil Matthews