

Budget Workshop- 7:00 p.m. The Algonsee Township Board worked on the 2010-2011 fiscal year Budget at the Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road.

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- on Monday, February 1, 2010 at 7:55 p.m. Supervisor Tom Morgan called the Algonsee Township Board meeting to order at the Algonsee 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 Linda Belcher, Harold Sneath, John Shilling, Mark Costa, Carrol Tille and Don Vrablic.

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

B. AGENDA- Ann Strong motioned to approve the agenda. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Amos Barnett asked State Representative Ken Kurtz what he is doing to help Tom Morgan with his homestead exemption. State Representative Ken Kurtz said he and his staff are looking into it, also trying to help another party with a similar problem. Ken said he has a hard time communicating with the Treasury Department.

State Representative Ken Kurtz gave us an update on what is going on in Lansing.

D. MINUTES-

Algonsee Township Board Minutes- the January 4, 2010 Township Board Meeting minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

Algonsee Planning Commission Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept January 25, 2010 Algonsee Township Planning Commission minutes. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

E. 1. Monthly Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the last township meeting was \$\$322,966.89. The township had income this past month of \$33.23 and expenses this past month of \$7,130.31 giving the township a balance for this February meeting of \$315,869.81. 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.

E. 3. Budget Adjustments- Suzanne Preston motioned to adjust McKenna to \$5,800, Dust control to \$11,000, Supervisor's mileage to \$124, township hall utilities to \$4,500, treasurer's computer support to \$1,335. Mick Belcher supported the motion. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association – Supervisor Tom Morgan said they didn't meet last month but will meet this month on February 10th.

F. 2. Report from Algonsee Township Planning Commission – Trustee Mick Belcher reported they met with the Ag community and had good dialog. Suzanne Preston motioned to have Supervisor Tom Morgan or Planning Commission Chairman Rodney Carpenter contact our township Planner Greg Milliken on what we should do about the place just south of Lester Cemetery selling wagons and such out in his yard. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to accept the Planning Commission officers Chairman Rodney Carpenter, Vice Chairman Pricilla Dodd, Secretary Glenn Preston and representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals Glenn Preston. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. Russ Jennings reported on a zoning violation at the corner of Teal and Fisher. Mr. Roberts is a contractor and enclosed his front porch overhang without getting a zoning permit. He didn't change the foot print of the house. Bill Avra motioned to charge Mr. Roberts the \$25. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

F. 3. Report from Algonsee 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-** Chris Donato, 788 Bennett Drive, has a zoning violation of an accessory building in setback, hearing been postponed until he gets back from Florida.

F. 5. Website (www. alganseeetownship.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. Bids for Lawn Care and Sexton- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported the bids are as follows- George Baker \$7,500, Jim Tinervia \$6,770, Best Lawn Care \$7,500, Craig’s Lawn \$7,280, Crooked Cut Lawn Care \$7,600, Affordable Lawn Care \$8,000, Upston Lawn Care \$7,300. Bill Avra motioned to keep George Baker to do the lawn care for the township. Suzanne Preston supported the motion. Motion carried. The Sexton bids were from George Baker and Jim Tinervia. Bill Avra motioned to keep George Baker as our sexton. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

G .5. Wind Farm Ordinance- Supervisor Tom Morgan or Planning Commission Chairman Rodney Carpenter will talk to our township Planner Greg Milliken about an ordinance for wind farms, medical marijuana act and zoning ordinance.

G. 6. Planning Commission Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals- already discussed.

G. 7. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. Branch County Road Commission Annual Meeting- will be Tuesday, February 16th at 10:45a.m.

H. 2. Township Annual Meeting- the last Saturday in March, March 27th at 2:00p.m.

H. 3. Library Plan of Service Agreement- Suzanne Preston motioned to table. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

H. 4. Medical Marijuana Act and Zoning Ordinance- already discussed.

H. 5. 2010 Poverty Guidelines - The following are the federal poverty income standards which the United States Office of Management and Budget recommends that federal departments and agencies use. The standards are actually compiled and published by the Bureau of the Census which refers to them as “poverty thresholds”. The governing body of the local assessing unit has the option of considering the age of the resident(s) when establishing their guidelines. This provision applies only when one or two persons reside in the homestead, because there are no age-related thresholds for three or more persons in the homestead. The following are the poverty thresholds as of December 31, 2009 for use in setting poverty exemption guidelines for 2010 assessments:

<u>Number of Persons residing in homestead</u>	<u>Annual allowable Income</u>
1	\$ 10,800
2	\$ 14,600
3	\$ 18,300
4	\$ 22,100
5	\$ 25,800

6	\$ 29,500
7	\$ 33,300
8	\$ 37,000
For Each Additional person	Add \$ 3,700

H. 6. 2010 Board of Review Resolution- WHEREAS, Public Act 194, 2003 allows the township board by resolution to select an alternative starting date in March when the board of review shall initially meet, WHEREAS, MCL 211.30 provides the alternative starting dates shall be the Tuesday or Wednesday following the second Monday of March, WHEREAS, the Algansee Township Board wants to make board of review convenient for both the assessor and board of review members work schedules, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Algansee Township Board of Review will meet on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 11, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member Bill Avra. Second offered by Board Member Mick Belcher. Upon Roll call vote the following voted: Aye: 5 and Nay: 0. The Supervisor declared the resolution passed.

H. 7. 2010 Salary Resolutions- Ann Strong motioned to have the Supervisor's salary at \$8,000. 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 Clerk's salary at \$10,000. Support by Bill Avra. 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 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 Trustees 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. Ann Strong motioned to have the Zoning Administrator's salary at \$500 per month. 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 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 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 Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary paid \$90 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 Secretary paid \$90 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 Zoning Board of Appeals members be 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. 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. Ann Strong motioned to have the Election chairman paid \$10 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 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 Bill Avra. Roll call vote Mick Belcher- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes & Suzanne Preston- yes. Motion carried.

H. 8. Computer for Assessing Functions- tabled

H. 9. Remove state and federal taxes from salary checks- Treasurer said she hopes have that done by next month.

H.10. Any Other New Business- none

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$8,141.23. Mick Belcher motioned to pay the bills. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report- Russ Jennings reported he issued 1 zoning permit for January to John and Darlene Starr. John Starr asked if we could list all structures that need a zoning permit in our newsletter.

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 January Algansee Library Report as follows-Circ-595,Attn:-350,Hrs.-87,Internet-153 Ordering new books, taking out some old. Children creating Valentines. I have been busy with project planning for the Spring and Summer. We will be taking some classes at Coldwater on new Websites. We have new Library cards, turn your old one in or destroy yourself and receive a new card/key tag/and bookmark combo, nice looking card! More updates next month.

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Assessor Erica Ewers reported The appraisals/sales studies have been finalized:

Agricultural came in at 47.73% (increase of 4.8%), Commercial came in at 49.99% (no change), Industrial came in at 51.46% (decrease of 2.8%), Residential came in at 56.84% (decrease of 12.03%)

Equalization Contract discussion has been pushed to the February Supervisors meeting as no solution had been reached at the January meeting. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) office is suppose to also be putting together a proposal to distribute to the townships in the coming weeks. Rumor is that they will provide data at no cost to townships; actual maps will be the cost of paper and toner but have not seen anything in writing yet.

Personal Property Statements were due today, but they are coming back in very slowly. Permits and misc. paperwork being collected from the Building Inspectors Office, Equalization Office, and Township Board members.

K. CORRESPONDENCES – MTA workshop for contracts and ZBA. Linda Belcher said she might be interested.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- Russ Jennings said he would like John and Darlene Starr's zoning permit reduced to \$25. Ann Strong motioned to reduce John and Darlene Starr zoning permit reduce to \$25. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

M. NEXT MEETING- will be on Monday, March 1, 2010 at 7:30p.m. at the Alganssee Township Hall.

N. ADJOURNMENT- Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Alganssee Township Clerk