

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- on Monday, November 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Tom Morgan called the Alganssee Township Board meeting to order at the Alganssee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy, Michigan. The board members present were as follows Supervisor Tom Morgan, Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee Bill Avra, and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Trustee Mick Belcher was absent.

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 our township auditor. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT-

7:05 p.m. First Special Assessment Public Hearing for Dons Drive (private) in Section 5 & 6, Alganssee Township to Increase the Special Assessment Rate - Supervisor Tom Morgan called the special assessment public hearing to order under P.A. 188 of 1954 as amended, for the purpose of determining the validity of the petition and if the property owners are serious about creating a special assessment district for increasing the rate of the road maintenance. Rough costs can be discussed and if the property owners approve the second and final meeting is scheduled. The Clerk has verified the petition. Those present from the Dons Drive (private) special assessment district were Russ Jennings, Bob Elliott, John and Carol Kmiotek. Russ Jennings motioned to start increase for the special assessment of \$50.00 starting in 2010 and to continue indefinitely. Support by Bob Elliott. Motion carried.

Township Auditor's Report- David Locey gave his auditor's report. He said in the years past the books weren't in very good shape, but the past couple years the books are in very good shape.

7:20 Second Special Assessment Public Hearing for Don's Drive (private) in Section 5 & 6, Alganssee Township- Supervisor Tom Morgan called the special assessment public hearing to order under P.A. 188 of 1954 as amended, to verify the rate of \$50.00 per property owner per year indefinitely, collected each year starting in 2010, there are 43 property owners with Del Ray Retreat being counted as two owners. Some property owners have more than one lot and are billed for maintenance fees two times for a total of 52. Russ Jennings motioned to accept the cost of \$50.00 per year per property owner. Support by John Kmiotek. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to close the public hearing. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to approve the special assessment for Don's Drive (private) in Section 5 & 6, Alganssee Township, in the amount of \$50.00 per year per property owner indefinitely beginning in 2010. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried

D. MINUTES-

Alganssee Township Board Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the October 5, 2009 Alganssee Township Board Meeting minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

Alganssee Planning Commission Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the October 26, 2009 Alganssee Planning Commission minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

E. 1. Monthly Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance as of the last township meeting was \$355,201.06. The township had income this past month of \$356.35 and expenses this past month of \$21,506.40 giving the township a balance for this November meeting of \$334,051.01. The Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association – Trustee Bill Avra reported there weren't enough people for a quorum at the October 13th at 5:30p.m. Those that did attend were able to see the Fire Chief's new car computer. The next meeting will be on December 8th.

F. 2. Report from Alganssee Township Planning Commission – Amos Barnett reported they will have the township planner help them review the Master Plan.

F. 3. Report from Alganssee Township Zoning Board of Appeals- Bill Avra reported ZBA approved the variance for Cherie Cochrane on October 7th.

7:30 First Special Assessment Public Hearing for Crauns Beach Drive in Section 5, Alganssee Township to Renew the Special Assessment Rate - Supervisor Tom Morgan called the special assessment public hearing to order under P.A. 188 of 1954 as amended, for the purpose of determining the validity of the petition and if the property owners are serious about renewing a special assessment district for the road maintenance. Rough costs can be discussed and if the property owners approve the second and final meeting is scheduled. The Clerk has verified the petition. Those present from Crauns Beach Drive were Gene Neuendorf, Ed Reed, Gerald Winter, Charles Ingolia, and Jim Null. Gerald Winter motioned to continue the rate at \$50.00 per property owners with the 26 property owners. Gene Neuendorf supported the motion. Motion carried. Suzanne Preston motioned to approve the special assessment district for Crauns Beach Drive and to close the public hearing. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

7:35- Second Special Assessment Public Hearing for Crauns Beach Drive in Section 5, Alganssee Township to Renew the Special Assessment Rate- Supervisor Tom Morgan called the second special assessment public hearing to order under P.A. 188 of 1954 as amended, to verify the rate of \$50.00 per property owner per year indefinitely with a total of 26 property owners to be collected each year starting in 2010. Gerald Winter motioned to accept the cost of \$50.00 per year per property owner. Support by Ed Reed. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to close the public hearing. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to approve the special assessment for Crauns Beach Drive in Section 5, Alganssee Township, in the amount of \$50.00 per year per property owner indefinitely beginning in 2010. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to close the public hearing. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Gene Neuendorf said he would like a spread sheet on the fund balance of Crauns Beach. Treasurer Ann Strong said she would send him an updated spread sheet. Ed Reed said he would like one also.

F.5. Ordinance Violations- Junk- 1025 Grove Road, owner Marsha Benedict, was sent a junk violation letter and hasn't responded. 291 Winhoven, owner Sandra Ely, she is working on cleaning up.

Chris Donato, 788 Bennett Drive, has a zoning violation of an accessory building in setback. Ann Strong motioned to support a compromise. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

F. 6. Website (www. alganseetownship.com) – Supervisor Tom Morgan reported he has talked with Fred Morgan and he will rehost it.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G. 1. FEMA Flood Plain Maps- Ann Strong motioned to table this until we hear more. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

G. 2. Fee Elimination/Reduction for Hardship Cases in other townships- done

G.3. Marble Lake Chain Sewer Committee- Supervisor Tom Morgan said committee is looking into how to take a poll by all lake property owners to see how much support there is for a sewer before they proceed any further.

G. 4. Street signs for Loch Haven & Crauns Beach- Supervisor Tom Morgan said he found out that a street sign is about \$100.00 and he will contact 911 to see if they have any money for replacement of the street signs.

G. 5. Poverty Guidelines for Board of Review- Supervisor Tom Morgan said board of review will wait until the training to find out more because state is making changes to lesson foreclosure sales.

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. Payment of Election Workers- Bill Avra motioned to pay the elections plus supper. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

H. 2. 2010 Equalization Maintenance Contracts- the county sent out a letter stating they may not do the equalization contracts next year. County GIS Department is working on a proposal to do the equalization contracts with the townships.

H. 3. Friends of the Library- would like to use the township hall on April 20, 2010 for a meeting from 5:00p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Bill Avra motioned to allow the Friends of the Library use the township hall on April 20th from 5:00 to 8:00p.m. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Update on the walnuts collected- they didn't make as much on walnuts this year because the price was only \$6.00/bushel which was half what it was last year. They are still grateful for what they got.

Any Other New Business- none

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$24,876.44 including the election expenses of \$584.76. Bill Avra motioned to pay the bills. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report- Russ Jennings reported he issued 5 zoning permits for October- Gail Smurr, Randy & Cindy Zachrich, Scott Lewandowski, Ben Eicher and Gerald Hagerman, & one land split.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic gave us an update on the County Commissioners.

J. 3. Algansee Library Report- Librarian Janice Clark emailed her October Algansee Library Report as follows- Circulation-550, Attendance-362, Hours-95, and Internet Use-157, come see your Algansee Library.

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Assessor Erica Ewers reported Supervisor Tom Morgan had submitted a preliminary plan for the 14 point review to the State Tax Commission and we received word back that they accepted our preliminary plan and have until November 15th to submit the final plan. The Assessor sent out bid requests to 7 companies and received 4 replies back by the October 28th deadline. They are as follows- CSZ \$39/parcel in 1 year, Land Mark Appraisal Company- \$43.45/parcel in 1 year, Southwest Michigan Government Consultants- \$70 & \$40/parcel and \$10 increase if done within 1 year, and Appraisal Plus Group Inc.- \$47/parcel in 1 year. Ann Strong motioned to have CSZ to measure and identify all land improvements within the township. Suzanne Preston supported the motion. Motion carried.

K. CORRESPONDENCES – MTA program

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

M. NEXT MEETING- will be on Monday, December 7, 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 8:50 p.m. Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk