

March 7, 2011 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- on Monday, March 7, 2011 at 7:30pm Supervisor Tom Morgan called the Alganssee Township Board meeting to order at the Alganssee 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.

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 Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Truth and Taxation Hearing- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported the Millage reductions from 1999 to 2010 for Alganssee 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- 0.8104, 2010- 0.8104. According to the Headley amendment the amount will go down or stay the same each year. He said we won't know the exact amount for this year yet, except that it should be less or stay the same as last year's amount. We usually get notified around August or September what the township's Millage reduction 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. Roll call vote- Mick Belcher- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes, Tom Morgan- yes, and Suzanne Preston- yes. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to close the Truth and Taxation hearing. Mick Belcher supported the motion. Motion carried.

2011-2012 Fiscal Year Budget Hearing- Supervisor Tom Morgan presented the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year Budget and reported we won't know the township's allocation from the state until they pay us. He believes from what he is hearing that it will be less than last year's allocations. He asked if anyone had any questions or comments. No one had any questions or comments. Ann Strong motioned to accept the Alganssee Township fiscal year 2011-2012 budget. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to close the Budget hearing. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

D. MINUTES-

Alganssee Township Board February 7, 2011 Minutes - Bill Avra motioned to accept the February 7, 2011 minutes Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

Alganssee Planning Commission Minutes- the Planning Commission didn't meet in February.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT-

E. 1. Monthly Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the last month's township meeting was \$280,422.80. The township had income this past month of \$8,060.89 and expenses this past month of \$9,537.84 giving the township a balance for this January meeting of \$278,945.85. 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 said he asked about what happens to the extra money that is paid in the assessments from the 4 entities when the Fire Association is under budget at the end of the year. He will receive a report month.

F. 2. Report from Alganssee Township Planning Commission- Mick Belcher reported they didn't meet.

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

F. 4. Ordinance Violations- 1025 Grove Road - junk and weeds, letter sent to Marsha Benedict - no response - sending one more registered letter, **788 Bennett Drive (Chris Donato)** - accessory building setback violation - Court hearing set for May if Chris doesn't comply, **264 Donnell Drive - Krasula** - pole barn built in setback area with no permit - Court hearing cancelled when documentation received along with check for permit to move structure in compliance with ordinance. **300 Winhoven** - trailer being torn down, tree & junk yet to be removed.

F. 5. Website (www.algansseetownship.com) - Supervisor Tom Morgan reported the website is working fine.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G. 1. Receipt of partial payment for Lester Cemetery damage (\$3,872) - Supervisor Tom Morgan reported he will call Mashon Dorsey Monument Company to repair the headstones.

G. 2. Sewer Study Committee- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported the proposed district maps are completed, the next step will be to meet with the township Supervisors and the County.

G. 3. Library Plan of Service Agreement Update for 2011- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported we haven't received notification that the Library has approved the update.

G. 4. Board of Review Schedule- March 8th is the organizational meeting, and then will meet on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 17, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

G. 5. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. Township Annual Meeting Last Saturday in March, March 26th- we decided we will hold the Annual meeting on March 26th at 9:00 am.

H. 2. Road Commission Annual Meeting Results- received another bid for dust control from outside source- only one application. It is still cheaper with the county with 2 applications.

Zoning Administrator Training by Michigan State University- 4 consecutive Tuesdays 4/19,4/26,5/3, 5/10 cost is \$800 plus mileage- Russ would like to attend. Bill Avra motioned to pay the cost of the training plus mileage for our township zoning Administrator Russ Jennings to attend. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

H. 3. Any Other New Business- none

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$8,653.36. Mick Belcher motioned to pay the bills. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report- Zoning Administrator Russ Jennings reported he issued 2 zoning permits for the month of February to don Cook and John Krasula. He said there is a zoning violation at 264 Donnell Dr. and at 556 S. Ray Quincy Rd David Snyder has an unrecorded contract with 3 small buildings to house a horse.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Branch County Commissioner Don Vrablic gave his Commissioner's monthly report- Code Red sign up continue to increase, Governor's Budget Plan, Airport of the Year Award, Quincy Park Project, Controlling Public Safety Costs, MDOT Repaving and Expansion Project.

J. 3. Alganssee Library Report- Alganssee Librarian Jan Clark emailed her February report as follows- in mind that we lost 4 days at Library because of no power finally Saturday I opened Library - Circulation-517, Attendance- 253 Hour.-57, Internet-88, Wireless-73, Children Programs-3 with attendance-17, Adult Programs-2 with attendance-16. More new books and DVD's added to our Library. Jessica has read books and crafts for February story time. We are finished with loom beading for adults, now we are learning appliqué beading this Saturday. This summer we hope to have more programs for adults. March is National Reading Month and National Craft Month. All is good at the Library! Thank You, Jan Clark

J. 4. Assessor's Report – The Reappraisal Firm, CSZ Services and Assessing, came to my office on February 10th for the fourth and final visit to work on correcting sales, PRE and photos. Erica reported she spent a lot more time correcting other errors. March Board of Review schedule- already reviewed. Notices were sent out one day late due to items found with reappraisal. Mr. Goehler's final tribunal ruling arrived and was forwarded to township Treasurer to issue changes. Poverty exemptions applications were sent to those who filed last year. BS&A software called to schedule the .Net software update. Working with register of Deeds Office, Equalization, GIS, and Building Inspection to obtain all the documents needed to keep the files up to date. Ann Strong motioned to continue Erica Ewers as our township assessor. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

K. CORRESPONDENCES – 911 department sent out an update.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- Jerry Hagerman presented a weed control petition for the channel between Whistler and Riley Drives. Suzanne Preston motioned to hold the public hearing on April 4th at 7:00pm and if that one passes to hold the next one at 7:15pm. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- will be Monday, April 4, 2011 at 7:00pm at the Alganssee Township Hall.

N. ADJOURNMENT- Mick Belcher motioned to adjourn. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.