

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- on Monday, May 5, 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. Board members that present were - Supervisor Erica Ewers, Trustee Bill Avra, Trustee John Shilling and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Treasurer Ann Strong was absent. Visitors that signed in were Tom Morgan-233 Dons Drive, Chuck Lillis, Frank Plodzick II- 590 Scott Dr., Susan Shilling, Barb Lloyd- 245 Donnell, Joyce Clark, John R Lutz- 127 Crauns Beach Dr., Linda Belcher- 812 Bennett Dr., Sandra & Gerald Rogers- 233 Donnell Dr., and Kirk Kashian- 739 Blackfoot Ct.

PLEDGE OF 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 Bill Avra. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Chuck Lillis spoke about his qualifications for running for Branch County Circuit Court judge. Kirk Kashian spoke on his qualifications for running for another term as Branch County Prosecuting attorney. Frank Plodzick II spoke on his qualifications for running for State of Representatives 58th District House seat. Warren Cannon spoke on his qualifications for running for a third term as Branch County Sheriff. Bill O'Grady spoke on his qualification for running for Branch County Circuit Court judge. Steve Vear spoke on his qualifications for running for the State House of Representatives 58th House Seat. Supervisor Erica Ewers asked if there were any other public comments. There weren't any.

D. MINUTES- Bill Avra motioned to accept the April 7, 2008 Algansee Township Meeting minutes with the following changes under Old Business John Dzienny is cleaned up and the Walrack property is cleaned up, dust control is \$300 per mile. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT- in the absence of the Treasurer Ann Strong, Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the balance at the last township meeting, April 7, 2008 was \$545,068.84, the township had income this past month of \$14,039.69 and the township had expenses this past month of \$88,332.45 giving the township a balance of \$470,794.08 for this month. The Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept the April 7, 2008 Treasurer's report. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association – Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the Quincy Fire Association has approved the recommended billing rates for the HazMat Ordinance. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the HazMat billing rates. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

F. 2. Report from the Algansee Township Planning Commission - John Shilling reported the Planning Commission met once in the month of April and had a study session at the end of the meeting. Supervisor Erica Ewers said she talked to the County Planning Commission and they will meet next Tuesday May 13th at 8:00 a.m.

F. 3. Report from Algansee Township Zoning Board of Appeals- Bill Avra reported they did meet and elected officers- Pricilla Dodd Chairman, Linda Belcher- Secretary and Bill Avra third member and they approved the last meetings minutes.

F. 4. Building Update - Bill Avra reported there is a port a john here for the election tomorrow. The well should be hooked up soon. It cost \$2,200 to reside the old building. The new addition passed the electrical, heating and plumbing inspections.

F. 5. Website (www.alganseetownship.com) – Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the website was down over the weekend but now it is back up and running.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G. 1. Ordinance Violations- Junk & Zoning- Barn letters- Carmen Stout- 880 Hall Rd. - barn down. **Dennis Stout-** 920 Hall Rd. - barn burnt only foundation left. **Roger VanLieu-** main farm- 481 Phillip Rd. - working on

Junk Violations- (New Guidelines in effect 12-15-06) Civil Infractions- none

Zoning Violations- Injunctive Orders: Jacob Eicher of 507 Hammon Rd. and Sam Girod Jr. of 671 S. Ray Quincy Rd. have a court date postponed until after the adoption of the new Algansee Township Zoning Ordinance.

G. 2. Wireless Internet Tower- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the so far DMCIbb has looked at 27 sites and 24 of those sites met the survey requirements. Dave Cleveland from DMCIbb would be at the June meeting.

G.3. Branch County Road Commission- the Road Commission has replaced the culvert on Central Road. Bill Avra motioned to approve the sealcoat contract of 2.5 miles at a cost of \$3,500.00 per mile for \$8,750.00 on Central Road between Ray Quincy Road and Stringtown Road. The Road Commission has proposed to gravel Brocklebank Road at \$40,000 for 5,000 yard gravel. Roll Call vote Suzanne Preston- yes, Ann Strong- absent, Bill Avra- yes, John Shilling- yes, and Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. Supervisor Erica Ewers said that Mary Gross called again and wondered why West Channel Drive won't get paved. Supervisor Erica Ewers reported she had checked into how East Channel Drive was paved and found out that the residents had done it themselves about 20 years ago and that was when it was picked up by the Branch County Road Commission, because Mary Gross of West Channel Drive was asking.

G.4. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. Planning Commission – John Shilling motioned to accept the April 28, 2008 Planning Commission minutes. Support by bill Avra. Motion carried.

H. 2. Planning Commission/ ZBA Training- John Shilling motioned to pay Tom Morgan's way to go to the Michigan State University Planning Training in Marshall on June 26, 2008.

H.3. School Election- the Clerk reported everything is ready for the school election tomorrow. Bill Avra motioned to pay the election workers tomorrow and to buy their supper. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

H.4. Any Other New Business- none

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$50,375.34, which includes the election workers and their supper. Bill Avra motioned to pay the bills. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report- Zoning Administrator Russ Jennings reported he issued five permits for the month of April- Pridgeon Farms, Dave & Amy Fee, Melissa & Scott Austin, Lee & Diane Carson and Anthony Fisher.

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

J. 3. Algansee Library Report- Supervisor Erica Ewers gave Algansee Librarian Jan's monthly report as follows for the month of March: circulation 672, attendance 348, Internet Use 114, Hours open 94.

J. 4. Assessor's Report - Supervisor Erica Ewers reported there is a State Pilot Program which includes all of Branch County to review assessments.

K. CORRESPONDENCES – MTA is having a workshop on Roads and Parks and Recreation Program, a letter from the Community Action Agency, and an update on Drains.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- there wasn't any.

M. NEXT MEETING- will be on Monday, June 2, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Algansee Township Hall.

N. ADJOURNMENT- Bill Avra motioned to adjourn. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk