

Sciota Township Newsletter

Winter
2014

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
989-534-1621

Mike Reed, Trustee
517-651-7006

Township Assessor
Diane Dowler
810-635-9596

Board of Review
David White
Vaughn Vondrasek
Clyde Casler

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

WINTER 2014 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 17, 2015
- Taxes paid February 18, 2015 and thereafter, will have a 3% administration fee added which **MUST** be paid in full
- Taxes paid March 3, 2015 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 Monday, December 29, 2014 and March 2, 2014 (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.

FRIENDS OF CEMETERY BEING FORMED

A few citizens have asked the township to consider a 'Friends of the Cemetery' committee to help oversee the maintenance of the cemetery. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Clerk Koerner (517-651-5540) or Treasurer Schuman (517-651-5788) or just come to our next regular board meeting on the second Monday of December to discuss the possibility.

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 2, 2015 for the fees listed below. Stop by whenever the Treasurer is home (your best bet is to call first (651-5788)). After March 2, 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

2015 Tag No.

FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

Here we go again, another year gone. We have completed many road projects including refurbishing some hard tops, and we also did brush removal which will give you an extra second to see deer.

The brightest project was putting a cap on the roads in the subdivision off Woodbury. Something I have wanted to do for some time. It all came together with the work being done on Woodbury. So with board approval, the Walters subdivision has a good resurfacing which will last for many years.

Also, thanks for the good turnout at the voting booth this year. It makes me feel people do care.

Your Supervisor
Phil Matthews

WEBSITE SHOWS 12,394 HITS

Our website has over 12,394 hits showing over 2,400 hits in the past year! Many items of interest are on the site including winter tax collection hours for our Treasurer, meeting minutes, the Assessor's page that gives you the contact information for our assessor, Diane Dowler, as well as clickable links to websites and forms.

There's also the "Ordinances, Policies, Forms & Fees" page which include our Cemetery Ordinance, Fire 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.

NEW VETERAN'S MILLAGE

Don't be surprised when you receive your winter tax bill and see two millage amounts for veteran's services.

One is the original, and the second is the new one passed recently by voters.

*Happy Holidays
To Everyone
From Your Board*