

Sciota Township Newsletter

Fall
2012

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 2008-2012

Phillip Matthews, Supervisor
651-5387

Nancy Koerner, Clerk
651-5540

Eric Schuman, Treasurer
651-5788

William Thelen, Trustee
989-834-5313

Mike Reed, Trustee
651-5662

Township Assessor
Diane Dowler
(810) 635-9596

Board of Review
David White
Vaughn Vondrasek
Clyde Casler

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

WINTER 2012 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 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 (NSF)
- Please remember, taxes are due and payable ON RECEIPT. The last day to pay without a late fee is February 14, 2013
- Taxes paid February 15, 2013 and thereafter, will have a 3% administration fee added which **MUST** be paid in full
- Taxes paid March 1, 2013 and thereafter, **MUST** be paid to the County Treasurer and will include a 4% administrative fee plus a monthly 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 Thursday, December 27, 2012 and February 28, 2013 (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.

WEBSITE REACHES 8463 HITS

Our website now has over 8,463 hits and so we realize that our residents do use it regularly. It includes winter tax collection hours for our Treasurer, meeting minutes, an Assessor's page that gives 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 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, 2013 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

Here we are again with the holidays upon us, and may this year be a good one to all. It's also tax time which always puts a damper on things.

When the state hands down to the county the figures, and equalization does their thing, your township gets to pass them out and of course gets the blame for them being too high. Another case of the bearer of the bad news always gets all the "compliments".

On the lighter side, 11-2-12 township board meeting will pay off the balance of the road bills. Our books balance for the year with a small amount to carry into the next year.

I would encourage you folks to come to a board meeting, and meet our new Trustee, Mike Reed. He has been a resident of the township most all of his life, and now has stepped up to represent the people of Sciota in that capacity.

Our lot across from the town hall sure got used this election and no one had to park on the road. My hope is to to have it all paid for in the next 4 years.

Thank you for supporting me for another 4 years as your Supervisor

Your Supervisor
Phil Matthews

Inflation Factor For Property Taxes

The State Tax Commission announced the inflation factor to be used in 2013 for establishing the cap by which taxable values can increase is 2.4 percent. This is also the factor used to calculate the millage reduction fraction, otherwise known as the Headlee rollback.

The number is calculated each year, as required by the state constitution, using the United States consumer price index for all urban consumers as defined and officially reported by the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. It is expected that many residential parcels of property will start increasing in value.

However, that value may not increase for the year by more than 2.4 percent for the purposes of taxation on each individual parcel of property. Even with property values starting to rise, it is unlikely these increases will trigger a Headlee rollback on millage rates in the coming year.