

# May 2, 2011 Algansee Township Board Minutes

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** on Monday, May 2, 2011 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. Those who signed in were Laura Allen, Pete & Marge Inde, Peg Edwards, Don Vrablic, Shannon & Jim Strock Jr., Jim Strock Sr., Brad & Patty Smith, Kevin McLaughlin and Jim Woods.

**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-** none

**D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes -** Bill Avra motioned to accept the April 4, 2011 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

**Algansee Planning Commission Minutes-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the April 25, 2011 Algansee Planning Commission meeting minutes. 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 \$388,239.41. The township had income this past month of \$12,046.69 and expenses this past month of \$50,184.66 giving the township a balance for this May meeting of \$350,023.78. Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept Treasurer's report. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

**E. 2. Headstone Repair in Lester Cemetery-** Motion by Ann Strong to pay \$8,820, 75% of \$11,759.64 cost of repairing headstones in Lester Cemetery. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

## **F. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**F. 1. Quincy Fire Association-**Bill Avra reported the Quincy Fire Association met on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. They elected same officers as last year. He'll get an itemized report at next month's meeting.

**F. 2. Report from Algansee Township Planning Commission-** Mick Belcher reported they held a special use public hearing for Jacob Schwartz to build a home on less than 40 acres.

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

**F. 4. Ordinance Violations- 1025 Grove Road** – junk and weeds, property has been sold to son, who says it will be cleaned up in 2 months.

**788 Bennett Drive (Chris Donato)** – accessory building setback violation – met with both attorneys and Chris Donato. They have reached a tentative agreement that each will pay half. They are looking into estimates to cut the trees.

**300 Winhoven** – looking better and most junk gone.

264 Donnell Drive- they are in the process of moving barn.

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

## **G. OLD BUSINESS**

**G. 1. Sewer Study Committee-** Supervisor Tom Morgan reported he had met with Wightman and the Kinderhook Plant manager. He still had some questions. Next meeting is May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Branch County Road Commission office. Brad Smith had some questions about the sewer project as follows;

1. Assuming all townships are doing a straw pole, what will be the timing of each?

2. Will it contain all cost information on sewer costs; hook up costs, monthly costs, monthly usage rates, etc?

3. Will it contain the latest information on water quality & trends over the last 10 years?

4. Will it go to summer mailing addresses or in some cases banks where mortgage & escrow accounts are held?

5. What steps will be taken to insure impartial, fair & accurate voting counting & reporting?

6. If passed, will there be any mandatory hook up for all within 200 feet of line?

7. Will each partial get a vote, even if not right on lake, will an owner who has multiple buildable partials, get multiple votes?

8. Alan S. said there will be a list of streets involved by township. Could I get a copy of those lists for all townships involved?

9. Are government grants, 40 year loans at 3% etc. still available & do estimated cost projection depend on them?

**G. 2. Any Other Old Business-** none

## **H. NEW BUSINESS-**

**H. 1. Road Commission Contract for Dust Control-** Supervisor Tom Morgan reported there are 119 residents on the 29.32 miles of gravel roads in Algansee Township. Bill Avra motioned to have two applications of dust control at \$200 per mile for 29.32 miles totaling \$11,728.00. Support by Ann Strong. Roll call vote all yes. Motion carried.

**H. 2. Branch County Furlough Days-** The Branch County Board of Commissioners voted to implement furlough dates for 2011 are as follows; May 27, July 1, September 2, October 7, October 10 and November 14.

**H. 3. F-65 Report-** our township attorney used to fill out this report.

**H. 4. May 3<sup>rd</sup> School election and payment/supper for election workers-** Mick Belcher motioned to pay the May 3<sup>rd</sup> School election inspectors and their supper. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**H. 5. Any Other New Business-** Bill Avra wondered if he could be reimbursed for removing Bob Palmateer's trailer on Dons Drive. They were contracted to remove trailer only, not porch. Zoning Administrator Russ Jennings said to write Bill the check for \$1,500 to remove the trailer. Ann Strong motioned to reimburse Bill the \$1,500. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried. Bill Avra abstained from voting.

**I. PAYMENT OF BILLS-** Expenses were presented in the amount of \$49,639.33. 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 there will be a special use public hearing on May 31<sup>st</sup> for Larry Avery for a land split on less than 40 acres. There is a variance request on Donnell Drive for a garage addition.

**J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report-** Branch County Commissioner Don Vrablic gave his Commissioner's monthly report- school elections and millages, 2011 Equalization Report, Furlough days, Apportionment Commission and Economic Summit on May 13, 2011 at 10:00am.

**J. 3. Algansee Library Report-** Algansee Librarian Jan Clark emailed her April report as follows- Circulation-732, Attendance-360, Hours-84, Internet-168, Programs-3 Attendance-9 and wireless 53. We have lots of Great Patrons! All is good at the Library! Thank You Jan

**J. 4. Assessor's Report** – Reappraisal Update –Lewis Rogers came to office April 20 and finished reviewing all the board of review documents and assessing reports to complete the final steps of the 14 point review. He indicated he would be submitting his final report to the State Tax Commission. Lewis indicated they would score it and send a letter to the township letting them know how we did and he said it could be May before the letter is received. He said everything looked good and not to worry. Work is beginning to complete the omitted property applications that were pointed out by the reappraisal company for structures that were not previously listed on the assessment roll. The database has been rolled over to 2012 and data entry is caught up as of yesterday. May 1<sup>st</sup> Homestead reports will be submitted to the Equalization Department this week. The file cabinet is in the office and we are working on getting everything filed and shuffled into the new cabinet. 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.

**K. CORRESPONDENCES** –State will cut apportionments.

**L. PUBLIC COMMENT-** none

**M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING-** will be Monday, June 6, 2011 at 7:30pm at the Algansee Township Hall.

**N. ADJOURNMENT-** Mick Belcher motioned to adjourn. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk