

NOVEMBER 1, 2010 ALGANSEE TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES (corrected-a)

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 on the October 12th meeting and they are looking into a new kitchen to be able to handle their fund raiser dinners.

F. 2. Report from Algansee Township Planning Commission- Trustee Mick Belcher reported they are working on the language for wind energy conversion systems and conditional rezoning for the Zoning Ordinance.

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 they had another fire there, **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-** the trailer is torn down.

F. 5. Website (www. alganseetownship.com) – Supervisor Tom Morgan reported it is working fine.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G. 1. Sewer Study Committee-all 3 townships agreed to have the Sewer study, it may take 3 months.

G. 2. Library Plan of Service Changes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the Library Plan of Service changes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

G. 3. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. New Cemetery Rules signs- Ann Strong motioned to accept the new cemetery rules signs. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

H. 2. Branch County Historical Society Presentation- They would like to come and speak at our January 4th meeting about the new Branch County history book.

H. 3. Date of January Meeting- will be on Tuesday, January 4th because Monday the 3rd is a legal holiday.

H. 4. Friends of the Library/Zoo Presentation at Pine Ridge Bible Church on 11-4-10 at 2:00pm.

H. 5. Road Commission Meeting- Trent Arver from the Branch County Road Commission will meet with Supervisor Tom Morgan on November 2nd at 2:00pm. Need to discuss Cornell and Campbell roads need grading.

H. 6. P.A.116- request for Pridgeon Enterprises LLC purchase of the Elwin & Evelyn VanHoosear farm. Ann Strong motioned to accept the P.A.116 request from Pridgeon Enterprises LLC of the Elwin and Evelyn VanHoosear farm. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

H. 7. Please get out and vote tomorrow Supervisor Tom Morgan urged everyone to come and vote tomorrow.

H. 8. Any Other New Business- none

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$9,000.95 plus 1,214.03 for the 11-2-10 election workers and supper. 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 2 zoning permits for October- Eddy Miller and Jake Girod.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic gave his County Commissioner's Top 5 + 1 Report as follows- There is a lot under that lot, 2011 County Jail Reimbursement Program, Commissioner Per Diem, 20th Anniversary of the American's with Disabilities Act, Code Red, Remember to fall back one hour this Saturday.

J. 3. Algansee Library Report- Algansee Librarian Jan Clark emailed her report as follows: Circulation-583, Attendance-423, Hours-92, Internet-233, and Wireless-125. We have had crafts every Tuesday at 4:30 for Halloween and will continue in November with Thanksgiving crafts and stories. New sign for Library activities for outside of Library. Signs for Library as you enter Algansee have arrived, but I ordered wrong size, but it won't take long to get those in and up. The Coldwater Board approved the money from Capital funds for new signs. Thursday November 4th, The Friends of the Algansee, in conjunction with Branch District Library, will sponsor Binder Park Zoo Program with live critters, held at Pine Ridge Bible Church, at 2:00 p.m. everybody is welcome! After program cookies and punch will be available. Thank You Jan Clark

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Accomplishments: The State Tax Commission released last week the Consumer Price Index for 2011 at 1.017 which results in a taxable value increase for 2011 of 1.7 %. I am still working with the Equalization office on the residential sales study. Pictometry software and hard drive were delivered to my office on Friday, October 29. I am in the process of learning how to use it. Reminder: December Board of Review is scheduled for December 14, 2010 at 8 am.

Tribunal Judge Response for the Michigan Tax Tribunal appeal for Goehler has been forwarded back to the State according to their website. Now we wait to see when we get it. This weekend also received a new list of 3 Principal Residence Exemption Denials from the State. 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). See proposal attached to October Assessor's report.

J. 5. Sheriff's Report- faxed in

K. CORRESPONDENCES – MTA new officials training, letters from lake residents about sewer study.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- Norm Wasielewski, 757 Lakeshore Point, was wondering which Public Act 188 or 185 the Sewer Study would be under. He also requested that the first sentence in paragraph C in the October 4th minutes be removed. Bill motioned to remove the first part of the second line in paragraph C in the October minutes be removed "*committee members went door to door to get the last of the surveys answered*". Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

Laura Allen asked the township board take a straw poll of property owners in the proposed sewer district by effected parcels. Brad Smith wondered what the township decided about golf carts on township roads. Supervisor Tom Morgan told him the township doesn't have any way of regulating golf carts.

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- will be Monday, December 6, 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 9:05pm.

Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk