

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- on Monday, April 7, 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-233 Dons Drive, Shirley Tait- 229 Dons Dr., Dave Bates- 251 S. Fremont Rd., Susan Shilling, Charlotte Dubay- 160 Crockett Dr., Linda Belcher- 812 Bennett Dr., Lee Matus- 795 Bennett Dr., Mary Agostini- 260 Donnell Dr., Barb Lloyd- 245 Donnell Dr., Sandra & Gerald Rogers- 233 Donnell Dr., John R Lutz- 127 Crauns Beach Dr., Don Shemel- 70 Marshall St.

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 with the addition under New Business of 1.5 Zoning Administrator's Contract and 3.5 Library Contract. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

D. MINUTES- Bill Avra motioned to accept the March 3, 2008 Algansee Township Meeting minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. The Algansee Township Board also received the March 29, 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT- the Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the last township meeting, March 3, 2008 was \$455,215.4, the township had income this past month of \$108,265.37 and the township had expenses this past month of \$18,394.00 giving the township a balance of \$545,086.84 for this month. The Clerk agrees. John Shilling motioned to accept the March 3, 2008 Treasurer's report. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

Taxes- the Treasurer reported she balanced with the County Treasurer's Office and our tax account is closed out for now.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association – Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the Quincy Fire Association's Annual Meeting is tomorrow night.

F. 2. Report from the Algansee Township Planning Commission - John Shilling reported the Planning Commission agreed to approve the Revised Zoning Ordinance and to send it on to the County Planning. Ann Strong and Bill Avra received their copies.

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

F. 4. Building Update - Bill Avra reported that they should get the siding on soon and will get a price on putting new siding the old building. John Shilling motioned to side the original building if the price is reasonable. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

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

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 is cleaned up. Walrack property is cleaned.

Zoning Violations- 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- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that Consumers Power said they would have the tower hooked up before April 16th.

G.3. Branch County Road Commission- the Road Commission has proposed to sealcoat Central Road between Ray Quincy Road and Stringtown Road, 2.5 miles at a cost of \$3,500.00 per mile for \$8,750.00. John said we should hold off on paying the sealcoating because the Road Commission said they would replace the culvert on Central Road and they need to do that before they do any sealcoating. The Road Commission has proposed to gravel Brocklebank Road at \$40,000 for 5,000 yard gravel. John Shilling said he talked to Richard Losinski at the Branch County Road Commission and they will use 5,000 yards of gravel on Brocklebank Road. John Shilling motioned to sign the contract with the Road Commission to gravel Brocklebank Road with 5, 000 yards of gravel for \$40,000.00. Support by Ann Strong. Roll Call vote Suzanne Preston- yes, Ann Strong- yes, Bill Avra- yes, John Shilling- yes, and Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. Dust control- Bill Avra motioned to apply one application of dust control for \$300.00 per mile for 29.32 miles of gravel roads in the township. Support by Ann Strong. Roll call vote- Suzanne Preston- yes, Ann Strong- yes, Bill Avra- yes, John Shilling- yes, Erica Ewers- yes, and motion carried. Supervisor Erica Ewers said that Mary Gross called again and wondered why West Channel Drive won't get paved.

G.4. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. Planning Commission – John Shilling motioned to accept the March 31, 2008 Planning Commission minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

H.1.5 Zoning Administrators Contract- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that Russ Jennings is interested in renewing his contract for Zoning Administrator for another year at \$500.00 per month plus mileage. Ann Strong motioned to accept Russ Jennings as the Zoning Administrator for another year. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

H. 2. Planning Commission Appointment- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported she received 2 applications for the opening on the Planning Commission. One from Pricilla Dodd stating she would like to continue on the Planning Commission and the other one from David Bates who has lived in the township for about 10 years and works in Goshen Indiana. John Shilling motioned to reappoint Pricilla Dodd to the position on the Planning Commission. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

H.3. B S&A Software Company- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported they are willing to come to the June meeting to make a presentation of their software.

H.3.5. Algansee Library Contract- the Branch County District Library agrees to maintain the Algansee Library Branch on their payroll system for a total of 21 hours per week at \$11.50 per hour, with the Algansee Township paying 12 hours per week.

Any Other New Business- Supervisor Erica Ewers wondered what we were going to do with the old voting machine.

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$60,209.37. 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 issued one permit for the month of March for Robert Hutz. The Amish said the clustering will not work for them and Russ wondered if there were setbacks in the lake district for accessory buildings.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Mickey Rubley was absent so Don Shemel gave the Branch County Commissioner report. Don said he is also running for Bruce Caswell's 58th District House seat. The Primary Election is Tuesday, August 5th, 120 days from now.

J. 3. Algansee Library Report- Supervisor Erica Ewers gave Algansee Librarian Jan's monthly report as follows for the month of March: circulation 707, attendance 314, Internet Use 127, Hours open 82.

J. 4. Assessor's Report - Supervisor Erica Ewers reported there were 67 Board of Review petitions turned in to the County and everything has been approved.

K. CORRESPONDENCES – a letter from the City of Coldwater who will be holding a workshop on Transportation Management presented by the Michigan Technical and Local technical Assistance Program. There is also a workshop update on the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act on June 26th in Marshall.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- What was sent to the County Planning Commission? The entire Revised Zoning Ordinance. Does the County Planning Commission ever make any recommendations? Sometimes they do and sometimes they don't. Any comments and recommendations will be considered by the Algansee Township Board when it comes back to them. Isn't Glenn Preston's term up on the Planning Commission? Glenn Preston and Rodney Carpenter's terms are up in 2009. Won't the Lake Committee be acknowledged as a contributor on the publication of the zoning ordinance? The Algansee Township Board hasn't acknowledged any contributors in the past when we have had contributors. Could we supply the visitors with a table to write their notes on. We do have tables that can be used by the visitors.

M. NEXT MEETING- will be on Monday, May 5, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Algansee Township Hall.

N. ADJOURNMENT- Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.
Suzanne Preston, Clerk