

ON MONDAY, September 5, 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 Laura Victor, Susan Shilling, Dallas & Bev Snyder and Glenn Preston

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Supervisor Erica Ewers called the September 5, 2006 meeting to order at 7:30p.m. Suzanne Preston led us in the pledge to the American Flag.

B. AGENDA- ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS- Suzanne Preston motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Support by Ann strong. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Laura Victor who lives on Rapp Drive which is a private drive way, replaced an existing 12 x 12 shed with a 10 x 16 shed. The Zoning Administrator said she is in violation. Since Rapp Drive is a private drive way she doesn't think she is in violation. Erica said we would take a look at this one more time to see what we can figure out. Supervisor Erica Ewers asked if there were any other public comments. None

D. MINUTES- Bill Avra motioned to accept the August 7, 2006 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

E. 1. August Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the township balance as of the last meeting, August 7, 2006 was \$543,730.75, the township had income this past month of \$2,742.45 and the township had expenses this past month of \$58,201.40 giving the township a balance of \$488,271.80 for this month. The Clerk agrees. John Shilling motioned to accept the September 5, 2006 Treasurer's report. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

E. 2. Audit Update- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the audit is pretty much done and now working on getting special assessments cleared up.

E. 3. Summer Tax Collection- Treasurer Ann Strong reported that September 14th is the deadline to pay summer taxes.

Harold Sneath- Ann Strong wondered what we should do about Harold Sneath putting a stop payment on his check that he had written to the township for ZBA meetings. John Shilling motioned to send him a letter asking for full payment in 30 days. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. John Shilling amended his motion to have Harold Sneath pay in 10 days. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to take Harold Sneath to small claims court if he doesn't pay in 10 days. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association - Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the parking lot is paved Quincy Village paid 1/3 & Quincy Township paid 2/3's of Butler's share of the paving. The Quincy Fire Association used the Amish benefit money cover a logistical trailer, extrication stabilization jacks, life safety belts and the rest went to pay for a county wide Fire Education trailer, which all departments in the county will use. The Quincy Fire Association is working with the Jonesville, Allen, Coldwater Fire Departments- U.S. 12 corridor to learn how to handle and put out fires in big buildings. The Fire Association would like to have a planning session with all township board members in the Association sometime coming up soon. The Fire Association audit is done. The Village Clerk is printing the checks for the fire Association and Karen Hargrave is the Quincy Fire Association treasurer is who signs the checks.

F. 2. Report from the Algansee Township Planning Commission - John Shilling reported the Planning Commission did meet and discussed alot of things. There is a special use hearing on September

25 for Jake Girod on Lester Road. John said he issued a zoning permit to Jake Schwartz on Warren Road for a house addition and pole barn, since Zoning Administrator Russ Jennings is off since he had surgery.

F. 3. Report from Alganssee Township Zoning Board of Appeals- Bill Avra reported Jacob Eicher on Hammond Road would like to replace the old portion of the his house which isn't in compliance. Bill also reported that Diane Beckman the ZBA secretary went back to school so she no longer has time to be the secretary. Supervisor Erica Ewers wondered if we should call a special joint meeting between the Planning Commission and the Township Board. It was agreed to hold the joint meeting next Tuesday September 12 at 7:00 p.m. Suzanne Preston motioned to advertise for a Zoning Board of Appeals secretary. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned that we hire a ZBA secretary. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

F. 4. Report from Alganssee Township Building Committee- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported she received a letter from the Building Inspector and the Health Department we will need 2 bathrooms in a new township hall.

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 she sent second letters to **Eric Fast-** 549 South Ray Quincy Rd.- he is working on it, will get a second notice, **Danny Benedict Sr.-** 1025 Grove Road- needs work will get second notice, **Avra Rentals-** Wolf Road- working on it, **Herman Van Lieu Estate-** Wolf Road- nothing has been done will get a second notice, **Daniel Little-** 556 S. Ray Quincy Road reported cars all licensed and moved, **Michael Vander Pool,** 1038 Grove Road- vehicles are gone, **Donald Vanderpool-** 1049 Grove Road- trailer taken down and just the frame is left, **Mr. Vincent** on Kelly Road - south of Campbell Road and north of Burlew Road - people keep dumping garbage on his land he would like help stopping this, **Sandra Ely-**parcels on Madison Road, Winhoven Drive, Ray Quincy Road- didn't pick up certified letter and is getting worse, has until September 26 or she'll get . **Dan Posanti, James Straus, John Dzienny,** the board recommends that they get civil infraction notices. **Mark Paradine** have not heard from him in the last 30 days. **McConnell Estate-** turned the paper work over to our attorney and he can not find any probate paper work. **Roger Van Lieu** asked for more of an explanation on the barn letter and he is trying to repair the buildings when he has time. Roger said his brother's estate, Barb is working on it. Bill Avra said times are getting tough and it all takes money to clean up our places. Fred Avra wondered if the Township could work with the people and provide dumpsters once a year so people could clean up their junk, so the township could look better, he said health care is out of control. Fred said some of these barns have been falling down for years and they can't be cleaned in 30 days, he feels the township should try to encourage the property owners to clean up and we should be concerned about immigration than anything else, it is out of control.

G. 2. Cemeteries- The headstones are being worked on. Dallas reported he trimmed some trees in the cemeteries and Terry's Tree service cut down the evergreen tree in Lester Cemetery. Supervisor Erica Ewers had Menards price for vinyl fence. Bill Avra said Kenyon Overhead Door has a 2 rail fence is cheapest around

G.3. Junk Ordinance- Supervisor Erica Ewers said the biggest complaint she has been getting is with notices in section 4 on page 2. She said that this area needs to be changed. John Shilling said he thought that a property owner would need 2 complaints from different township residents before a letter would be sent and the first letter should be sent regular mail and then the second letter be sent certified mail and then if there hasn't been any progress it would be a civil infraction.

G. 4. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS

H. 1. Planning Commission Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the Planning Commission August 28, 2006 minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

H. 2. Zoning Ordinance Considerations- will be discussed at the September 12 joint meeting with the Planning Commission.

H. 3. Stop Over Spending Resolution- Supervisor Erica Ewers read the resolution. Erica Ewers motioned to support the resolution. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

H. 4. Any Other New Business- none

I. Payment of Bills- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$8,773.03. Bill Avra motioned to pay the bills. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report- Russ Jennings reported he issued 7 permits in August- Mike Waligora, Joel & Anna Schwartz, Willie Schwartz, Bob & Cherie Cochrane, Mark Hildebrand, Shirley Tait, Jake Schwartz and Jeff Ewers- renewal

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

J. 3. Alganssee Library Report- Librarian Janice Clark was absent.

J. 4. Assessor's Report- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported she is progressing.

K. Correspondences- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported we have had correspondences from MTA about township government academy, Branch County Road Commission tour Oct3, county Land Use tour on September 22nd.

L. Public Comment- Pricilla Dodd wondered about giving back to the community and having a trash pick up day. Glenn Preston wondered about the jail proposal on the November ballot.

M. Next Meeting- next meeting will be on Monday, October 2, 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 9:30 p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk