

**A. CALL MEETING- TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** on Monday, August 6, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. Supervisor Erica Ewers called the Algansee Township Board meeting to order 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 Tom Morgan- 233 Dons, Jan Clark- Riley Drive, Tim Coonce 911 Fremont Rd., Joe Donato & Lena Donato, Marion Rubley, Terry & Denna Barror- 234 Bickford, John Rucher, Paul Beckhusen- Coldwater BPU, Steve & Karen Wells- 168 Crockett, Don Geiger- 170 Crockett, Bill & Judy Jones- Quincy, Jeanette Demski and Annette Brown.

**Pledge Allegiance-** Suzanne Preston led us in the pledge to the American Flag.

**B. AGENDA- ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS-** Suzanne Preston motioned to approve the agenda. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Coldwater Board of Public Utilities Household Hazardous Waste Collection-** Paul Beckhusen from the Coldwater Board of Public Utilities would like to get all townships involved in the funding of the CBPU Household Hazardous Waste Collection day. CBPU does it every other year and would like make it county wide and to do it every year. This year it is on October 20<sup>th</sup>. They will not turn anyone away. On the same day Southern Michigan National Bank is sponsoring a "Shred it Day". Suzanne Preston motioned to support CBPU program Household Hazardous Waste Collection. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**Coldwater Board of Public Utilities Wireless Internet-** Art Plato from Coldwater Board of Public Utilities said the tower would be an 8x8 freestanding base. Art asked if there were any questions. Duane Barnett wondered if there would be any monetary input back to the township for putting up this tower for CBPU. Georgia Mason who lives behind the township hall said would like to see the tower put some where else than in her front yard. She is concerned about property devaluation. Art Plato said the FCC regulates the power levels and has not heard of any health hazards. John Rucker from the Branch County District Library said he has read about the health concerns and said there is conflicting research. Art Plato said the cost to install it in each house is \$250 and then depending on the speed you select it will cost \$32, \$42, or \$52 a month, you can upgrade to a faster service at anytime. Lindy Cox said Coldwater Board of Public Utilities is here to provide a service and not to get into tower building business.

**Grant Writer-** Georgia Mason is professional grant writer and would like to write an application for a grant for the Wireless Internet tower. USDA has grants available for broad band internet in rural areas. The deadline for the grant application is August 20<sup>th</sup>. Minimum amount given with the grant approval is \$50,000 and requires a community center which they will help build and staff for 2 years. She said Algansee Township would qualify for the grant because we are a small community.

**Channel on Crockett Drive-** Don Geiger, Steve and Karen Wells from Crockett Drive were wondering what steps they need to take to get their channel cleaned. Supervisor Erica Ewers said to contact the Department of Environmental Quality first and follow what they say. If they would like to have a special assessment district to help for the cleaning they need to present a petition to the Algansee Township Board stating their intentions of creating a special assessment district for the cleaning of the channel, with signatures of at least of 51% of the property owners on the channel.

**D. MINUTES-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the July 2, 2007 Algansee Township Meeting minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**E. TREASURER'S REPORT-** the Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the last township meeting, July 2, 2007, was \$522,204.91, the township had income this past month of \$35,432.96 and the township had expenses this past month of \$22,046.60 giving the township a balance of \$535,591.27 for this month. The Clerk agrees. John Shilling motioned to accept the July 2, 2007 Treasurer's report. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**E.1. Tax Collection-** Treasurer Ann Strong reported she is collecting taxes.

**E.2. Special Assessment Report-**The Treasurer Ann Strong reported she has an update on the special assessments.

**E.3. Audit-** the township audit was on July 18<sup>th</sup> and hoping to have the report by next meeting.

## **F. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**F. 1. Quincy Fire Association** – Supervisor Erica Ewers reported their next meeting will be tomorrow night at 5:00 p.m.

**F. 2. Report from the Algansee Township Planning Commission** - John Shilling reported they met twice and Tom Morgan went to the MTA Planning workshop. He thought it was very informative.

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

**F. 4. Report from Algansee Township Building Committee-** Bill Avra reported he received 5 bids to put an 832 square foot addition onto the township hall. They are as follows Gerald Marsh- \$55,637.55, John Cole Construction- \$89,031.00, Ed Kling- \$68,000, Tim Coonce- first proposal is \$60,000 proposal and second proposal is \$127,296.00 and Michael Construction- \$44,460.00. Ann Strong motioned to table the addition item until next month so the board members can review each proposal. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

**F. 5. Website ([www.alganseetownship.com](http://www.alganseetownship.com))** - Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the website has been updated.

## **G. OLD BUSINESS**

**G. 1. Ordinance Violations- Junk & Zoning-** The court date for Jacob Eicher of 507 Hammon Road and Sam Girod of 671 South Ray Quincy Road is November 29, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. Lloyd Walrack was sent a letter and has until next week to cease operation and 30 days to clean up.

**G. 2. Wireless Internet Tower-** need about an acre to cover the drop zone. The property at the Algansee Township Hall is not quite large enough. Need to look for potential sights for the tower. Once the tower is up it will cover a 3 to 5 mile radius with in the line of sight.

**G. 3. – Any Other Old Business- none**

**H. NEW BUSINESS- H. 1. Planning Commission** – Bill Avra motioned to accept the 7-18-07 and 8-1-07 Planning Commission minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**H. 2. Household Hazardous Waste Collection-** discussed already

**H. 3. Any Other Business-** none

**I. Payment of Bills-** Expenses were presented in the amount of \$35,127.22. Bill Avra motioned to pay the bills. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

## **J. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**J. 1. Algansee Library Report-** Algansee Township Librarian Jan Clark gave the library. July report is as follows- circulation was 809, attendance was 478, hours open was 84

closed because of the fourth of July and internet use was up to 241. She said the library has been busy the last couple of months.

**J. 2. Zoning Administrator's Report-** Supervisor Erica Ewers gave the Zoning Administrators report because Russ Jennings is in the hospital. He issued 4 permits for the month of July as follows- Chad Carpenter, Gerald and Constance Macintok, Anthony and Carol Stempien and Sam Girod.

**J. 3. Branch County Commissioner's Report-** Mickey Rubley gave her Commissioner's report.

**J. 4. Assessor's Report -** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that she finished July Board of Review.

**K. Correspondences-** MTA- fall district meetings and Michigan Gas Utilities public hearings.

**L. Public Comment-** none

**M. Next Meeting-** will be on Tuesday, September 4, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Algansee Township Hall.

**N. Adjournment-** Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk