

ON MONDAY, August 7, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. the ALGANSEE TOWNSHIP BOARD met at the Algansee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy, Michigan. All board members were present- Supervisor Erica Ewers, Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee Bill Avra, Trustee John Shilling and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors present that signed in were Dan Vanderpool, Duane Barnett, Eric Fast, Fred Avra, Alan Schorfhaar, Kirk Kashian, and A.B.?

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Supervisor Erica Ewers called the meeting to order on August 7, 2006 at 7:30p.m. Suzanne Preston led us in the pledge to the American Flag.

B. AGENDA- ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS- Bill Avra motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Eric Fast of 529 South Ray Quincy Road, wondered if everyone was sent a junk violation notice. Supervisor Erica Ewers explained she had received verbal complaints and had sent out 10 notices of violations. Eric Fast said he couldn't afford to clean it up. Supervisor Erica Ewers asked for Eric to come back next month with a plan on how he was going to clean it up. Supervisor Erica Ewers asked if there was any other public comment- Kirk Kashian spoke about wanting everyone to vote in the November 7th general election. He is running for probate judge on the November ballot and spoke about what he has done as prosecuting attorney and how he would change a few things in the probate office if he were elected.

D. MINUTES- Ann Strong motioned to accept the July 3, 2006 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

E. 1. August Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the township balance as of the last meeting, July 3, 2006 was \$545,009.70, the township had income this past month of \$22,786.56 and the township had expenses this past month of \$24,065.51 giving the township a balance of \$543,730.75 for this month. The Clerk agrees. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the August 7, 2006 Treasurer's report. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

E. 2. Audit Update- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the audit was done on August 2nd is all done and she is working on special assessments.

E. 3. Summer Tax Collection- Treasurer Ann Strong reported she has sent out some of the summer tax receipts and will get the rest out this week.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association- a. Parking Lot Paving- Supervisor Erica Ewers gave us an update on the Quincy Fire Association would like to pave their parking lot for a total cost of \$21,000; our township's share would be 26% of the total or \$5,460. John Shilling motioned to pay our cost of the parking lot. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. John Shilling motioned to modify the Budget under Fire Association to \$41,000. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

F. 1 b. Butler portion- Butler Township doesn't have the money to pay their share of the cost. Quincy Township and Quincy Village are each willing to pick up 1/3 of Butler's cost with Algansee Township picking up the other 1/3 of the cost, which would be \$1,178. John Shilling motioned not to pay any of Butler's share of the parking lot. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

F. 2. Report from the Algansee Township Planning and Zoning Commission - John Shilling reported the Planning and Zoning Commission did meet and discussed the subdivision act, and didn't know who should implement the subdivision act. Supervisor Erica Ewers said either the Planner of the Zoning Commission. The Commission is looking at updates in the Algansee Township Zoning Ordinance. They received a letter from Quincy Township that they are redoing their Master Plan. John Shilling motioned its ok to talk to the Planner or Attorney if that individual board agrees that it is important to talk to the Attorney or Planner without Algansee Township Board approval. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

F. 3. Report from Algansee Township Zoning Board of Appeals- Bill Avra reported they met 3 times and denied the Sneath variance request.

F. 4. Report from Alganssee Township Building Committee- Supervisor Erica Ewers said she faxed the information about the sizes from the last meeting to Scott Winter the Building Inspector and to the Tony Headley at the Health Department.

F. 5. Website (www.algansseetownship.com) - Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that we are trying to get the township boards' email addresses on the website up and going.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G. 1. Ordinance Violations- Junk & Zoning- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the junk violations are as follows **Barn letters** were sent to **Josephine Wineland, Patty Knirk, Carmen Stout, Dennis Stout, Bernard Connin and Roger VanLieu.** **Bernard Connin** has one building gone and is working on the rest. Sent certified letters on July 31st to **Eric Fast-** South Ray Quincy Rd., **Daniel Little-** S. Ray Quincy Road, **Danny Benedict-** Grove Road, **Michael Vander Pool** (cc: Pridgeon Land- Grove Road), **Donald Vanderpool-** Grove Road, **Avra Rentals-** Wolf Road, **Herman Van Lieu Estate-** sent it to "in care of current resident"- Wolf Road, **Pridgeon Land-** 2 parcels- Kelly Road, which is actually **Mr. Vincent-** 2 parcels on Kelly Road, **Sandra Ely-** Madison Road- 2 parcels, **Sandra Ely-** Winhoven Drive- 2 parcels, **Sandra Ely-** Ray Quincy Road- 2 parcels. **Denver Nutt** has cleaned his up and was sent a letter stating if it happens again he'll receive a civil infraction without a warning letter. **Dan Posanti, James Straus, John Dzienny, Mark Paradine,** are got a second letter with August 30th the clean up deadline. **McConnell Estate** – turned over to civil infraction. Bill Avra said he would like a kinder letter sent out to residents the first time. Ann Strong said she would like to see a generic copy of the junk letter.

G. 2. Recycling Center- Quincy Village is proposing to put a recycling bin by the Village office and to keep track of the usage through March of 2007 and then they will revisit the issue at that time.

G. 3. Election Update- the Clerk reported that everything is ready for tomorrow's Primary election and urged everyone to come out and vote. Suzanne Preston motioned to pay election workers and their supper. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

G. 4. Compost follow up- Coldwater City wanted the townships to send them their taxable value and their S.E.V. and then they would know how to charge each township. Nobody thought that was a good idea.

G. 5. Cemeteries- we received only one bid to repair headstones in the cemeteries, it was a bid from Bill James to repair 40 headstones for a total of \$850.00 with 6 in Lester Cemetery and 34 in Fisher Cemetery. Bill Avra motioned to accept Bill James' bid to repair the headstones in the cemeteries. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried. Ask Bill James to mark the headstones that he is going to repair.

G. 4. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS

H. 1. Planning & Zoning Commission Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the Planning and Zoning Commission July 31, 2006 minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

H. 2. Fee Schedule- the township board discussed the zoning fee schedule. Suzanne Preston motioned to change commercial and industrial fee to \$250. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. John Shilling motioned to change the public hearing fee to \$250 plus additional costs that may incur. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

H. 3. Insurance Policy- Supervisor Erica Ewers wondered if we had the new voting equipment on the insurance policy. The Clerk said she would check into it.

H. 4. Attorney- John Shilling motioned that it was ok to contact attorney Lou Loren for the Sneath situation. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

H. 5. Air Conditioner- Bill Avra motioned to buy an air conditioner for the township hall to keep the humidity out of the election ballots and voting equipment on Election Day. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

H. 6. Library- Supervisor Erica Ewers contacted the Branch County Library Board to see about when Janice Clark the Alganssee Librarian's would receive her back pay now that she is the manager. She was notified that she should get her back pay in her check this coming Friday.

H.7. CBPU Wastewater Treatment Plant Plan- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported to us that CBPU sent out a copy of the plan that they had to submit to DEQ, if anyone wants to read it.

H. 8. Any Other New Business- none

I. Payment of Bills- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$56,814.49 plus election workers and their supper plus the public hearing request refunds. John Shilling motioned to pay the bills. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report- Russ Jennings reported he issued 7 permits in July- Sam Girod Jr., Joseph Morrissey, Mike Bruner, Matt Krutsch, Menno Girod, Jon Loveberry, and Joel Schwartz.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Mickey Rubley was absent.

J. 3. Alganssee Library Report- Janice Clark was at the fair, she had phoned in her report as follows- circulation- 701, attendance- 425, hours open- 82, internet use- 166 people. She had a successful Summer Reading Program

J. 4. Assessor's Report- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported she is wrapping up July Board of Review and finalizing residential sales study.

K. Correspondences- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported we have had correspondences from MTA District meeting, Michigan Gas Utilities- updated their emergency number, federal cable regulations can write to our senators, and McKenna has hired a new planner Greg Milliken.

L. Public Comment- Fred Avra reported that he doesn't have ownership of the McConnell property on Crauns Beach. He has told us that it is in Probate Court right now and he has tried to clean it up and whoever took those pictures of the property had to be almost trespassing on the property to take the pictures and would like to make sure these comments are in the minutes. He would like the township to offer junk pick up once a year to the township. Fred said he remembers when he helped Whitey Donbrock pick up the road side and our reward was to take the bottles to Doves Store and the money was split.

M. Next Meeting- next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 5, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the Alganssee Township Hall.

N. Adjournment- Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk