

SCIOTA TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

FALL
2004

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

Matt Stahlin, Trustee
651-5385

Township Assessor

Ron Goetschy
323-4489

Board of Review

David White
Vaughn Vondrasek
Clyde Casler

Planning Commission

William Thelen, Chair
Matt Stahlin
Doug Walker
Floyd Koerner
Lawrence C. Sparkes

YOUR INPUT IS REQUESTED

The Sciota Township Board would like input on the direction you wish us to take in the next four years. Some of the concerns expressed to us so far include continued road improvements, improved township facilities, regular township business hours and more local police protection. We want to know what areas you would like to see us address. And just as important, how would you propose paying for them?

Please enclose your ideas with your winter tax return, by the Feb. 16 due date. Once your responses have been collected, we will tabulate the most requested items and send all residents a survey, asking you to rate the suggested improvements by order of importance.

As board members, it is our desire to implement the wishes of the residents of the township. This is your chance to have your voice heard.

Thank you,
The Sciota Township Board

TAX TIME IS HERE AGAIN

Yes, tax season is upon us again. Save yourself time and gas, and pay by mail. I have enclosed a mailing label for your convenience. The forms are new this time and much more "user friendly". They 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 use the enclosed label and send your check or money order, made out to "Sciota Township Treasurer", to:

7928 Tyrrell Rd.

Laingsburg, MI 48848-8720

Your cancelled check will serve as your receipt. 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 16, 2005, without penalty
- Taxes paid after February 16, 2005, will have a 3% administration fee added which **MUST** be paid in full
- Taxes paid March 1, 2005 and thereafter, **MUST** be paid to the County Treasurer

While the treasurer is required by law to keep specific office hours, 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, 2004 and February 28, 2005 (9am – 5pm), or by appointment by calling 651-5788. In case anyone wants to pay their taxes on February 14, 2005 (the last day before penalty and interest), the Treasurer will also be available from 2pm – 6pm.

DOG LICENSE FEES RISE

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 cost of postage, this is preferred.

Dog licenses are due by February 28, 2005 for the fees listed below. Stop by whenever the Treasurer is home (your best bet is to call first (651-5788)). After that time the license may be purchased at the County Treasurer's office and the delinquent license fee is \$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.

Owner's Name:
Telephone
Address
Dog's Name
Sex
Breed
Color
Age
Un-neutered (either sex) \$30.00 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 in serving (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
- Election Inspector

2004 ROAD PROJECTS

The following are the road projects that were completed for the township during 2004 and their associated costs.

• Bennington Rd. from Meridian to Leland capped	\$114,985.54
• Laingsburg Rd. from Chadwick to township line asphalted	\$41,183.70
• Pittsburg Rd. from Fenner east to township line gravel	\$3,384.76
• Garrison Rd. from Sieb west to Meridian gravel	\$7,004.93
• Garrison Rd. from Austin west to county drain bank run gravel	\$1,875.00
• Austin Rd. from Parker Rd north to jog bank run gravel	\$1,875.00
• Chloride 12 ft wide, 20,500 gallons all gravel roads in township (We pay for first one, the county pays for the second)	\$7,769.50
Total Cost	\$178,078.43
less (county gas tax)	<u>\$45,000.00</u>
Actual Township Cost	\$133,078.43