

August 4, 2003 Minutes

On **Monday, August 4, 2003 the Alganssee Township Board** met for 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 Lynnell Eash, Margaret Strong, Helen White, Joe Donato, Chris and Judy Donato, Dallas Snyder, Ed Geishert Sr., Fred A. Culy, Mary Ann Pierson, Bernard and Carole Connin.

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

Agenda- Bill Avra motioned to accept the agenda. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

Public Comment- Supervisor Ewers asked if there were any comments from the public. None.

Special Assessment Public Hearing for Whistler Drive- Supervisor Ewers called the public hearing to create a special assessment district for resurfacing Whistler Drive to order. There are 11 property owners on Whistler Drive. 7 of the property owners signed the petition in favor of resurfacing Whistler Drive and to be assessed by property owner. Fred Culy, Ed Geishert Sr., and Heath Gillette were present to represent the property owners in favor of the resurfacing. Fred Culy motioned to proceed with the special assessment public hearing. Ed Geishert Sr. supported the motion. Motion carried. Bonita Shilling motioned to close the public hearing. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes- Russell Strong motioned to accept the July 7, 2003 minutes of the Alganssee Township Board. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report- Bonita Shilling reported a balance of \$513,023.83. Russell Strong motioned to table the treasurer's report until complete. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Bonita Shilling said the special assessment reports would be ready soon. Supervisor Ewers asked if the Township board could have copies of the special assessment reports and also a year to date treasurer's report. Bonita Shilling said she'd have them done soon.

Committee Reports- Quincy Fire Association- supervisor Ewers reported the next meeting will be next Wednesday, August 13, 2003 at 7:00.

Planning and Zoning Board- Supervisor Ewers reported they have held 2 informal public hearings for the new Zoning Ordinance. They have made a few changes in the proposed new Zoning Ordinance.

Zoning Board of Appeals- Bill Avra reported they didn't meet last month.

Building Committee- Supervisor Ewers reported that the active members on the committee that still live in the township are Fred Avra, Carole Connin and Willow Coonce. Suzanne Preston motioned to have Supervisor Ewers representing the Township Board and Rodney Carpenter representing the Planning and Zoning Commission be on the committee along with Fred Avra, Carole Connin, and Willow Coonce. Support by Bonita Shilling. Motion carried. Bonita Shilling moved to direct the Building Committee to look into a proposed 24 feet by 2 feet addition on to the Township Hall, with 1 or 2 restrooms. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

Amend Budget- Erica Ewers motioned to amend the Budget line item Township Hall to \$65,000. Suzanne Preston supported the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business- Ordinance Violations- Tom and Davis- zoning- still waiting to hear from the Circuit court. **Dickman-** zoning- on hold since she filed leave of Appeal. **Gaskill-** junk- has gone to court and was given 90 days to clean up the junk. New junk violations- **Ely and Paradine-** they have 30 days to clean up.

Auction- Community House and property on Bickford Drive- we did receive a second bid, it is from William Coats at 8% and Dan Covell's bid is 8.75%. Bill Avra moved to have Dan Covell auction off the Community House and the Township's property on Bickford Drive. Bonita Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried. Bonita Shilling motioned to have a stipulation on the contract that whoever buys the Community House has 60 days to tear it down or 30 days to board up exterior to make safe. Suzanne Preston supported the motion. Motion carried.

Cemeteries- Supervisor Ewers reported that Terry's Tree Service is slowly cutting down the trees we had requested in both cemeteries and also at the Township Hall. Suzanne Preston motioned to pay Dallas and Beverly Snyder extra for cleaning up in the cemeteries since the last hard rain storm. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried. Ron Ewers submitted a bid to repair the cemetery driveways. Bill Avra thought we should get another bid, so he'll have another bid next month.

County Special Assessments- Supervisor Ewers reported that on Crockett Drive and Donnell Drive there are a couple parcels that are not buildable and are owned by all the lot owners on those drives. The parcels have been taken off the County Special Assessment roll. Some how the parcels got put back on the County Special Assessment roll. Bonita Shilling motioned to work with the County Drain Commissioners office and the Marble Lake Board to get them taken off. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

Any Other Old Business- None.

New Business- Planning and Zoning Commission minutes- Bonita Shilling motioned to accept the July 28, 2003 Planning and Zoning Commission minutes as submitted. Support by Russell Strong. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator- Ed Michel has submitted his resignation as Zoning Administrator at the end of the year. Erica Ewers motioned to accept Ed Michel's resignation with regrets. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

Any Other New Business- none.

Correspondence- MTA is holding their District meetings. There is one in Coldwater at the Dearth Center on September 24th. Supervisor Ewers, Bill Avra, Russell Strong and Suzanne Preston said they would like to go. Suzanne Preston motioned to pay the \$260.00 so they could attend the MTA district meeting. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

Special reports- Zoning Administrator- Ed Michel reported he had issued 8 permits last month.

Library- Lynnell Eash reported they had 82 kids in the summer reading program.

Assessing Report- Erica Ewers gave her assign report.

Payment of Bills- Bills were submitted in the amount of \$18,603.68. Russell Strong motioned to pay the bills. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment- Paul DeWeisse is running for Congress. He presented the township with a framed embossed National Motto.

Next Meeting- will be on Tuesday, September 2, 2003

Adjourn- Bonita Shilling moved to adjourn. Support by Russell Strong. Motion carried. Adjourned at 9:15p.m. Suzanne Preston, Clerk