

September 2, 2003 Minutes

On Tuesday, September 2, 2003, at 8:00p.m. the Alganssee Township Board held its regular meeting at the Alganssee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy, Michigan. All Board members were present Supervisor Erica Ewers, Treasurer Bonita Shilling, Trustee Russell Strong, Trustee Bill Avra and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors present that signed in were Margaret Strong, Dallas and Beverly Snyder, Joe Donato, Heath Gillette, Fred Culy, John Shilling, Mickey Rubley, Lynnell Eash.

Pledge- Supervisor Erica Ewers led us in the pledge to the American flag.

Agenda- Supervisor Ewers asked us to add Tennants Dredging under new business. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the agenda with the addition. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment- None

Special Assessment Hearing for Whistler Drive- Supervisor Ewers opened the special assessment public hearing for the repaving of Whistler Drive. They had received 2 quotes for the repaving. Thompson McCully for 15,000 square feet for \$5,000.00. Excell Paving for 15,000 square feet for \$7,500.00. Fred Culy motioned to have Thompson McCully do the repaving of Whistler Drive for \$5,000.00, to be divided per person for 5 years. Support by Heath Gillette. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to accept Thompson McCully's bid of \$5,000.00 to repave the 15,000 square feet of Whistler Drive. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried. Suzanne Preston motioned to close the special assessment public hearing for repaving Whistler Drive. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

Minutes- Supervisor Ewers said in paragraph 11- Building Committee of the August 4, 2003 Township Board minutes - the proposed addition should read 22 feet x 24 feet not 24 feet x 2 feet. Bill Avra motioned to accept the August 4, 2003 minutes with the correction. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report- Treasurer Bonita Shilling reported a balance of \$495,143.26. Suzanne Preston motioned to table the Treasurer's report again because it is not complete. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. Treasurer Shilling said there are a lot of summer taxes coming in to be paid now and also she has a copy of the special assessment report for anyone that is interested, and she has an appointment with the auditor here on Tuesday, September 16, 2003. The Clerk asked for copies of the receipts. Treasurer Bonita Shilling said she hasn't picked up the receipt book yet. Supervisor Ewers reported that August 4, 2003 Treasurer's report is still tabled.

Committee Reports- Quincy Fire Association- Supervisor Ewers reported they had a Muscular Dystrophy Benefit by collecting money in their fireman's boots, and also they held a hog roast to raise money for ice rescue equipment.

Planning and Zoning Commission- Supervisor Ewers reported that they approved the newly revised Zoning Ordinance.

Zoning Board of Appeals- didn't meet last month.

Supervisor's Association- will start meeting again on September 15, 2003. Evelyn David from Michigan Township Association will speak on the future of townships at the Supervisor's Meeting on December 15, 2003 at 7:30p.m.

Building Committee- no meeting date has been set.

Old Business- Ordinance Violations- Davis and Dickman- nothing new to report. **Tom-** petitioning the court about storing more boats on property where they weren't suppose to. **Gaskill-** still cleaning up. **Ely and Paradine** on Winhoven Drive have received civil infraction notices.

Auction- will be September 17, 2003 at 5:00p.m. for the Community House and 6:00p.m for the property on Bickford Drive.

Cemetery- bids for driveways in both cemeteries- Joe McAllister bid \$2,650.00 for crushed limestone and Ron Ewers had a bid for \$2,500.00 for crushed limestone. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept Ron Ewers bid of \$2,500.00 for spreading and leveling crushed limestone for the driveways in both cemeteries. Bonita Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried. Supervisor Ewers reported that we need to have Terry's Tree Service out again to cut down a tree in

Lester Cemetery. The Clerk said she will call the sexton about fixing the broken headstones in both cemeteries. Asked Ron Ewers if he could remove the piles of dirt that are in Lester Cemetery. He said he would.

County Special Assessment Chargeback's- Supervisor Ewers reported that on Crockett and Bennett Drives there are a couple lots that are not buildable and are owned by all the property owners on those drives, and somehow those parcels got put back on the assessment roll and now she has worked to get them off the special assessment roll. The chargeback's are \$111.51 times 4. Suzanne Preston motioned to pay back to the county the chargeback's. Support by Bonita Shilling Motion carried. Bonita Shilling motioned to pay chargeback's as soon as we get the bill. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator- Supervisor Ewers reported that we have had 3 replies for the Zoning Administrator job, Harold Farris from South Allen Road, Leslie Everett from Bronson and Roger Bradley from Sherwood. Suzanne Preston motioned to run ad again and interview applicants on our next board meeting on October 6, 2003 at 8:00p.m. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

New Business- Alganssee Township Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes- Russell Strong motioned to accept the August 16, 2003 Alganssee Township Planning and Zoning Commission minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Russell Strong motioned to accept the August 25, 2003 Alganssee Township Planning and Zoning minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Russell Strong motioned to accept the special use request from Robert Strouse to build a single family home on Fisher Road, property code # 120-004-300-015-01. Support by Bonita Shilling. Motion carried. Supervisor Ewers reported the Alganssee Township Planning and Zoning Commission has approved the newly revised Alganssee Township Zoning Ordinance and it is now sent on to the Branch County Planning Commission to approve.

Township Hall- Supervisor Ewers reported that she could only find one person to bid for power washing the Township Hall and that is Deano's Auto Shine. He'll power wash it for \$225.00 Suzanne Preston motioned to have Deano's Auto Shine power wash the Township Hall for \$225.00. Support by Erica Ewers. Motion carried.

Tenant's Dredging- Supervisor Ewers reported that Tennant's Dredging cleaned out a channel a couple years ago and a special assessment district was created. The township kept the last payment of \$7,666.00(which was 1/3 of the total cost) until the 10 property owners were satisfied. Tennant's Dredging never finished the job. It has been more than 3 years since the dredging and the property owners would like their money back. Bonita Shilling motioned to pay the 10 property owners back as soon as we get the ok from our attorney. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

Any Other New Business- the fall MTA district meeting will be in Coldwater on September 24, 2003.

Special Reports- Zoning Administrator- Ed Michel reported he issued 3 new zoning permits and 1 renewal.

Branch County Commissioner's Report- Mickey Rubley reported on the Branch County Commissioners.

Library- Lynnell Eash reported that the Alganssee Library had 488 users in the month of August.

Assessing- Supervisor Ewers gave the assessing report.

Payment of Bills- Bills were presented in the amount of \$20,316.15. Russell Strong motioned to pay the bills. Bonita Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment- John Shilling asked about the status Community House. Supervisor Ewers reported that all reports are due at the Township Hall on the Friday before the Township meeting on the following Monday, so that all board members can review the reports before the meeting.

Next Meeting- will be October 6, 2003 at 8:00p.m.

Adjourn- Russell Strong motioned to adjourn. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. Adjourned at 9:00p.m.
Suzanne Preston, Clerk