

# August 1, 2011 Algansee Township Board Minutes

**7:00 PM- FIRST PUBLIC HEARING FOR TO RENEW AQUATIC WEED CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR SUNSET HEIGHTS #2 CHANNEL PROPERTY IN SECTION 4, ALGANSEE TOWNSHIP.** Supervisor Tom Morgan called the first Special Assessment Public Hearing to order at 7:00pm pursuant to Michigan Public Act 188 of 1954 as amended, two public hearings are required. He reported under P.A. 188 of 1954 as amended the purpose of the first public hearing is to determine the validity of the petition and if the property owners are serious about renewing the special assessment district for aquatic weed control. Those present from the Sunset Heights #2 Channel Property are Ed & Margaret Strong- 954 Wilmin Dr., Dennis Papler- 960 Wilmin Dr., Al Davis- 929 Lukesport, Gale Burch- 122 Wright Rd., Elaine Skiles- 122 Wright Rd., Shawn Fredericks- 956 Wilmin. Supervisor Tom Morgan reported the petition was valid with 22 of the 24 property owners in favor of the special assessment which is more than the 51% of the property owners' signatures needed. Rough costs can be discussed and if the property owners approve the second and final meeting is scheduled. Dennis Papler motioned to hold the second public hearing. Support by Ed Strong. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to close the first public hearing. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to proceed with the second public hearing. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

**7:15 PM- SECOND PUBLIC HEARING TO RENEW AQUATIC WEED CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR SUNSET HEIGHTS #2 CHANNEL PROPERTY IN SECTION 4, ALGANSEE TOWNSHIP.** Supervisor Tom Morgan called the second special assessment public hearing to order at 7:15pm for the aquatic weed control special assessment renewal for the Sunset Heights #2 channel property owners, in Section 4, Algansee Township to order under P.A. 188 of 1954 as amended. Dennis Papler motioned that the total cost for the first year 2012 would be \$3,437 plus \$66 advertising divided by the 24 property owners for the first year and there would be a 3% increase each year the agreement would be for indefinite number of years. This agreement can be cancelled at any time per the property owners' petition. Individually it will cost \$143 plus advertising. Al Davis supported the motion. Motion carried. Dennis Papler signed the contract. Bill Avra motioned to close the public hearing. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to approve the special assessment district renewal of aquatic weed control for the Sunset Heights channel property owners, in Section 4, Algansee Township. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** on Tuesday, August 1, 2011 at 7:00pm 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 visitors that signed were Gail Burch & Elaine Skiles- 122 Wright Rd., Al David- 929 Lukesport Rd., Dennis Papler- 960 Wilmin Dr., Marlene Kopp- 836 Fisher Rd., Ellen Burmeister- 137 S. Marble Lake Lane, Clarence Strong- 954 Wilmin Dr., Shawn Fredericks- 956 Wilmin Dr., Linda Belcher- 812 Bennett Dr., Willard Reichhart- 146 Dons Rd., Brad & Patti Smith- 177 Lakeshore Dr., Jim Strock Sr- 889 Pleasant Ridge Rd., Philip Muir- 122 Loch Haven Ln., Jim Miller- 121 Wildwing Ln., Bob Wilkinson- 130 Orchard Trail, Sandra Badders- 107 Crockett Dr. and Don Vrablic- County Commissioner.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** Suzanne Preston led us in the pledge to the American Flag.

**B. AGENDA-** Suzanne Preston motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of truth and taxation under G. Old Business. Support by Ann strong. Motion carried.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT-** Philip Muir of 122 Loch Haven Lane read his concerns about the proposed sewer study, see attachment. Jim Miller read his concerns with the proposed sewer study, see attachment. Brad Smith wondered how the board will decide to vote for the project, will it be by 51% of the returned postcards. There approximately 1285 property owners in this proposed sewer district. Bob Wilkinson read his statement of opposition to the proposed Marble Lake Sewer Line, see attachment. Willard Reichhart said he knows of 4 widow ladies that are concerned about how they can pay for it. Supervisor Tom Morgan said no one will lose their home because of the sewer project. Dennis Papler said the low income people will get a hardship break. Dennis Papler said he is concerned about where the sewer line will be. Supervisor Tom Morgan said this was a preliminary study and if this passes there will be an actual study and it will be open for input.

**Sheriff Department Report-** Deputy Roy Shutts reported on what has been going on at the Sheriff's department this past month and are expecting budget cuts. He asked if anyone had any questions or comments. Russ Jennings said he would just as soon pay a tax to keep the Sheriff's Department and pay a tax to give our kids a good education than pay for a sewer.

**D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes** - Ann Strong motioned to accept the July 5, 2011 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**Algansee Planning Commission Minutes-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the July 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 \$316,373.47. The township had income this past month of \$19,896.84 and expenses this past month of \$19,065.97 giving the township a

balance for this August meeting of \$317,204.34. Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept Treasurer's report. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

#### **F. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**F. 1. Quincy Fire Association**– Supervisor reported next meeting will be August 9<sup>th</sup>.

**F. 2. Report from Alganssee Township Planning Commission**– Mick Belcher reported they discussed the sewer feasibility study and Russ Jennings handed out proposed new zoning special use permit application form to look over before next meeting

**F. 3. Report from Alganssee Township Zoning Board of Appeals**- Bill Avra reported he had to step down when they met on July 21, 2011 and Mick Belcher took his place. Bill said we need to re-evaluate the ruling of 250 feet on either side or average really restricts the property.

**F. 4. Ordinance Violations**- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported on the violation as follows-

**1025 Grove Road** – junk and weeds, property has been sold to son who assures me it will be cleaned up soon, it is slowly getting cleaned up.

**F. 5. Website ([www.algansseetownship.com](http://www.algansseetownship.com))** – Supervisor Tom Morgan reported the tax dates on website are being revised.

#### **G. OLD BUSINESS**

**G. 1. Wightman & Associates Feasibility Study for Wastewater Collection and Treatment System for Marble Lake to Long Lake** – Linda Belcher reported the postcards went out this morning.

**G. 2. Letter to Township Board from Jim Shrock About Sewer Study**- Supervisor Tom Morgan said to base your opinion on the sewer study. It was suggested that the township board members living on the lake should abstain from voting on the sewers. Don Vrablic said you can't ask anyone to abstain unless they have a vested interest to monetarily gain. Everyone in the sewer area will receive a letter about voting. See Tom for copy of letter.

**G. 3. Any Other Old Business**- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported we held our Truth and Taxation meeting in March and at that time we didn't know what our millage rate will be. We usually find out in the summer. This year the millage rate is going to stay the same as it was last year at 0.8104.

#### **H. NEW BUSINESS-**

**H. 1. Invitation to Ice Cream Social at Branch County Fair**- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported the township board has been invited to an ice cream social at the Republican booth at the Branch County Fair.

**H. 2. MTA Workman's Comp Survey**- Supervisor tom Morgan said he will fill out survey.

**H. 3. Natural Resources Extraction MZEA Law Change**- Supervisor Tom Morgan explained the changes.

**H. 4. Medical Marijuana Ordinance**- judge ruled illegal.

**Any Other New Business**- none

**I. PAYMENT OF BILLS**- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$23,268.26. Bill Avra motioned to pay the bills. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

#### **J. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report**- Zoning Administrator Russ Jennings reported he issued 3 zoning permits for the month of July and he received one zoning variance request to go to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report**- Branch County Commissioner Don Vrablic gave his Commissioner's monthly report- board adjustments, temperature stuck on broil, parking lot, initial budget distributed and infrastructure concerns.

**J. 3. Alganssee Library Report**- Alganssee Librarian Jan Clark emailed her July report as follows Circulation-730, Attendance-460, Hrs.-92, programs- 6, Attendance for programs-60, Internet-260, Wireless-43. All is good at the Library. We have had over 40 to sign up for Summer Reading Program, ended this week. Busy time at the Library! Thank You, Jan Clark

**J. 4. Assessor's Report** – Assessor Erica Ewers gave her monthly report as follows- Data entry is continuing on a daily basis so as not to get behind, next address update due Friday to County. Sewer mailing list prepared and sent on to Wightman Associates for website and to Sue Miller, Ovid Township Supervisor. July Board of Review met on July 19 at 8:00 am. Working with the Register of Deeds office, Equalization, GIS, and Building Inspection to obtain all documents needed to continue to keep the files up to date.

**K. CORRESPONDENCES**- update from Baukman, Sparks, Lohrstorfers, Thall & Seeber, P.C.

**L. PUBLIC COMMENT**- none

**M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING**- Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 7:30 pm at the Alganssee Township Hall.

**N. ADJOURNMENT**- Mick Belcher motioned to adjourn. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Suzanne Preston, Alganssee Township Clerk