

1. BUDGET WORKSHOP 6:30 p.m. - the township board worked on the budget.

A. CALL MEETING- TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- on Monday, February 4, 2008 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 that signed in were Tom Morgan.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Suzanne Preston led us in the pledge to the American Flag.

B. AGENDA- ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS- Bill Avra motioned to approve the agenda with moving the Sexton and Lawn Care Bids to Public Comment and add under new business 2. Budget Hearing, 3. Truth-in-Taxation Hearing, 4. Annual Meeting, 5. Salary Resolutions, 6. Board of Review, 7. Mileage Rates, 8. Branch County Soil Conservation District. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Sexton & Lawn Care Bids

Township Lawn Care- George Baker- \$8,000.00, Affordable Lawn Care- \$8,250.00, Otis Snowplowing & Lawn Care- \$7,050.00, True Trim Lawn Care- \$8,484.00. Ann Strong motioned to have Affordable Lawn Care take of the township's lawns again this year. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

Sexton bids- George Baker's bid- burials- Adult \$300.00, Child \$175.00, Infant \$150.00, Cremation \$125, winter openings \$50 extra to the previous. Foundations are \$.30/square inch. John Shilling motioned to have George Baker assume the sexton duties for the township. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

Any Other Public Comment- none

D. MINUTES- John Shilling motioned to accept the January 7, 2008 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 January 7, 2008 was \$518,382.33, the township had income this past month of \$327.50 and the township had expenses this past month of \$25,418.69 giving the township a balance of \$493,291.14 for this month. The Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept the January 7, 2008 Treasurer's report. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to amend the 2007-2008 fiscal year Budget in the following areas- Township Hall Advertising delete, it was a duplicate with Township Board Advertising, Professional Fees raise to \$20,00.00, Capital Outlay need to add \$28,000, for the wireless tower, Treasurer computer support raise to \$510.00. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association – Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the strategic planning meeting for all township officials with in the Quincy Fire Department district on Saturday January 26, 2008 was cancelled. Supervisor Erica Ewers gave us a copy of the HazMat letter she sent to Southern Pines Trucking to reimburse the township for the cost of the clean up.

F. 2. Report from the Algansee Township Planning Commission - John Shilling reported the Planning Commission met on January 28th and tried to answer questions that didn't get answered at the January 19th meeting at the church. The Township Planner is working on updating the township zoning map. The Planning Commission will meet this Thursday 2-7-08 for a special use request from Tom Schroeder.

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- Ann Strong motioned to change the contract with Michael Construction from \$46,977.00 to \$64,466. It was increased because required more lights, doors and furnace by the County Building Inspector. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Suzanne Preston motioned to pay \$28,000.00 to start the project. John Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried.

F. 5. Website (www.alganseetownship.com) – Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the website is up to date.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G. 1. Ordinance Violations- Junk & Zoning- Barn letters- Carmen Stout- 880 Hall Rd. - barn down. **Dennis Stout-** 920 Hall Rd. - barn down. **Roger VanLieu-** main farm- 481 Phillip Rd. - working on **Junk Violations- (New Guidelines in effect 12-15-06) Civil Infractions- John Dzienny-** 232 Bickford Dr- All cleaned up.

Zoning Violations- Walrack property- Mr. Ron Stender (occupant) – keep trying to get a hold of him.

Injunctive Orders: Jacob Eicher of 507 Hammon Rd. and Sam Girod Jr. of 671 S. Ray Quincy Rd. have a court date of May 7th at 11:00 a.m.

G. 2. Wireless Internet Tower Contract- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported they have approval from the FAA, Branch County Airport, Michigan Department of Transportation, Branch County Building permit, the excavator has drawings and will break ground the week of February 18th -22nd and pour concrete.

G. 3. Branch County Road Commission Annual Meeting- because of snowy weather it has been rescheduled for this Friday 2-8-08.

G.4. Request from Jack Lutz- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported she received a request from Jack Lutz requesting the township to enforce a speed limit between his island and the shore. The board is looking into the matter.

G. 5. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS- H. 1. Planning Commission – Bill Avra motioned to accept the January 19, 2008 and the January 28, 2008 Planning Commission minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

H. 2. Budget Hearing- Ann Strong motioned to hold the budget hearing at 7:30 p.m. on March 3, 2008. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

H. 3. Truth & Taxation Hearing- Ann Strong motioned to hold the Truth and Taxation hearing at 7:45 p.m. on March 3, 2008. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

H. 4. Annual Meeting- Bill Avra motioned to hold the Annual Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday March 29, 2008. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

H. 5. Salary Resolutions- Bill Avra motioned to have the Supervisor's salary at \$8,000. Support by Suzanne Preston. Roll call vote Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes, & Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to have the Clerk's salary at \$10,000. Support by Bill Avra. Roll call vote Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes & Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. Suzanne Preston motioned to have the Treasurer's salary at \$10,600. Support by Bill Avra. Roll call vote Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes, & Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to have the Trustees paid \$80 per meeting. Support by Suzanne Preston. Roll call vote Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes & Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to have the Assessor's salary at \$13,000. Support by Bill Avra. Roll call vote Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes & Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to have the Zoning Administrator's salary at \$500 per month. Support by Ann Strong. Roll Call vote Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes & Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. John Shilling motioned to have the Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman and the Planning Commission Chairman to be paid \$100 per meeting. Support by Ann Strong. Roll call vote Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes & Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to have the Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary and the Planning Commission Secretary paid \$90 per meeting. Support by John Shilling. Roll call vote Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes & Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to have the Zoning Board of Appeals members and the Planning Commission members paid \$80 per meeting. Support by Bill Avra. Roll call vote Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes & Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to have the Election chairman paid \$10 per hour. Support by Bill Avra. Roll call vote Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes & Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to pay the Election workers \$9 per hour. Support by Ann Strong. Roll call vote Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes & Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. John Shilling motioned to pay the Board of Review members \$80 per day and \$50 per half day. Support by Ann Strong. Roll call vote Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes & Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried.

H. 6. 2008 Board of Review Resolution- WHEREAS, Public Act 194, 2003 allows the township board by resolution to select an alternative starting date in March when the board of review shall initially meet, WHEREAS, MCL 211.30 provides the alternative starting dates shall be the Tuesday or Wednesday following the second Monday of March, WHEREAS, the Alganssee Township Board wants to make board of review convenient for both the assessor and board of review members work schedules, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Alganssee Township Board of Review will meet on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member Erica Ewers. Second offered by Board Member Bill Avra. Upon Roll call vote the following voted: Aye: Ann Strong, Suzanne Preston, John Shilling, Bill Avra and Erica Ewers, Nay: 0. The Supervisor declared the resolution passed. Signed: Suzanne Preston, Alganssee Township Clerk.

H. 7. Mileage Rate- John Shilling motioned to raise our mileage rate to \$.55 effective April 1, 2008. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

H. 8. Branch County Soil Conversation District- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported she received a letter from the Branch County Soil Conversation District stating they will cover the cost of any board member attending the Citizen Planner workshop on 2-28-08 and they have money available to do a Natural Resources Inventory of the township.

H. 6. Any Other New Business- none

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$42,040.86. John Shilling motioned to pay the bills. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report- Zoning Administrator Russ Jennings reported he has issued 2 zoning permits for the month of January- Alganssee Township at 494 Wolf Rd for the wireless internet tower and Noah Girod at 899 Lester Rd.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Mickey Rubley was absent.

J. 3. Alganssee Library Report- Supervisor Erica Ewers gave Jan's report as follows: December Report- circulation 492, attendance 243, Internet Use 95, Hours open 82. January Report- Circulation 699, attendance 324, Internet use 116, Hours open 92.

J. 4. Assessor's Report - Supervisor Erica Ewers reported she has the 2008 Equalization Multipliers. Suzanne Preston motioned to purchase 2 filing cabinets for the Assessor. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

K. CORRESPONDENCES – Quincy Fire Department's Fire run report for November '07, Michigan Township Association's Capital Conference is 3-11-08

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

M. NEXT MEETING- will be on Monday, March 3, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Alganssee Township Hall, starting with the budget hearing and then the Truth in Taxation Hearing.

N. ADJOURNMENT- Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Suzanne Preston, Clerk