

May 5, 2003

On **May 5, 2003 the regular meeting of the Algansee Township Board** was called to order at 8:00p.m., at the Algansee 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 were Ed Michel, Margaret Strong, Ron Ewers, Bill Jones, Dallas and Beverly Snyder, and Joe and Lena Donato.

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

Agenda- Supervisor Ewers said to add a 1.5 under New Business for Telecom request. Bonita Shilling motioned to accept the agenda with the addition. Suzanne Preston supported the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment- Supervisor Ewers asked if there was any public comment. There wasn't any.

Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the April 7, 2003 minutes. Support by Bonita Shilling. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Bonita Shilling reported the balance in the checking and savings account is \$506,851.62. The Treasurer and Clerk agree. Russell Strong motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Suzanne Preston supported the motion. Motion carried. Treasurer Bonita Shilling reported that 3 CD's were up for renewal in May. At National City Bank the CD of \$107,918.04 is at a rate of 4%, so we will leave that one alone. Erica Ewers motioned to have the Flagstar Bank CD of \$105,777.17 at 1.34% for 1 year. Suzanne Preston supported the motion. Motion carried. Bonita Shilling motioned to roll over the CD at Monarch Bank with an interest rate of 1.36% except to change it from a 2 year CD to a one year CD. Suzanne Preston supported the motion. Motion carried. There was some discussion about the sweep account at National City Bank and how it really isn't working how we were led to believe. Bonita Shilling motioned to close out the sweep account at National City Bank and deposit that money into the general fund account at National City Bank. Suzanne Preston supported the motion. Motion carried. Bonita Shilling said she would get the Special Assessment Update information tonight. The Summer Tax Newsletter will get in the envelopes the end of June.

Committee Reports- Fire Association Report- Supervisor Ewers reported that all 5 Fire trucks on eBay, and have received \$8,700. So far we have received money for 4 of the 5 trucks. The new Fire Truck should be here in a week.

Planning and Zoning Commission Report- Russell Strong said he had nothing to report.

Zoning Board of Appeals Report- Bill Avra reported that they didn't meet this month.

Building Committee Report- Supervisor Ewers reported that the property next door is for sale and they aren't interested in selling off one acre.

Sheriff's Department Report- Deputy Frank Barker and Deputy Nick Rose represented the Sheriff's Department and asked for any questions and comment that anyone might have.

Old Business- Ordinance Violations- Dickman, Davis and Tom there is nothing new to report. **Donato-** we do have the court ruling and he now has his permit. **Nick Sours** has cleaned up his place. **Gaskill** has a civil infraction pending for not cleaning up his junk.

Community House and Township Property on Bickford Dr- Supervisor Ewers said she'll have bids back from the auctioneers by the June meeting. She has contacted 5 auctioneers.

Telecomm Law- it applies to telephone and cable modems. The law states that we must have some kind of ordinance by 12-31-03. Bill Avra motioned to have our attorney draft an ordinance to meet the requirements of the law. Suzanne Preston supported the motion. Motion carried.

Cemetery- Supervisor Ewers asked if anyone has heard from the Natural Tree Service people, because she hasn't. Last month she sent them a letter and hasn't heard anything from them. Supervisor Ewers was wondering about contacting someone else to cut trim the trees. Suzanne Preston said she would ask the Sexton Bill James who he gets to do the tree trimming for his other cemeteries.

Branch County Road Commission - Supervisor Ewers reported that she has a copy of their annual report if anyone would like to review it. Supervisor Ewers reported that last year we did \$150,000 in township road work and that we have discussed doing about \$100,000 in road work this year. It was discussed that Warren Road needs drainage work on it. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the Branch County Road Commission contracts for Colvin Road (cut shoulder and regrade from Warren Road to Lester Road with 1,300 yards of processed gravel, for a distance of 1.0 mile) and Warren Road (reditch and apply 3,00 yards of processed gravel from Fremont Road to Hamman Road, a distance of 2.1 miles). Russell Strong supported the motion. Roll call vote Russell Strong- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Erica Ewers- yes, Bonita Shilling, Suzanne Preston- yes. Motion carried.

Any Other Old Business- Supervisor Ewers asked if there was any other old business. There wasn't.

New Business- Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes- Bonita Shilling motioned to accept the April 21, 2003 minutes as presented. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. Bonita Shilling motioned to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to deny Dwayne McNall's request for a special use permit on April 21, 2003. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. Bonita Shilling motioned to accept the Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation to approve Dan and Sue Jacoby's request for a special use permit. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve Mitch Miller's request for a special use permit. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried. Bonita Shilling motioned to accept the April 28, 2003 Planning and Zoning Commission minutes as presented. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

Telecomm Request- Supervisor Ewers reported she had received a request to sign off on the permit to Frontier Telecommunications. We all agreed to put it on hold until the June meeting.

Any Other New Business- Supervisor Ewers asked if there was any other new business. There wasn't.

Correspondences- the County Building Inspector wants the dimensions on the zoning permits. Murry County Drain/ Quincy Drain #9 the bids should be in by 5-20-03

Zoning Administrator Report- Ed Michel reported he had issued 6 new permits.

Branch County Commissioners Report- Mickey wasn't there.

Library Report- Supervisor Ewers said for us to review the Alganssee Library report.

Assessing Report- Supervisor Ewers reported that the assessment is rolled over, she has cleaned up the Homestead exemptions and is preparing for July Board of Review.

Bills- were submitted in the amount of \$13,874.52. Bill Avra motioned to pay the bills. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried. Bonita Shilling motioned to adjust 2003-2004 Budget, line item Township Hall to \$4,500. Suzanne Preston supported the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment- Supervisor Ewers asked if there was any public comment. There wasn't any.

Announcements- the next township Board meeting will be on Monday June 9th at 8:00p.m. The next Planning and Zoning commission meeting will be Monday June 2, 2003.

Adjourn- Suzanne Preston motioned to adjourn with the next meeting being on June 9th. Bonita Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk