

On Monday, March 5, 2007 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 Cindy Austin at 5:30 p.m., Fred Avra, Shirley Tait, Tom Morgan- 233 Dons Dr, Rodney Carpenter, Glenn Preston, Bill & Judy Jones, Susan Shilling, Linda Kriser, Harold Sneath, David Kelp- 199 Lakeshore Dr., Dan Lafferty- 352 Lakeshore Dr., Linda & Mick Belcher, Kim Miller, Barb Lloyd, Paul & Julie C., David Nastally- 209 Dons Dr., Lee Matus- 795 Bennett Dr., Joe & Lena Donato, and Sandra Ely.

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Supervisor Erica Ewers called the March 5, 2007 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 with the additions of K. 3.a. Zoning Administrator's contract and K.2. Annual meeting time change, H. 3. CD rates & deadlines, and H.4. 2006- 2007 budget changes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

C. SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING- Greg Milliken said this would apply only when someone would like to put in a platted subdivision. Most of what is in this proposed subdivision ordinance is state platting procedures, guidelines, time lines and development standards on how they should be laid out. The law states that a platted subdivision must have public roads. Discussion followed. Ann Strong motioned to close the public comment portion. John Shilling supported the motion. Suzanne Preston motioned for the adoption of the ordinance. Support by Erica Ewers. Two votes in favor of the adoption and 3 votes against the adoption. Motion fails. Bill Avra motioned to table this for 60 days. Support by John Shilling. Motion carries.

D. 2007-2008 BUDGET HEARING 8:25 p.m. – Supervisor Erica Ewers called the 2007-2008 budget hearing to order. The budget was discussed. Discussion followed. Ann Strong motioned to close the public comments of the public hearing. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to approve the 2007-2008 budget. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

E. TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING 8:30 p.m.- Supervisor Erica Ewers called the Truth and Taxation Hearing to order. She explained the township portion on the last year's winter tax bill was .8263. According to the Headley amendment it would go down each year. She said we don't know the exact amount for this year yet except that it will be less than last year's amount. We usually get notified around September what the township's amount will be. Discussion followed. Bill Avra motioned to close the public comment portion of the public hearing. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. John Shilling motioned to approve the truth and taxation in the maximum property tax millage rate allowed not to exceed last year's amount of .8263 in support of the proposed budget. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT- Lena Donato wondered why her taxes went up. Duane Barnett wondered if our taxes would go down next year. Nick Belcher wondered what P.A. 116 was.

Branch County Sheriff Department Report- Dave Rummens gave us an update on the sheriff's department.

G. MINUTES- Bill Avra motioned to accept the February 5, 2007 Algansee Township Meeting minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

H. TREASURER'S REPORT

H. 1. March Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the last township meeting, February 5, 2007 was \$510,946.63, the township had income this past month of \$3,836.07 and the township had expenses this past month of \$11,114.18 giving the township a balance of \$503,668.52 for this month. The Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept the March 5, 2007 Treasurer's report. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

H. 2. Winter Tax Collection - Ann Strong reported she has collected \$1,166,412.33 in taxes.

H.3. CD Rates & Deadlines- Ann Strong gave us an update on the CD rates and deadlines.

H.4. Budget Changes 2006- 2007: Bill Avra motioned to make the following changes to the 2006-2007 budget- Cemetery Supplies to \$675, Clerk mileage to \$150, Election Services to \$2,200, Election salaries to \$1,600, Fire Association budget to \$41,000, Planning Salaries to \$7,000, Professional Fees to \$6,000, Supervisor Salary to \$8,000, Township Board Advertising to \$2,500, Township Board dues to \$1,300, Treasurer mileage to \$50, Treasurer postage to \$1,900, Treasurer salary to \$10,600. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

I. 1. Quincy Fire Association – Supervisor Erica Ewers reported they approved the budget.

I. 2. Report from the Algansee Township Planning Commission - John Shilling reported they met twice.

I. 3. Report from Algansee Township Zoning Board of Appeals- Bill Avra reported they didn't meet.

I. 4. Report from Algansee Township Building Committee- Bill Avra talked about his proposal.

I. 5. Website (www.alganseetownship.com) – nothing

J. OLD BUSINESS

J. 1. Ordinance Violations & Barn Letters- nothing new.

J. 2. Branch County Road Commission- the Road Commission sent a proposal of \$35,000 to chip and seal one mile on Briggs Road between Fisher Road to the Quincy township line.

J. 3. Planning Commission Position- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported there are two people interested in the position on the Planning Commission. Dave Gilbert and Tom Morgan. Harold Sneath wanted Supervisor Erica Ewers to read Tom Morgan's resume. Discussion followed. Suzanne Preston motioned to reappoint Dave Gilbert to the Planning Commission. Support by Erica Ewers. Two votes in favor of the motion and three votes against the motion. Motion fails. Ann Strong motioned to appoint Tom Morgan to the Planning Commission. Support by Bill Avra. Two votes in favor of the motion and three votes against the motion. Motion fails.

J. 4. Any Other Old Business- none

K. NEW BUSINESS

K. 1. Planning Commission – Bill Avra motioned to accept the 2-26-07 Planning Commission minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. John Shilling motioned to accept the 2-28-07 Planning Commission minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to accept the Planning Commission denial of Michael Schwartz's request for a special use permit to build a home because of the facts and findings of the special use public hearing on February 28, 2007. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

K. 2. Annual Meeting- is set for March 31, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.

K. 3. a. Zoning Administrator's Contract- Ann Strong motioned to renew Russ Jennings' Zoning Administrator's contract for another year. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

K. 3. Any Other Business- none

L. Payment of Bills- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$25,218.71. Bill Avra motioned to pay the bills. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

M. SPECIAL REPORTS

M. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report- Russ Jennings reported 1 renewal was issued in February.

M. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- none

M. 3. Algansee Library Report- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the library use was- circulation was 876, attendance was 271, hours open were 84 and internet use was 118. The Library is requesting to use the Algansee Township Hall on Wednesday June 27, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. to have a program with the Binder Park Zoo people and some of their animals. Ann Strong motioned to let the Algansee Library use the township hall on June 27th for the Binder Park Zoo program. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

M. 4. Assessor's Report - Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the Board of Review organizational meeting is on March 6th at 8:00. Board of Review is on March 14th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and March 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Erica Ewers motioned to have Jeanette (Spike) Demski as an alternate on the Board of Review, because she has had all the necessary training in case an alternate is needed. Support Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

N. Correspondences- Fire Reports, MSU Extension workshop, and 2 MTA workshops one on cable franchises and one on ABC of ZBA.

Planning Commission Appointment- discussion. Bill Avra motioned to appoint Tom Morgan to the Planning Commission. Support by Ann Strong. Three votes in support of the motion and two votes against the motion. Motion carried.

O. Public Comment- none

P. Next Meeting- next meeting will be on Monday, April 2, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Alganssee Township Hall.

Q. Adjournment- Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Suzanne Preston, Clerk