

On Monday, December 4, 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 Duane Barnett, Susan Shilling, Joseph and Harold Sneath, Sam and Joyce Clark, and Mickey Rubley.

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Supervisor Erica Ewers called the December 4, 2006 meeting to order at 7:30p.m. Suzanne Preston led us in the pledge to the American Flag.

B. AGENDA- ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS- Suzanne Preston motioned to approve the agenda. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

C. Public Comment- none

D. MINUTES- Ann Strong motioned to accept the November 6, 2006 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

E. 1. December Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the township balance at the last meeting, November 6, 2006 was \$487,210.79, the township had income this past month of \$25,523.40 and the township had expenses this past month of \$10,806.31 giving the township a balance of for this month \$501,927.82. The Clerk agrees. John Shilling motioned to accept the December 4, 2006 Treasurer's report. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

E. 2. Winter Tax Collection - Ann Strong reported all the tax notices are mailed. She also said that she has a meeting next week with our township auditor David Locey about the special assessments.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association – Supervisor Erica Ewers wondered how the board felt about the proposed easement request in the parking lot at the Quincy Fire Department. John Shilling asked what would we gain from it. We agreed we do not support the easement. Supervisor Erica Ewers talked about the proposed Quincy Fire Association Budget which is \$166,190.84 and our township's share is \$43,209.00. John Shilling motioned to accept the Quincy Fire Association Budget. Support from Ann Strong. Motion carried.

F. 2. Report from the Algansee Township Planning Commission - John Shilling reported the Planning Commission met twice last month.

F. 3. Report from Algansee Township Zoning Board of Appeals- Bill Avra reported they didn't meet last month, but have 3 meetings coming up this month.

F. 4. Report from Algansee Township Building Committee- Supervisor Erica Ewers said she met with the County Building inspector. If we build big enough to hold more than 300 people at the same time we need to have sprinklers installed in the ceiling. If less than 300 people we need to put in a fire wall between the old and new addition. He suggested having both bathrooms be handicap accessible. Then we discussed space requirements.

F. 5. Website (www.alganseetownship.com) - Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that there is nothing new to report.

F.6. Supervisor's Meeting- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that the County Supervisors received the annual Branch County Road Commission report.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G. 1. Ordinance Violations- Barn Letters- Josephine Wineland- corner of Briggs & Central Rd., Patti Knirk- Potter Rd. just south of Central Rd., Carmen Stout- 880 Hall Rd.- barn down, Dennis Stout- 920 Hall Rd.- barn down, Bernard Connin- 959 Campbell Rd.- working on, building gone, Roger VanLieu- main farm- 481 Phillip Rd. **Junk Violations (New Guidelines effective 12-15-06)-** Civil Infraction- **McConnell Estate/ William McCafferty-** 837 Crauns Lane- need to file a lawsuit to get place cleaned up approximate cost would be \$1,000. **Zoning Violations- Civil Infraction- Jim Burke-** has until this Friday morning. **Injunctive Orders-** Jacob Eicher- 507 Hammon Road & Sam Girod Jr. 671 S. Ray Quincy Road prepared & filed. Harold Sneath 231 Donnell Drive (mailing address) - filed appeal to Circuit Court against Township- - still waiting for a court date.

G. 2. Cemeteries- fence- Bill Avra said he drove by one cemetery and the people had taken down the fence. John Shilling said he measured the frontage on both cemeteries- Fisher is 520 feet and Lester is 560 feet along the road.

G. 3. Junk Ordinance Changes- Supervisor Erica Ewers said she advertised the changes in the junk ordinance on November 15th so the changes will take place on December 15th.

G. 4. Library Ramp- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the Branch County District Library has approved the Library ramp and it should be here any time.

G. 5. December 2nd Special Meeting Follow up- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the township board voted to allow rebuilding of home on same foot print after any kind of disaster. Jack Lutz had faxed over some information that his committee had and wondered how can Dave Gilbert be chairman of both the Zoning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Both those boards have their own elections to appoint whom they wish. The Township board discussed the need to have a zoning update contract with McKenna.

G. 6. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS

H. 1. Planning Commission Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the Planning Commission November 2, 2006 minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to agree with the Planning Commission's recommendation. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to accept the Planning Commission November 27, 2006 minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

H. 2. Equalization contract- Supervisor Erica Ewers said the Equalization Department revised their contract but it is still \$1.00 per parcel. John Shilling motioned to accept the Branch County Equalization Department's January 2007 through December 2007 contract. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

H.3. Board of Review Members Appointment- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported Denny Higbee and Charlotte Dubay are interested in being reappointed to the Board of Review. Ann Strong motioned to accept the reappointment of Denny Higbee and Charlotte Dubay to the Board of Review. Support by John Shilling. Supervisor Erica Ewers report that Jeanette Demski is no longer interested in serving on the Board of Review so we need to advertise to see who would be interested in serving on the Board of Review to fill that vacant seat.

H.3. Any Other New Business- none.

I. Payment of Bills- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$13,772.50. John Shilling motioned to pay the bills. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report- Russ Jennings reported 5 permits were issued in November.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Mickey Rubley updated us on the Commissioners.

J. 3. Alganssee Library Report- Circulation was 729, attendance was 354, hours open were 84, and internet use was 150.

J. 4. Assessor's Report - Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that December Board of Review will be on December 12th at 8:00 a.m. The Ag ratio has a 24% increase. She said she would check into that.

K. Correspondences- MTA training- Township Government and new officer training, the County Planning Commission is updating their Master Plan.

L. Public Comment- none

M. Next Meeting- next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 2, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Alganssee Township Hall.

N. Adjournment- Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.
Suzanne Preston, Clerk