

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- on Monday, May 4, 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.

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

B. AGENDA- Bill Avra motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of May 5th School Election under new business. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Supervisor Tom Morgan urged everyone to come and vote tomorrow.

D. MINUTES-

Algansee Township Board Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the April 6, 2009 Algansee Township Board Meeting minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

Algansee Planning Commission Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the April 27, 2009 Algansee Planning Commission minutes. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

E. 1. Monthly Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance as of the last township meeting; April 6, 2009 was \$500,697.34. The township had income this past month of \$11,113.30. The township had expenses this past month of \$41,748.68 giving the township a balance for May 4, 2009 of \$470,061.96. The Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association – Supervisor Tom Morgan reported the Quincy Fire Association is within budget. They had to replace the battery in the new Fire Truck already.

F. 2. Report from Algansee Township Planning Commission – Mick Belcher reported the Planning Commission discussed the Township Planner Greg Milliken's recommendations.

F. 3. Report from Algansee Township Zoning Board of Appeals- Bill Avra reported they will meet on May 13th.

F. 4. Ordinance Violations- Junk- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported he mailed 2 junk violation letters, one to Kernahan at 328 Donnell Dr. and one letter to Winhoven/Ely at 727 Fizz Lane.

F. 5. Website (www.alganseetownship.com) – Supervisor Tom Morgan reported our website has a virus problem again. Supervisor Tom Morgan wondered about finding a better host, because last month our web host kept denying we had a virus problem. The Board agreed to let Supervisor Tom Morgan find a better website host.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G. 1. Flood Plain Maps- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported he attended the Flood Plain Maps meeting and found out not all the mapping is done. The MTA attorneys say there are several errors.

G. 2. 2009 Branch County Road Commission Projects- Amos Barnett said he would like something done about Hall Road, after it rains there isn't good drainage in some areas of the road. Supervisor Tom Morgan said he will contact Richard Losinski at the Road Commission to see what can be done. Suzanne Preston motioned to spot gravel Campbell Road at a cost of \$8,000 with the township's cost of \$4,000. Support by Ann Strong. Roll call vote Mick Belcher- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes and Tom Morgan- yes. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to have Dust Control applied to the 29.32 miles of gravel roads in Algansee Township at \$375 per mile for a total cost of \$10,995. Last year the cost for dust control was \$8,796. Roll call vote- Ann Strong- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Mick Belcher- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, Tom Morgan- yes. Motion carried. Suzanne Preston motioned to pave the township hall parking lot at a cost of \$25,000. Support by Mick Belcher. Two votes for the motion and 3 votes against the motion. Motion denied. Mick Belcher said he would discuss with the Planning Commission to see if we could chip and seal the parking lot instead. Supervisor Tom Morgan said he would contact Richard Losinski at the Road Commission to give us an estimate for chip and sealing the Township Hall parking lot. Suzanne Preston motioned to table the discussion. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

G. 3. Special Assessment for Whistler Drive- Supervisor Tom Morgan said he hasn't heard anything.

G. 4. Special Assessment for Teal Drive- Supervisor Tom Morgan said he hasn't heard anything.

G. 5. Zoning Board Appeals Expansion to 5 Members- need to change zoning ordinance, Planning Commission is reviewing the changes.

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. MCM Insurance- Supervisor Tom Morgan said that our insurance agent gave us quotes for deductible options of \$250 with \$505 annual savings, and \$500 with \$765 annual savings. The Board was wondering if we went to \$1,000 deductible what the annual savings would be. The Clerk said she would contact our insurance agent.

H. 2. Legislative Update- Supervisor Tom Morgan went over the legislative update.

H. 3. Township Hall Mailbox- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported the mailbox at the township hall had been hit and it leaks. Suzanne Preston motioned to have Supervisor Tom Morgan purchase a new mailbox. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

H. 4. Footers for Veteran Head Stones Plaques- The Clerk reported it was brought to her attention that while the U.S. government pays for the Veteran plaques it is up to the Veteran's families to pay for the foundations to put the plaques on. In Coldwater, the city pays for the foundations of Veterans as a way of honoring the Veteran. Ann Strong motioned for the township to pay for the foundations for the Veteran plaques in Algansee Township. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried. Bill Avra abstained from voting. The cost is about \$200 for the foundation.

H. 5. Cemetery fence- The cemetery fences in both cemeteries are falling down. The Sexton, George Baker said he would take down the fences on a per hour basis. Ann Strong motioned to have George Baker take down the cemetery fences. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. Bill Avra said he would like to buy the chains in those fences from the township.

H. 6. May 5th School Election- the Clerk urged everyone to come to the township hall tomorrow and vote between 7:00a.m. and 8:00p.m.

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$27,310.99, including the election workers of \$551.83. Bill Avra motioned to pay the bills. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report- Russ Jennings reported he issued 3 zoning permits for March- Dale Waligora, Gary Crawford and Jerry Eicher at 540 Colvin Road. Russ said he issued 3 zoning permits for the month of April- Frank Young at 930 Campbell Road, Sam Eicher at 954 Lester Road, and Simon Eicher at 880 Lester Road.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic was absent.

J. 3. Algansee Library Report- Janice Clark emailed her March Library Report as follows-Circulation- 628, Attendance-369, Hours-87, internet use 144. The 3rd Monday night in May the Branch County District Library Board will meet at the Algansee Library.

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Assessor Erica Ewers reported the Equalization Department has signed off on the Board of Review. The Data Entry for 2 week reports is due May 4th. Lewis Rogers is requesting sketches for 12 parcels for the State Tax Commission.

K. CORRESPONDENCES – Supervisor Tom Morgan reported he has received tax assessment inquiries, there is a fence dispute at 478 South Fremont Road between Kiellers' and Gilberts'. Supervisor Tom Morgan said he has heard from one party and the Assessor Erica Ewers said she has heard from the other party.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- Amos Barnett said when we finish the township hall parking lot we need to install a hitching post for the Amish horses and buggies.

M. NEXT MEETING- will be on Monday, June 1, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Algansee Township Hall.

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