

On Monday, October 2, 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 Jack Lutz, Mick & Linda Belcher, Chris & Judy Donato, Earl & Mary Waterstrat, Duane Barnett, Joyce & Sam Clark, Harold & Deborah Sneath, Janice Clark and Beverly Snyder.

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Supervisor Erica Ewers called the October 2, 2006 meeting to order at 7:30p.m. Suzanne Preston led us in the pledge to the American Flag.

B. AGENDA- ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS- Supervisor Erica Ewers asked that we put the auditor David Locey on the November agenda. Ann Strong motioned to approve the agenda with the change Support by. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- 1. Fred Figley presented to the township board a petition for a renewal of the maintenance special assessment for Bickford Drive. Supervisor Erica Ewers said the maintenance special assessment renewals can be for indefinitely as long as there isn't any changes. Supervisor Erica Ewers said the Bickford Drive residents would like this to be on this year's tax bill, so we need to hold two public hearings next month to get it on the December's tax bill. Suzanne Preston motioned to hold one public hearing at 7:00p.m. and the other public hearing at 7:15 p.m. on November 6, 2006 at our next township board meeting. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

Any Other Comments- none

C. 2. ZBA interviews- Linda Belcher of 812 Bennett Drive and John Lutz of 127 Crauns Beach Drive submitted their applications for Algansee Zoning Board Appeals Secretary. Supervisor Erica Ewers read their resumes. She explained the duties of the secretary of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Jack Lutz said he wouldn't be available January through March and Linda Belcher said she would be available evenings. Suzanne Preston motioned to appoint Linda Belcher as the secretary for the Algansee Zoning Board of Appeals. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

C. 3. Any Other Public Comment- none

D. MINUTES- Bill Avra motioned to accept the September 6, 2006 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to accept the September 12, 2006 Special Board meeting minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

E. 1. October Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the township balance as of the last meeting, September 6, 2006 was \$488,271.80, the township had income this past month of \$25,885.32 and the township had expenses this past month of \$8,773.03 giving the township a balance of \$505,384.09 for this month. The Clerk agrees. John Shilling motioned to accept the October 2, 2006 Treasurer's report. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

E. 2. Summer Tax Collection- Treasurer Ann Strong reported 1,166 parcels have been collected. Harold Sneath's stop payment on his check to the township- Harold Sneath said he will pay it when he receives a letter from the township requesting payment.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association - Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the next Fire meeting will be October 18th.

F. 2. Report from the Algansee Township Planning Commission - John Shilling reported the Planning Commission did meet and had planned a special use public hearing for Noah Girod, but no one showed up to represent Noah Girod, so it is rescheduled for this month's meeting on October 30, 2006. The Planning commission has discussed a lot of things and now they need to talk to the Planner.

F. 3. Report from Alganssee Township Zoning Board of Appeals- Bill Avra reported they met twice last month.

F. 4. Report from Alganssee Township Building Committee- John Shilling showed us the pictures of all the township halls in the county and their square footage. Only 3 township's are still using their original township halls.

F. 5. Website (www. alganseetownship.com) - Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that Sue Morgan will come out and help each of us set up our email addresses.

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.-same as last month, **Danny Benedict Sr.-** 1025 Grove Road- was sent second notice making slow progress, **Avra Rentals-** Wolf Road- working on it, **Herman Van Lieu Estate-** Wolf Road- was sent second notice, **Sandra Ely-**parcels on Madison Road, Winhoven Drive, Ray Quincy Road- she called and wanted another week. **Dan Posanti & James Straus** wondered what more we wanted picked up, **Mark Paradine-** need to call him, **Jim Burke-** zoning violation & **McConnell Estate-** civil infraction still being worked on.

G. 2. Cemeteries- still looking into putting up a new fence.

G. 3. Junk Ordinance- Supervisor Erica Ewers said read the changes in the junk ordinance.- needs to have 2 written complaints, first notice by first class mail and the second notice by certified mail. John Shilling motioned to hold a public hearing for the Junk Ordinance next month at 8:00p.m. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

G. 4. Zoning Ordinance Considerations- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the changes in the Zoning Ordinance as a result of the Zoning Enabling Act and the Subdivision Act were sent to the Planner. Waiting to hear from him on a date when he can come down.

G. 5. Subdivision Ordinance- Supervisor Erica Ewers wondered if we could hold Public Hearing the Subdivision Ordinance at the same time as the Zoning Ordinance Public Hearing.

G. 6. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS

H. 1. Planning Commission Minutes- John Shilling motioned to accept the Planning Commission September 25, 2006 minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

H. 2. Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment- already appointed Linda Belcher earlier in the meeting.

H.3. West Channel Drive residents in Ovid township proposal is to have the township pay for the gravel in the process of paving the road. Suzanne Preston said about 10 years ago the residents circulated the petition and it was turned down by the residents of the private drive. We agreed we really can't act on it until we see a petition.

H. 4. Any Other New Business- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that Harold Sneath filed a lawsuit against the township. John Shilling motioned to proceed with it. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. Suzanne Preston wondered about paying the election workers supper and getting a hand railing for the steps up to the voting booths. Bill Avra motioned to pay the election workers supper. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to install a railing up the steps to the voting booths. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Supervisor Erica Ewers asked if there was anymore new business. There wasn't any.

I. Payment of Bills- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$22,539.38. 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 7 permits were issued in September- Ronald Rowland, Dan & Rosie Peterson, Henry & Margaret Eicher, Mark & Jennifer Whitney, Bill & Marilyn Friend, Jake Schwartz, and Sam Schwartz.

J. 2. Alganssee Library Report- Librarian Janice Clark reported they are getting a lot of walnut donations. Every Wednesday at 4:00p.m. is story hour and the Halloween party is October 28th. Circulation was 805, attendance was 417, hours open were 92, internet use was 231 hours and opened 20 hours a week.

J. 3. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Mickey Rubley was absent.

J. 4. Assessor's Report- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported she has everything caught up and she's ready to start measuring

K. Correspondences- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported we have had correspondences from MTA about emergency services, Branch County Road Commission Tour Oct. 3rd, McKenna, Branch County Conservation District- save the woodlands workshop.

L. Public Comment- Any Other Public Comments? John Shilling wondered when the Branch County Road Commission would start working on the township bridges. Any Other comments? None.

M. Next Meeting- next meeting will be on Monday, November , 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Alganssee Township Hall, starting with the public hearings for Bickford Drive.

N. Adjournment- Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk