

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- on Tuesday, September 8, 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 Harold Sneath, Marlene Kopp, Sue Mistor, Paul & Julie Costa, John Shilling, and Linda Belcher.

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

B. AGENDA- Bill Avra motioned to approve the agenda. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Sue Mistor explained how she and the Browns are trying to acquire the vacated right of way at 760 Bennett Drive. Suzanne Preston motioned that the township board is giving approval for Sue Mistor and the Browns to acquire the vacated right of way with the signatures of the neighbors' approval.

D. MINUTES-

Algansee Township Board Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the August 3, 2009 Algansee Township Board Meeting minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

Algansee Planning Commission Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the August 31, 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 was \$440,807.88. The township had income this past month of \$5,505.02 and expenses this past month of \$26,365.32 giving the township a balance for this meeting of \$346,145.24. The Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

E. 2. Summer Tax Bills- summer taxes are due September 15th.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association – Supervisor Tom Morgan reported there was a meeting on August 11th and Marsh Brothers Marine want to donate a boat to put a pumper on for a fire boat.

F. 2. Report from Algansee Township Planning Commission – Mick Belcher reported they met on August 31st and reviewed Darlene Rehner's request. Ann Strong motioned to table the discussion. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

Supervisor Tom Morgan reported the Branch County Planning Commission approved the changes to the Algansee Township Zoning Ordinance, Zoning Ordinance Amendment #105. Suzanne Preston motioned to have the Planning Commission update the Master Plan. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

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

F.5. Ordinance Violations- Junk- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported the 2 junk violations- Kernahan at 328 Donnell Dr. and Winhoven/Ely at 727 Fizz Lane must be cleaned up by October 5th or the court date is October 6th.

Chris Donato, 788 Bennett Drive, for a zoning violation of an accessory building in setback, was sent a court complaint.

Marsha Benedict at 1025 Grove Road was sent a junk violation.

905 Fisher Road- Is it a campground operation without a permit?

F. 6. Website (www.alganseetownship.com) – Supervisor Tom Morgan reported our website is down. He told Fred Morgan we are looking for alternatives.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G. 1. Flood Plain- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported we should get new flood plain maps in the next month. Then we will need to adopt the resolution.

G. 2. Paving of Township Hall Parking Lot- Ann Strong motioned to have the paving requirement for new and or additions to buildings removed from the zoning ordinance. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. Street signs for Loch Haven & Crauns Beach- Supervisor Tom Morgan said he would try to contact someone on Crauns Beach Drive.

H. 2. Poverty Guidelines for Board of Review- discussed questions that should be asked why they feel they fall under the poverty guidelines this year. What has happened this year to them to have them apply for an exemption? Everyone should be treated equal.

H. 3. Marble Chain of Lakes Improvement Association- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported he attended the meeting in Quincy.

H. 4. Legislative Commission on Government Efficiency Hearing- Supervisor Tom Morgan said he attended the hearing in Lansing.

H. 5. Richard Losinski Retirement Party- Supervisor Tom Morgan said the retirement party is on September 24th from 1-4 at the Eagle Hall in Coldwater for Richard Losinski retiring for the Branch County Road Commission.

H. 6. Marble Lake Chain Sewer Committee- chaired by Linda Belcher, Barb Lloyd, and Joyce Clark is meeting with the USDA in Grand Rapids on September 15th. Tom Morgan, Branch County Drain Commissioner Mike Hard and possibly Tony Headley from the Branch County Health Department will attend also.

H. 7. Status of Assessor as an Employee- we should treat our assessor as an employee according to recent IRS rulings.

H. 8. Apex Software- Mick Belcher motioned to approve the purchase of the software for the assessor for \$456.00 with \$200 yearly renewal support fee. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

H. 9. Computer Upgrade for Treasurer- Mick Belcher motioned to purchase computer upgrade for Treasurer. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

H. 10. Authority of Planning Commission to Commence Master Plan Review- approved earlier in Planning Commission report.

H. 11. Any Other New Business- Veterans Headstones- Mick Belcher motioned to pay for foundation and putting the veteran's plaque on the headstone. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried with Bill Avra abstaining.

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$10,182.89. 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 2 zoning permits for August- Darold & Lynn Johnson and John & Wanda Shilling.

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

J. 3. Algansee Library Report- Librarian Janice Clark emailed her August Algansee Library Report as follows- Circulation-496, Attendance-425, Hours-87, and Internet Use-181.

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Assessor Erica Ewers reported she finished the 14 point review with Lewis Rogers, District 9 Supervisor Assessment & Certification Division.

K. CORRESPONDENCES – hearing for Michigan Gas Utilities, MTA Legislative update, and Baukman.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

M. NEXT MEETING- will be on Monday, October 5, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Algansee Township Hall.

N. ADJOURNMENT- Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk