

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- on Monday, March 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 that signed in were Glenn Preston, Linda Belcher, Harold Sneath, John Shilling, Lynnell Eash, Shila Boes, Rodney Carpenter 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- Harold Sneath said there is a problem with a semi on Donnell Drive across from the access lot, the place used to belong to Nick Sours, he doesn't know who owns it now. In the zoning ordinance it states no semi's in residential areas. Supervisor Tom Morgan said he would look into it.

Shila Boes presented 2 petitions with more than 51% signatures of the property owners for each petition for weed control, one for Donnell Drive and the other for the channel. Bill Avra motioned to hold 2 public hearings on our next regular township board meeting April 5th the first one will be at 7:00pm. If that one passes the next one will be held at 7:15pm. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

Duane Barnett said the Coldwater Daily Reporter stated the townships must decide if the townships will allow ORVs (off road vehicles) on the roads in the township. Don Vrablic said people can obtain ORV stickers from the Department of Natural Resources. The Board decided to table discussion until after the next Supervisor's meeting when the conservation officer is supposed to speak.

Truth and Taxation Hearing- Supervisor Tom Morgan called the Truth and Taxation Hearing to order. He asked if there were any questions. There weren't any questions. Supervisor Tom Morgan read the Millage reductions from 1999 to 2009 for Algansee Township which are as follows- 1999- 0.9150, 2000- 0.9057, 2001- 0.8881, 2002- 0.8668, 2003- 0.8550, 2004- 0.8492, 2005- 0.8321, 2006- 0.8263, 2007- 0.8191, 2008- 0.8104, 2009- .8104. According to the Headley amendment the amount will go down or stay the same each year. He said we don't know the exact amount for this year yet, except that it should be less than last year's amount or stay the same as last year's. We usually get notified around August or September what the township's amount will be. Bill Avra motioned to approve the truth and taxation with the maximum property tax Millage rate allowed not to exceed last year's amount of .8104 in support of the proposed budget. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to close the Truth and Taxation hearing. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

Budget Hearing- Supervisor Tom Morgan called the budget hearing to order and said that we won't know the township's allocation from the state until they pay us. He asked if anyone had any questions or comments. No one had any questions or comments. Ann Strong motioned to accept the Algansee Township fiscal year 2010-2011 budget. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to close the Budget hearing. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

D. MINUTES-

Algansee Township Board Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to support the February 1, 2010 Township Board Meeting minutes. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

Algansee Planning Commission Minutes- Ann Strong motioned to accept February 22, 2010 Algansee Township Planning Commission minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

E. 1. Monthly Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the last township meeting was \$315,869.81. The township had income this past month of \$21,231.61 and expenses this past month of \$8,141.23 giving the township a balance for this February meeting of \$328,960.19. 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 said they didn't meet on February 10th because of all the snow.

F. 2. Report from Algansee Township Planning Commission – Trustee Mick Belcher reported they met with the Amish community and had a good turn out. The Amish had a list of suggestions as follows-

1. Respect the Amish and our religion. Please work with us to solve our zoning problems instead of taking us to court. Let's work things out. We have been in Algansee Township for 50 years and had not had any problems until about 10 years ago. Things have been much better the last 2 years.

2. The 10 acre zoning requirement works a lot better for us than the 10 year no till.

3. Current road setbacks are not a problem for us when building new structures but remain a problem with our older homes and buildings which have been there for decades.

4. A hitching rail would be nice to have at the township hall.

5. An earlier starting time (6:00) for township meetings would be better for the Amish so we're not traveling on major roads after dark.

6. We would prefer to have our roads remain gravel roads. Oil spread on our roads adheres to our buggies and equipment.

7. A 4 foot road brim would be nice for the major roads in Algansee Township. If not a 4 foot brim, could we at least have a pull off located every so often along these major roads. We will continue to keep stressing that our lights be cleaned off and kept as bright as possible.

Mick Belcher motioned to put a hitching post on the northwest corner of the township hall parking lot. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Harold Sneath said he'd talk to young Sam Girod about putting up the hitching post. Mick Belcher said this month at the Planning Commission meeting the topic is general township needs.

F. 3. Report from Algansee Township Zoning Board of Appeals- Trustee Bill Avra reported the ZBA met at 7:00pm tonight o approve the last ZBA meeting minutes.

F.4. Ordinance Violations - Supervisor Tom Morgan reported he will revisit in the spring.

F. 5. Website (www.alganseetownship.com) – Supervisor Tom Morgan reported he would contact the website host to get the correct email addresses for the township officials.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G. 1. FEMA Flood Plain Maps- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported the Flood Plain maps are effective April 19th. Tom said he would check into whether we need to hold a public hearing to adopt the Flood Plain maps or not. If we do need a public hearing it will be at 7:30pm on April 5th.

There was discussion about putting a mail slot in the side door of the township hall for property owners to put their tax payments in. Bill Avra said he would do that.

G. 2. Marble Lake Chain Sewer Committee- Harold Sneath reported he has about 400 cards addressed and he needs help.

G. 3. Library Service Plan of Agreement- Bill Avra motioned to accept the service plan of agreement of \$710.32/month for payment of the 12 extra hours/week for the Librarian at the Alganssee Library. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

G. 4. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. Township Annual Meeting- will be the last Saturday in March on March 27th at 2:00p.m.

H. 2. Special Assessment District for Weed Control for the Channel and Donnell Drive- already discussed tonight.

H. 3. Any Other New Business- none

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$19,378.61. 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 February to Larry and Susan Linton. Russ and Planning Commission Chairman Rodney Carpenter went and talked to Randy & Cindy Zachrich about the continuous garage sale on Fremont Road. They agreed to remove signs immediately and to remove the sale items within 60 days of the letter. Russ said he is still trying to talk to Dan Roberts about the County Building Inspector not requiring him to get a township zoning permit.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic gave us his County Commissioners report. He said he is seeking reelection as our district County Commissioner.

J. 3. Alganssee Library Report- Alganssee Librarian Janice Clark emailed her February Alganssee Library Report as follows- Attendance-409, Hours-84, Internet-147, Circ-639. The month of February was pretty good even with bad weather. At the story hours, we read books and made Valentine boxes and cards, adults and children participated. Ordered lots of new books for adults, young adults and children. We'll have a book discussion at Library on March 9th at 5:00pm. The One Book, One County is "Stealing Buddha's Dinner". This book is in all of Branch District Libraries. There are book discussion groups in all Libraries through March and everybody is invited to come. I have ordered new 2 new book shelves and new rug for children's area from capital funds and was approved by Coldwater Board, should be all in place in March. March is Reading Month!

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Assessor Erica Ewers reported the assessment notices were sent out on February 25th. Equalization contracts are no longer effective as of today. If we would like the Equalization Department to continue to do the L4029 form (Headley Millage Reduction form) we need to send a letter requesting them to complete this form. Board of Review Organizational meeting is tomorrow morning at 8:00am and the Board of Review is scheduled for next Wednesday, March 10th from 1:00 to 4:00pm and 6:00 to 9:00pm and Thursday March 11th from 9:00am to noon and 1:00 to 4pm. Poverty information was distributed to those that requested it as per recommendation of the Board of Review members.

K. CORRESPONDENCES – none

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- will be on Monday, April 5, 2010 at 7:00pm, with the Annual Meeting on Saturday March 27, 2010 at 2:00pm at the Algansee Township Hall.

N. ADJOURNMENT- Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried. 8:55pm meeting adjourned.

Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk