

# SCIOTA TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

FALL  
2009

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 09 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", 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 16, 2010, without late fee
- Taxes paid February 17, 2010 and thereafter, will have a 3% administration fee added which **MUST** be paid in full
- Taxes paid March 1, 2010 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 29, 2009 and March 1, 2010 (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 17 will be charged the 3% administration fee which must be paid in full with your taxes.**

## OUR TOWNSHIP WEBSITE OFFERS A LOT

If you can't make it to our township Board meetings but want to know what's going on, just visit our website ([www.sciotatownship.net](http://www.sciotatownship.net)).

You can view or print minutes from our board meetings and planning commission meetings, and also many of the forms available to our citizens including the summer tax deferral form. Some of our ordinances are also on the website.

Additionally, how to contact your township officials is listed, news and notes of interest to residents, and local weather forecasting are among other items of interest.

There's now new Treasurer's and Assessor's pages also which provide information for residents. Check it... it's YOUR website.

## 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, 2010 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:

Un-neutered(either sex) \$30.00

Neutered \$10.00

2010 Tag No.

## FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

We are about to turn the corner on another year with 2010 coming up in the near future. It seems to have gone so fast with not much to report to our citizens. But when looking back through 2009, a lot has been done.

We chip sealed several miles of our roads and it appears to be doing its job. We again graveled the roads that were to the 5 year point so all roads in the township as of the summer of 2009 have been graveled in the past 4 years. We have heard many comments that the township's roads are in the best condition they have been in for many years.

We also did some roadside brush spraying which is looking very good too. This will give traffic in the township a little more time to see any deer crossing in their path and thereby, more time to slow down or stop to avoid them.

On a good note, I have been told after working on it for nine years that funding has come through to have the hazardous intersection of Colby Lake and Grand River rebuilt as a state funded safety project in 2011. Hopefully this will eliminate, or at the very least, greatly reduce the hazard at the intersection with regard to it being a "blind corner" and especially for northbound Colby Lake but in reality for all travelers all ways.

On another good note which I was sure was not going to happen, and after much discussion with the Road Commission, it appeared the Shaftsburg Road bridge near Hibbard Road was not going to be open any time soon. However, out of the blue and after more discussion at our recent Board meeting, we reached an agreement with the Road Commission and a temporary fix was made until such time as the bridge can be rebuilt. It re-opened on November 12<sup>th</sup> although it still has a 12 ton weight limit capacity. The rebuilding of the bridge is tentatively scheduled for 2011 as well as the replacement of the Hibbard Road bridge.

I guess a lot has happened in and for you township.

Supervisor Phillip Matthews

## ADDED TO WEBSITE

You can now contact your State Representative for the 85<sup>th</sup> District, Richard Ball, 22<sup>nd</sup> District State Senator Valde Garcia, Congressman Mike Rogers, and Senators Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin at their official websites via your township website link page

Let your voice be heard to them.