

July 7, 2003 Minutes

Monday, July 7, 2003, the Regular Meeting of the Alganssee Township Board was held at the Alganssee Township Hall, 378, South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy. All Board members were present; Supervisor Erica Ewers, Treasurer Bonita Shilling, Trustee Russell Strong, Trustee Bill Avra and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors present were Ron Ewers, Margaret Strong, Dallas & Beverly Snyder, Ed Michel, Joe & Lena Donato, Fred & Jo Avra.

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

Agenda- Supervisor Ewers asked us to add Whistler Drive to the new business. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the agenda with the Whistler Drive addition. Support by Bonita Shilling. Motion carried.

Public Comment- none.

Minutes- Bonita Shilling motioned to accept the June 9, 2003 Township Board minutes. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Bonita Shilling reported a balance of \$491,893.52 in the checking account, CD's and the Municipal Investment Fund. The Clerk agrees. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. Bonita Shilling reported that the summer tax notices were sent out last Monday and she took the Treasurer's stuff to the auditor last Wednesday.

Committee Reports- Quincy Fire Association- Supervisor Ewers gave us an update.

Planning and Zoning Commission Report- Supervisor Ewers reported that there will be another informal hearing on the proposed Zoning Ordinance and the amended Zoning District map on Saturday July 26, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. There will be a formal public hearing for the proposed Zoning Ordinance and the amended Zoning District map on Saturday August 16, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals- didn't meet in the month of June.

Building Committee- Supervisor Ewers said she would like to have a special meeting for the Building Committee. Bonita Shilling motioned to hold the special meeting on July 29, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Alganssee Township Hall. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business- Ordinance Violations- Davis and Tom- still waiting. **Dickman-** turned over to attorney Loren. **Gaskill-** scheduled for court this Thursday.

Auction for Community House and property on Bickford Drive- Covell was the only auctioneer to respond and he is charging 8.75%.

Cemeteries- the limbs are getting cut down by Terry's Tree Service.

Branch County Road Commission- Supervisor Ewers wondered if all the board members received a copy of the Branch County Road Commission's newsletter. Everyone had. The Road Commission wondered what work we wanted done Campbell Road. Discussion followed. Bonita Shilling motioned to leave Campbell Road as is. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Department Report- Deputy Greg Weir gave us an update on the Sheriff's Department.

Tele Comm. Law- Supervisor Ewers reported that we had 17 of the 100 and some letters we sent out to the Telecommunications Companies. We need to publish a summary of the Tele Comm. Ordinance.

Life Care/ Fremont Fire Department- Life Care will leave it up to each Township to decide if they would like to use Fremont Fire Department to be called to provide only First Aid. Quincy Fire Association does not provide First Aid at

this time. Bill Avra motioned to accept Fremont Fire Department's offer to provide First Aid for Algansee Township. Bonita Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried.

Any Other Old Business- none.

New Business- Planning and Zoning Minutes- Bonita Shilling motioned to accept the Algansee Township Planning and Zoning June 30, 2003 minutes. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried. Russell Strong motioned to approve Pricilla Dodd's request to build a home in the Ag District, at 138 South Ray Quincy Road, property code# 120-004-200-020-00.

Zoning Administrator- Supervisor Ewers reported that Ed Michel will be retiring as Zoning Administrator at the end of the year.

Drain Commission- Supervisor Ewers reported that there are a couple of parks on Crockett Drive that were assessed for special assessments, Coldwater Sewer project assessment and the Coldwater/Marble Lake Improvement assessment, which should never have been assessed. Now she is working to get those taken off.

Whistler Drive- Supervisor Ewers reported that a petition has been presented for a special assessment district to put an asphalt cap on Whistler Drive. Bill Avra motioned to accept the petition. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried. We'll hold a public hearing for this purpose at the next two Algansee Township Board meetings with a couple property owners present from Whistler Drive to make and supported the motions.

Any Other New Business- none.

Correspondence- National Association of Towns and Townships is holding "America's Town Meeting" in Washington D.C., September 3-5, 2003. No one is interested. City of Ferndale is requesting help in regulating hand guns. Bonita Shilling motioned not to help Ferndale in regulating hand guns. Support from Bill Avra. Motion carried.

Reports- Zoning Administrator- Ed Michel reported he issued 7 zoning permits last month.

Branch County Commissioner- Mickey Rubley gave us an update.

Library Report- see handout.

Assessing Report- July Board of Review will be next Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

Payment of Bills- Russell Strong motioned to pay bills of \$8,227.18. Support by Bonita Shilling. Motion carried.

Public Comment- none.

Announcements- next meeting will be August 4, 2003 at 8:00 p.m.

Adjourn- Bill Avra motioned to adjourn. Support by Russell Strong. Motion carried. Adjourned 9:06 p.m.
Suzanne Preston, Clerk

On July 29, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Algansee Township Hall there was a special meeting to see what the Algansee Township's needs are. Discussion followed.