

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** on Monday, January 4, 2010 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 the board members were present- Supervisor Tom Morgan, Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee Bill Avra, Trustee Mick Belcher, and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors that signed in were Chuck Lillis, Harold Sneath, Paul & Julie Costa, Willard Reichhart, John Shilling, 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. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT-** Paul & Julie Costa brought pictures to show everyone how Chris Donato's shed, 788 Bennett Drive, is not in compliance with the township's zoning ordinance. They expressed their disappointment with the lack of enforcement by the township. The current township zoning ordinance states that no accessory dwelling can be in the yard between the house and lake and Chris Donato's shed is between his house and the lake. Joe Costa said he is a township ordinance violation officer in Calhoun County and he hoped the township would continue to enforce this violation. Supervisor Tom Morgan said he received a letter from Chris Donato's attorney stating that Chris is not in violation and doesn't need to compromise. Chris Donato is in Florida for the winter. Paul & Julie Costa said they would agree to a compromise of cutting down the tree and moving the shed to the side of the house where there is room for the shed. They said they are afraid if Chris Donato doesn't have to comply with the zoning ordinance then perhaps others would think they wouldn't have to comply. Supervisor Tom Morgan said Chris Donato is not in compliance with our zoning.

#### **D. MINUTES-**

**Algansee Township Board Minutes-** Ann Strong motioned to accept the December 7, 2009 Algansee Township Board Meeting minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**Algansee Planning Commission Minutes-** they didn't meet in the month of December. Next meeting will be January 25, 2010.

#### **E. TREASURER'S REPORT**

**E. 1. Monthly Report-** Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the last township meeting was \$331,688.36. The township had income this past month of \$2,205.40 and expenses this past month of \$10,926.87 giving the township a balance for this December meeting of \$322,966.89. The Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

**E. 2. Winter Tax Bills-** Treasurer Ann Strong said people are paying their winter taxes.

#### **F. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**F. 1. Quincy Fire Association** – Trustee Bill Avra reported they met on December 8<sup>th</sup> and looked over next years' budget, which is the same as last year's budget.

**F. 2. Report from Alganssee Township Planning Commission** – Trustee Mick Belcher reported they didn't meet. Supervisor Tom Morgan reported he was able to make 2 large copies of the township's zoning map and several small zoning map copies.

**F. 3. Report from Alganssee Township Zoning Board of Appeals-** Trustee Bill Avra reported ZBA didn't meet.

**F.4. Ordinance Violations- Junk-** Supervisor Tom Morgan reported junk violations as follows- owner Marsha Benedict, 1025 Grove Road, junk and weeds, will revisit in the spring. Owner Sandra Ely, 291 Winhoven, she is working on cleaning up the junk. **Zoning-** owner Chris Donato, 788 Bennett Drive, has a zoning violation of an accessory building in setback- already discussed tonight.

**F. 5. Website (www. algansseetownship.com)** – Supervisor Tom Morgan reported the website is working well.

## **G. OLD BUSINESS**

**G. 1. FEMA Flood Plain Maps-** Supervisor Tom Morgan reported they are still on hold.

**G. 2. 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. 3. DMCI tower usage-** Supervisor Tom Morgan reported that DMCI hung some repeaters on our internet tower. There are 132 local users.

**G. 4. Any Other Old Business-** none

## **H. NEW BUSINESS-**

**H. 1. Resolution for Esther Cook who lives at 106 Wilmin Road, She turns 100 on 1-5-2010-** Mick Belcher motioned to support the resolution Esther Cook for turning 100 years old on January 5, 2010. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**H. 2. Branch County Road Commission Annual Meeting-** will be Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:45a.m.

**H. 3. Budget Workshop-** will be on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00.

**H.4. Township Annual Meeting-** the last Saturday in March, March 27<sup>th</sup>, time will be discussed next month.

**H. 5. Advertising for the sexton and lawn mowing jobs, the assessor and zoning administrator's** contracts need to be renewed- Clerk said she would put an ad in the Shoppers Guide and the Daily Reporter for the sexton and lawn mowing bids.

**H. 6. Planning Commission Appointment to ZBA-**planning commission's seat on the ZBA is up for rotation.

**H. 7. Inquiry Concerning Wind Farm Ordinance in Township-** Supervisor Tom Morgan said the township needs to look into an ordinance for wind farms in the township.

**H. 8. Any Other New Business-** none

**I. PAYMENT OF BILLS-** Expenses were presented in the amount of \$7,130.31. 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 1 zoning permit for December and that was a renewal to Don Peterson

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

**J. 3. Algansee Library Report-** Librarian Janice Clark emailed her December Algansee Library Report as follows- Circulation-609, Attendance-356, Hours-83, and Internet Use-163. They have lots of holiday crafts here at the library; and read lots of holiday books. They are getting ready for the New Year ordering new books and weeding some out old books and starting to think about the summer reading program.

**J. 4. Assessor's Report** – Assessor Erica Ewers reported 14 point review update: No new update, December Board of Review met December 15 and approved 6 petitions. The agricultural appraisals were completed by the County and then an error was found. The revised reports are due out in the coming week. She hasn't heard anything in regard to the Equalization Contracts so nothing new to report. New construction reviews were finalized as of December 28. Personal Property Statements were mailed on Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Permits and misc. paperwork being collected from the Building Inspectors Office, Equalization Office, and Township Board members. Any changes to Hardship Criteria or application should be approved no later than the February meeting so that this information can be mailed out prior to the March Board of Review. The Poverty guidelines will be prepared for approval at the February meeting as well.

**K. CORRESPONDENCES** – none

**L. PUBLIC COMMENT-** Paul Costa said they would be on vacation next month and please keep them posted on any development with the Chris Donato zoning violation. Linda Belcher wondered about the January Planning Commission meeting.

**M. NEXT MEETING-** will be on Monday, February 1 2010 at 7:00p.m. at the Algansee Township Hall starting with the budget workshop and the regular meeting starting at 7:30p.m.

**N. ADJOURNMENT-** Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk