

November 1, 2010 ALGANSEE TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- on Monday, November 1, 2010 at 7:30pm 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 attending that signed in were Laura Allen, Brad Smith, Harold Sneath, Norm & Teresa Wasielewski, Ben Badders, Art Simpson, Anne Conner and Don Vrablic.

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

B. AGENDA- Bill Avra motioned to approve the agenda. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

C. Public Comment- none

D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the October 4, 2010 Township Board Meeting minutes as written. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

Algansee Planning Commission Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept October 25, 2010 Algansee Township Planning Commission minutes as written. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried

E. TREASURER'S REPORT-

E. 1. Monthly Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the last month's township meeting was \$275,924.04. The township had income this past month of \$162.09 and expenses this past month of \$17,772.97 giving the township a balance for this November meeting of \$258,313.16. 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 – Bill Avra reported the next meeting will be October 12th.

F. 2. Report from Algansee Township Planning Commission – Trustee Mick Belcher reported they discussed wind energy conversion systems and conditional rezoning, had some questions they sent to the township planner

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

F.4. Ordinance Violations - 1025 Grove Road – certified letter sent, **788 Bennett Drive (Chris Donato)** – accessory building setback violation – judge has recommended/ordered a compromise – waiting paperwork from court and agreement from Chris, **300 Winhoven-** trailer being torn down.

F. 5. Website (www.alganseetownship.com) – Supervisor Tom Morgan reported problems adding documents to website.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G. 1. Marble Lake Chain Sewer Study Committee- already gave report earlier in the meeting

G. 2. Wheel Chair Ramp Modifications- took pictures today to send for verification we brought ramp up to code- T J Rampit USA, Inc. removed inside hand rail, moved the railing down about 6 inches along each side of ramp and add threshold plate at base of ramp for \$253.00.

G. 3. Library Plan of Service Changes- requested 2.5 paid hours for Algansee Library assistant and money to help with the fuel allotment at Algansee Library to the Branch District Library Board

G. 4. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. November 2nd Election- Public Accuracy Test October 25th at 9:00am- Mick Belcher motioned to pay the election workers supper. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

H. 2. Any Other New Business- none

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$17,772.97. Bill Avra motioned to pay the bills. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1 Algansee Library Report- Algansee Librarian Jan Clark reported Circulation-683, Attendance-419, Hours-92, Internet Use- 262; wireless internet use from Library was 205. Requested new library signs, mailbox & flagpole the Library board approved purchase these items. The Library has been busy.

J. 2. Zoning Administrator's Report- Russ Jennings reported he issued 5 zoning permits for September- Mike Mescher, Meno Girod, Jim Ray, Cherie Cochrane and Dale Waligora.

J. 3. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic gave his County Commissioner's Top 5 Report as follows- Secondary road patrol funding decreased, marine patrol, Community Health Center refunding opportunities on capital leases, Pines Behavioral Health buildings lease extended, county parking lot construction should be complete mid November.

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Assessor Erica Ewers reported- Accomplishments: The residential sales study original county report was coming in at a 15.71% increase for the one year sales study. After going through all the sales and discussing the information with the Equalization Department we are currently at a 5.78% increase based on 17 sales for the 1 year study. The State says we are to use the one year study. By comparison the two year study is coming in at a 3.24% increase for 32 sales. We have not finalized the values because September 30 was the last day of the sales study so we have agreed to wait a couple of weeks and see if any new qualifying deeds are filed. The new computer was delivered September 23. Pictometry training was held at 911 on Sept. 30 and Oct 1. Special assessments were submitted to the County Treasurer's office on September 24. December Board of Review preliminary petitions were also submitted. December Board of Review is scheduled for December 14, 2010. Need to confirm the time. All data entry is caught up to the degree that it can be until the reappraisal information is down loaded. I have all the splits/combinations (21 parcels impacted by these changes) completed on paper and pending entry when reappraisal gets here. If enter before that then data will be overwritten by reappraisal values. The Michigan Tax Tribunal appeal for Goehler was held on September 28, now we wait for the answer and this could take 90 days or more. Working with the Register of Deeds office, Equalization, GIS, and Building Inspection to obtain all the documents needed to continue to keep the files up to date. Considerations: BS&A .NET Software update – cost for conversion to new software \$2,600; Annual support \$520 (same as currently).

K. CORRESPONDENCES – none

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- will be Monday, November 1, 2010 at 7:30pm at the Algansee Township Hall.

N. ADJOURNMENT- Bill Avra motioned to adjourn. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.
Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk