

# DECEMBER 6, 2010 ALGANSEE TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** on Monday, December 6, 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 Pete & Marge Inde, Peg Edwards, Linda Belcher, Amos Barnett, Erica Ewers, John Shilling, Russ Jennings, Teresa Wasielewski 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-** There isn't a heading on the revised 10-4-10 minutes online. Supervisor Tom Morgan said he'll fix it.

**D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes-** Ann Strong motioned to accept the November 1, 2010 Township Board Meeting minutes with the correct library report. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

**Algansee Planning Commission Minutes-** Mick Belcher motioned to accept October 29, 2010 Algansee Township Planning Commission minutes as written. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried

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

**E. 1. Monthly Report-** Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the last month's township meeting was \$258,313.16. The township had income this past month of \$23,461.24 and expenses this past month of \$10,214.98 giving the township a balance for this December meeting of \$271,559.42. 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-** Supervisor Tom Morgan reported he attended the finance committee meeting and the budget is 2.9% less than last year. The next Fire meeting will be December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**F. 2. Report from Algansee Township Planning Commission-** Trustee Mick Belcher reported they finalized the Master Plan and Zoning updates and won't meet again until they hold the public hearing for these updates on January 31, 2011 at 7:30 pm.

**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 and some progress but very slow, **788 Bennett Drive (Chris Donato)** – accessory building setback violation- township attorney has notified Chris' attorney his compromise wasn't acceptable request a January conference with judge, **300 Winhoven-** the trailer is gone and getting dumpster in to clean up lot.

**F. 5. Website ([www.alganseetownship.com](http://www.alganseetownship.com))** – Supervisor Tom Morgan reported it is working fine.

## **G. OLD BUSINESS**

**G. 1. Sewer Study Committee-** had meeting with township Supervisors and Engineers at 911 office for topography of the proposed area.

**G. 2. Library Branch District Board Meeting Minutes-** Supervisor Tom Morgan reported he received minutes and is willing to let anyone read them that wants to.

**G. 3. Library Heat Payment for Winter Months-** last year the heat payment for February was \$435.33 and the May payment was \$136.51. Ann Strong motioned to table the discussion until we find out if the District Library will accept our proposal of them paying the 12 additional hours per week for Librarian at Algansee Branch. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

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

## **H. NEW BUSINESS-**

**H. 1. Road Commission Meeting/Tour-** Trent Arver from the Branch County Road Commission met with Supervisor Tom Morgan on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00pm and discussed road improvements in the township. We decided not to make any proposals until after our annual meeting with the Branch County Road Commission.

**H. 2. Receipt of partial payment for Lester Cemetery Damage-** we received partial payment of \$3,872 of the \$11,900 total cost of repair of 6 headstones.

**H. 3. Sunday Morning Liquor Sales-** state law passed, effective December 15, 2010.

**H. 4. Any Other New Business-** none

**I. PAYMENT OF BILLS-** Expenses were presented in the amount of \$8,812.94. 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 renewal for November to Steven Rubin.

**J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report-** Don Vrablic gave his County Commissioner's Top 5 Report as follows- County Showcase Program, Health Care Reform, Quincy Rotary Park Project, Vehicle Deer Accidents and CHC Trustees Appointed.

**J. 3. Alganssee Library Report-** Alganssee Librarian Jan Clark emailed her report as follows: Circulation-637, Attendance-348, Internet-207, Hours-81, wireless-207, 5-Juvenile programs. November was again full of Thanksgiving crafting and stories with children. November 4<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with Branch District Library, the

Alganssee Friends sponsored the Binder Parker Zoo mobile with 7 critters. Children held some of critters and asked a lot of questions, which is what it is all about. We all enjoyed 60 attended. Friends served punch and cookies. Gave away Movie package from Coldwater cinema, lucky winner was really pleased. Alganssee Friends also bought another package for December, when the children come in for books; they sign a ticket, put in drawing. Sometime close to Christmas we will give this to a lucky winner, few other prizes for children. Thanks to all Alganssee Friends for all they do for our Library. Always welcome to join our group of Friends, next meeting is December 16<sup>th</sup> @6:00 at the Library. We would not be able to have some of these programs because of large groups, if it wasn't for the folks at Pine Ridge Bible Church, which we are very grateful!

**J. 4. Assessor's Report** – Board of Review is December 14, 2010 at 8:00am. Michigan Tax Tribunal proposed opinion & judgment for Goehler the judge lowered the assessed and taxable value for 2009 and 2010 to reflect storage only above the garage rather than living area. No word on reappraisal, the contract deadline is December 15<sup>th</sup>, haven't heard from them since October. Working with Register of Deeds office, Equalization Department, GIS and Building Inspector to obtain all document needed to keep files up to date.

**J. 5. Sheriff's Report-** faxed in

**K. CORRESPONDENCES** – MTA correspondence and Life Care Ambulance Services Newsletter is \$38 per year to subscribe.

**L. PUBLIC COMMENT-** Laura Allen said she wasn't clear enough last month about asking the township board to take a straw poll of only the property owners in the proposed sewer district to decide if there is a need for the sewer.

**M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING-** will be Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 7:30pm at the Alganssee Township Hall.

**N. ADJOURNMENT-** Bill Avra motioned to adjourn. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. Suzanne Preston, Alganssee Township Clerk