

Budget Workshop- 6:30 p.m. The Algansee Township Board worked on the 2009-2010 fiscal year Budget at the Township Hall 378 South Ray Quincy Road.

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 7:45 p.m. Supervisor Tom Morgan 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 Tom Morgan, Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee Bill Avra, Trustee Mick Belcher and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors present that signed in were Susan Shilling, John Shilling, Kevin Decker, Harold Sneath, Linda Belcher, Glenn Preston and Don Vrablic.

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

B. AGENDA- Suzanne Preston motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Kevin Decker with MCM Insurance Group. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

D. MINUTES- Bill Avra motioned to accept the January 5, 2008 Algansee Township Board Meeting minutes. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

MCM INSURANCE GROUP- Kevin Decker is the Risk Manager for MCM Insurance Group; we have our Michigan Participating Plan with him. He gave us a run down of our insurance with them.

APPOINTMENS- BOARD AND CONTRACT-

SEXTON BIDS- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported we have 2 bids for the Sexton job. Ted Brown bid \$350 for grave opening & closing, cremation \$150 and foundation \$0.25 per square inch. George Baker bid for grave openings- Adult \$300, child \$175, infant- \$150 and cremations for \$125, winter openings add \$50 Nov 1st thru April 1st, foundations \$0.30 per square inch, any additional maintenance beyond contract that is approved by the Township Board will be at a rate of \$15.00 per man hour, equipment cost for additional maintenance will be an added charge if approved by the Township Board. Suzanne Preston motioned to have George Baker continue as our township Sexton. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

LAWN CARE BIDS- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported we had 4 bids for the township lawn care. All About Lawns- Jason Mahaffey had a bid for \$9,000.00, which includes emptying the trashcans. Howard Upston had a bid for \$8,180.00. George Baker had a bid for \$8,300.00, which includes emptying the trash cans. Best Lawn Care- Bob Smith had a bid of \$7,500.00. Mick Belcher motioned to accept George Baker's bid as the lawn care provider. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

QUINCY FIRE ASSOCIATION- Quincy Fire Chief Kurt Barve explained the Quincy Fire Association's Proposed Budget. Ann Strong motioned to accept the Quincy Fire Associations Proposed Budget. Mick Belcher supported the motion. Motion carried. Supervisor Tom Morgan thanked Chief Barve for the nice banquet. Chief Barve said the Quincy Fire Association will meet next Tuesday, February 10th. They got

the used fire truck last Tuesday. Soon they'll leave for Washington D.C. for vapor detection training and will bring the vapor detection equipment home with them.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT REPORT- Deputy T. Reyna updated us on the Sheriff's Department.

ASSESSOR BIDS- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported we had one bid for the assessor's job. Double E Enterprises- Erica Ewers had a bid of \$10/parcel based on 1490 parcels. Tom Morgan said he found out that most of Erica's assessing is regulated from higher up and not just figures that Erica has come up with. Ann Strong motioned to accept Double E Enterprises bid of \$10/parcel based on 1490 parcels. Suzanne Preston supported the motion. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS- Supervisor Tom Morgan said that Rodney Carpenter and Glenn Preston's Planning Commission seats were up for renewal. They have both written that they would like to be reappointed. Supervisor Tom Morgan said that Harold Sneath and John Shilling wrote that they would like to be appointed to the Planning Commission. Bill Avra motioned to reappoint Rodney Carpenter and Glenn Preston. Mick Belcher said we need changes on the Planning Commission. Supervisor Tom Morgan asked if there was anymore discussion. Don Vrablic asked for point of order, he said Suzanne Preston should abstain from voting because of conflict of interest. Suzanne Preston agreed that she would abstain from voting. Ron Ewers said we are a unique township with 7 different categories and that is why we have the ordinance the way it is. Russ Jennings said we need a zoning ordinance to serve the majority of the people. Linda Belcher said unfortunately there is quilt by association. Mick Belcher said he couldn't believe the regulation on the local level. Tom Morgan said to table the discussion.

BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS- Supervisor Tom Morgan said John Shilling has applied for a position on the Board of Review. Supervisor Tom Morgan wondered if anyone else was interested in serving on the Board of Review, because the township board needs to appoint three people to the Board of Review. Amos Barnett and Harold Sneath both said they would be interested in serving on the Board of Review. Ann Strong motioned to appoint John Shilling, Amos Barnett, and Harold Sneath to the Board of Review. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS CONTINUED- Ann Strong motioned to support Bill Avra's motion. Tom Morgan asked if there was anymore discussion. Bill Avra asked how to keep things in order without regulations then said let's vote on it. Ann Strong and Bill Avra supported the motion. Mick Belcher said he wasn't in support of the motion. Motion carried.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS- Supervisor Tom Morgan said Linda Belcher wrote to say she would like to be reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Suzanne Preston motioned to reappoint Linda Belcher to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Monthly Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance as of the last township meeting; January 5, 2008 was \$423,627.59. The township had income this past month of \$28,715.64. The township had expenses this past month of \$9,648.51 giving the township a balance for February of \$442,694.72. The Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried. Suzanne Preston motioned to make the following budget changes- Capital Outlay to \$51,201, Fire Protection to \$42,900, Clerk's equipment to \$714, Election Salaries to \$3,036, Library contract to \$7,800, Planning Commission Training to \$1,000, Professional Fees- McKenna to \$7,500, Supervisor Supplies to \$264, Utilities to \$4,000 and Treasurer computer Support to \$2,129. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association – Quincy Fire Chief already gave the report.

F. 2. Report from Algansee Township Planning Commission – Mick Belcher asked the Assessor Erica Ewers if it would be possible to put the zoning district on tax bills. Assessor Erica Ewers said zoning and taxes don't go hand in hand, the zoning district map is on the website.

F.2.a. Planning Commission Minutes-Ann Strong motioned to accept the January 26, 2009 Planning Commission as written. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

F. 3. Report from Algansee Township Zoning Board of Appeals- Bill Avra reported they are going to meet this Wed. night.

F. 4. Ordinance Violations- Junk- Supervisor Tom Morgan said we will revisit in the spring.

F. 5. Website (www.alganseetownship.com) – Supervisor Tom Morgan reported he has trouble getting on the website.

F. 6. Supervisors Meeting- Supervisor Tom Morgan gave an update from the Supervisors meeting.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G. 1. Flood Plain Maps- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported he has the flood plain maps and waiting on further instruction.

G. 2. Special Assessment Whistler Drive- Gerald Hagerman submitted a petition for Whistler Drive for 5 year maintenance. Supervisor Tom Morgan said he would check with him to see when they want to hold their 2 required public hearing.

G. 3. Special Assessment for Dredging the channel between Teal and Whistler Drives- Mark Knaack inquired about getting a special assessment district established for dredging the channel between Teal & Whistler Drives. Supervisor Tom Morgan said he would check with him to see when they want to hold their 2 required public hearing.

G. 4. ZBA expansion to 5 members- discussed need to have zoning ordinance changed to allow for 5 members.

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H.1. Branch County Equalization Department Contract- Ann Strong motioned to have the contract with the Equalization Department at \$1.05 per parcel with 1490 parcels. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

H.2. 2009 Branch County Road Commission Annual Meeting- will be Wed., February 18, 2009 at 10:45 a.m.

H.3. MTA Education Conference in Detroit Recap- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported on his training.

H.4. Stimulus Money for the State of Michigan- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported looking into the possibility of using some of the stimulus money for sewer funding around the Chain of Lakes.

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$50,570.30. Suzanne Preston motioned to pay the bills. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J1. Zoning Administrator's Report- Russ Jennings reported he didn't issue any zoning permits for the month of January.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic gave his Branch County Commissioner report.

J. 3. Algansee Library Report- Janice Clark sent her January Report- Attendance-403, Computer use-187, Hours-87, Juvenile Programs-4, Attendance for programs-30, Items like magazines, books on porch that are donated-110, Melcat check outs are books from other Libraries in MI not in our system-42. Story hour for all every Tuesday at 4:00, crafts & stories!

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Assessor Erica Ewers reported she is working on the 14 point review, and the operational meeting of the Board of Review will be March 3, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. **2009 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 Algansee 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 Algansee Township Board of Review will meet on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 12 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 Bill Avra. Second offered by Board Member Mick Belcher. Upon Roll call vote the following voted: Aye: Ann Strong, Suzanne Preston, Tom Morgan, Bill Avra and Mick Belcher, Nay: 0. The Supervisor declared the resolution passed. Signed: Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk.

K. CORRESPONDENCES – State of Michigan sent a letter as to why they are raising taxes. Michigan Gas Utilities sent a letter stating they are raising rates. Joy Wood would like the township board to pay the heat for the library. Bill Avra motioned to pay the heat. No one seconded the motion. Motion died.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- John Shilling wondered if the member at large position was filled on the Quincy Fire Department. Brad Parrish filled the position. No other public comment.

M. NEXT MEETING- will be Monday, March 2, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Algansee Township Hall, with the Budget Hearing.

N. ADJOURNMENT- Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 10:15p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk