

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** on **Monday, March 2, 2009** at 7:30 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, Linda Belcher, Pricilla Dodd, Deb & Rowdy Gibson, Fred Avra, Don Vrablic, Ken Kurtz and Bob Smith.

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

**B. AGENDA-** Bill Avra motioned to approve the agenda. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT-** none

**D. BUDGET HEARING-** Supervisor Tom Morgan called the budget hearing to order and asked if anyone had any questions. No one had any questions. Bill Avra motioned to accept the 2009-2010 fiscal years Budget. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to close the public hearing of the Budget hearing. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**E. TRUTH AND TAXATION HEARING-** Supervisor Tom Morgan called the Truth and Taxation Hearing to order. He asked if there were any questions. There weren't any questions. Supervisor Tom Morgan read the Millage reductions from 1999 to 2008 for Algansee Township which are as follows- 1999- 0.9150, 2000- 0.9057, 2001- 0.8881, 2002- 0.8668, 2003- 0.8550, 2004- 0.8492, 2005- 0.8321, 2006- 0.8263, 2007- 0.8191, 2008- 0.8104. According to the Headley amendment the amount will go down each year. He said we don't know the exact amount for this year yet except that it will be less than last year's amount. We usually get notified around September what the township's amount will be. Suzanne Preston motioned to approve the truth and taxation in the maximum property tax Millage rate allowed not to exceed last year's amount of .8104 in support of the proposed budget. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to close the Truth and Taxation hearing. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

**F. MINUTES-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the February 2, 2009 Algansee Township Board Meeting minutes. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

## **G. TREASURER'S REPORT**

**G. 1. Monthly Report-** Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance as of the last township meeting; February of \$442,694.72. The township had income this past month of \$3,674.54. The township had expenses this past month of \$50,570.30 giving the township a balance for March 2, 2009 of \$395,798.96. The Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

**G. 2. Winter Tax Collection-** Treasurer Ann Strong reported the winter tax collection is just about all wrapped up.

## **H. BOARD OF REVIEW-**

**H.1. Board of Review Training Recap-** Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>- Harry, Amos, John, Tom- they reported it was a very worthwhile training.

**H.2. Board of Review Organizational Meeting-** will be tomorrow March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

**H.3. 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.

## **I. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**I. 1. Quincy Fire Association** – Supervisor Tom Morgan reported the budget was approved.

**58<sup>th</sup> District State Representative Ken Kurtz**- gave us an update on what is happening on the state level.

**Branch County Commissioner's Report**- Don Vrablic gave us an update on what the County Commissioners' are doing.

**I. 2. Report from Alganssee Township Planning Commission** – Mick Belcher reported the Planning Commission approved Dan & Sue Jacoby's request for a special use permit to deed 1.75 acres to his daughter to build a house on it. MTA is hosting a training workshop for Planning Commission members. Amos Barnett said he would be interested in going to the one in Battle Creek on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Suzanne Preston motioned to pay the workshop and mileage for Amos Barnett to go. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Mick Belcher reported there was discussion at their meeting about who has authority to contact the township Planner. Suzanne Preston motioned to have the Supervisor and the Planning Commission Chairman be the contacts for the township to talk to the township Planner and to have our twp Planner answer in writing so everyone can be informed. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

**I.2.a. Planning Commission Minutes**- Bill Avra motioned to accept the February 23, 2009 Planning Commission as written. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**I. 3. Report from Alganssee Township Zoning Board of Appeals**- Bill Avra reported they will meet on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

**I. 5. Website ([www.algansseetownship.com](http://www.algansseetownship.com))** – Supervisor Tom Morgan reported he put tax appeal instructions on website.

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

## **J. OLD BUSINESS**

**J. 1. Flood Plain Maps**- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported there will be a meeting tomorrow March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00.

**J. 2. 2009 Branch County Road Commission Meeting**- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported the township board met with the Branch County Road Commission on Wed., February 18<sup>th</sup>. The 2009 township road projects are as follows- finish up Brocklebank Road project with paving the 1 mile from Central Road to Campbell Road for \$53,000, seal coat \$16,000, dust control \$4,000 and \$25,000 to finish the township hall parking lot for a total of \$98,000 of township road projects.

**J. 3. Greg Milliken**- already discussed in the Planning Commission report.

**J. 4. Stimulus Money for State of Michigan**- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported if we get any money there will be strings attached.

## **K. NEW BUSINESS-**

**K. 1. Salary Resolutions**- Bill Avra motioned to have the Supervisor's salary at \$8,000. Support by Mick Belcher. Roll call vote Mick Belcher- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes & Suzanne Preston- yes. Motion carried. Mick Belcher motioned to have the Clerk's salary at \$10,000. Support by Ann Strong. Roll call vote Mick Belcher- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes & Suzanne Preston- yes. Motion carried. Suzanne Preston motioned to have the Treasurer's salary at \$10,600. Support by Mick Belcher. Roll call vote Mick

Belcher- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes & Suzanne Preston- yes. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to have the Trustees paid \$80 per meeting. Support by Mick Belcher. Roll call vote Mick Belcher- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes & Suzanne Preston- yes. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to have the Zoning Administrator's salary at \$500 per month. Support by Ann Strong. Roll Call vote Mick Belcher- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes & Suzanne Preston- yes. Motion carried. Mick Belcher motioned to have the Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman to be paid \$100 per meeting. Support by Bill Avra. Roll call vote Mick Belcher- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes & Suzanne Preston- yes. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to have the Planning Commission Chairman to be paid \$100 per meeting. Support by Mick Belcher. Roll call vote Mick Belcher- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes & Suzanne Preston- yes. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to have the Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary paid \$90 per meeting. Support by Ann Strong. Roll call vote Mick Belcher- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes & Suzanne Preston- yes. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to have the Planning Commission Secretary paid \$90 per meeting. Support by Mick Belcher. Roll call vote Mick Belcher- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes & Suzanne Preston- yes. Motion carried. Mick Belcher motioned to have the Zoning Board of Appeals members be paid \$80 per meeting. Support by Ann Strong. Roll call vote Mick Belcher- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes & Suzanne Preston- yes. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to have the Planning Commission members paid \$80 per meeting. Support by Bill Avra. Roll call vote Mick Belcher- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes & Suzanne Preston- yes. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to have the Election chairman paid \$10 per hour. Support by Mick Belcher. Roll call vote Mick Belcher- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes & Suzanne Preston- yes. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to pay the Election workers \$9 per hour. Support by Bill Avra. Roll call vote Mick Belcher- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes & Suzanne Preston- yes. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to pay the Board of Review members \$80 per day and \$50 per half day. Support by Mick Belcher. Roll call vote Mick Belcher- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes & Suzanne Preston- yes. Motion carried.

**K.2. CBPU Hazardous Waste Collection-** Supervisor Tom Morgan reported CBPU will have a hazardous waste collection on April 4, 2009.

**K.3. Tom Morgan** will be out of town 3-21 to 3-27.

**I. PAYMENT OF BILLS-** Expenses were presented in the amount of \$9,004.44. Bill Avra motioned to pay the bills. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

## **J. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**J1. Zoning Administrator's Report-** Russ Jennings reported he didn't issue any zoning permits for the month of February. There were 2 land splits.

**J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report-** already gave his report.

**J. 3. Algansee Library Report-** Janice Clark emailed her February Report as follows-Circulation- 645, Attendance-349, Hours-84, Melcat check outs are books from other Libraries in MI not in our system-34. The County Libraries are having a One Book County Event; the book is called Anatomy of a murder by Robert Traver, a Michigan author. Check it all out at [www.branchdistrictlibrary.org](http://www.branchdistrictlibrary.org). March is Reading month, we challenging Sherwood Library in counting pages of books read.

**J. 4. Assessor's Report** – Assessor Erica Ewers reported the organizational meeting of the Board of Review will be March 3, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. The 2009 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.

**K. CORRESPONDENCES** – none

**L. PUBLIC COMMENT-** Pricilla Dodd wondered if the Township Board approved Dan & Sue Jacoby's special use permit to deed 1.75 acres to his daughter to build a house on. Bill Avra motioned to approve the special use permit to deed 1.75 acres to his daughter to build a house on. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

Don Vrablic reported the Quimby Road bridge project in Ovid Township will start April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**M. NEXT MEETING-** will be the Annual Meeting on Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. The next regular meeting will be on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Algansee Township Hall, with the Budget Hearing.

**N. ADJOURNMENT-** Mick Belcher motioned to adjourn. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk