

September 6, 2011 Algansee Township Board Minutes

CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- on Tuesday, September 6, 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 visitors that signed were Willard Reichhart, Art Simpson, Terence Thatcher, Charlotte Dubay, Marge & Pete Inde, Peg Edwards, Brad & Patty Smith, Richard Orłowski, Tom & Diane Hartman, Sandra Badders, Al Forbes, J. Grzelewski. Jim Peters, Dawn Leshk, John Shilling, Linda Belcher, Dennis Papler, Joyce Clark, Cindy & Tom Bland, Don Vrablic, Stevie Setser, Howard Haas, Michael K. Greese, Dave & Ellen Burmeister and Rich & Kathy Penn.

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

B. AGENDA- Bill Avra motioned to approve agenda. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Dennis Papler said his property is high and well drained and he doesn't think his property needs to have the proposed sewer.

Sheriff Department Report- Deputy Dan Nichols gave the August Sheriff's report.

D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes - Ann Strong motioned to accept the August 1, 2011 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

Algansee Planning Commission Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the August 29, 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 \$317,204.34. The township had income this past month of \$127.93 and expenses this past month of \$39,971.69 giving the township a balance for this September meeting of \$292,975.06. 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 they discussed the Fire boat.

F. 2. Report from Algansee Township Planning Commission- Mick Belcher reported they discussed the sewer proposal.

F. 3. Report from Algansee Township Zoning Board of Appeals- Bill Avra reported they will meet tomorrow for 2 meetings- one at 5:30pm and the other at 7:30pm.

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. **Fisher Church** needs to be cleaned up discussed township purchase for price of the clean up.

F. 5. Website (www.alganseetownship.com) – Supervisor Tom Morgan reported on the tax updates on website.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G. 1. Wightman & Associates Feasibility Study for Wastewater Collection and Treatment System for Marble Lake to Long Lake – the straw poll postcard count will be Monday,

September 26th at 4:00pm in the basement of the Quincy Library. Then the Quincy, Ovid and Algansee township boards will vote at their next meeting whether to have the sewer or not. Supervisor Tom Morgan said it doesn't matter what the straw poll postcard outcome is, he will vote for the sewer project.

G. 2. Removal of Dead Tree in Fisher Cemetery- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported the Branch County Road Commission will cut down and remove the dead tree that is in the road right of way in Fisher cemetery.

G. 3. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. Economic Vitality Incentive Program (EVIP) grant program- a program to encourage all Michigan cities, villages, townships, and counties to combine government operations.

H. 2. Any Other New Business- Joyce Clark wondered about the guy on her road that put up a shed without a permit. Zoning Administrator Russ Jennings said he will send the guy a letter and give him 30 days to buy a permit.

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$39,971.69. 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 6 zoning permits for the month of August.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Branch County Commissioner Don Vrablic gave his Commissioner's monthly report- redistricting bills, budget season, pension planning, national moment of remembrance, the fair, missing children's program and too many female inmates for county jail.

J. 3. Algansee Library Report- Algansee Librarian Jan Clark emailed her August report as follows: Circulation-710, Attendance-372, Hrs.-94, Programs-4, Attendance for programs- 34, Wireless-117, Inside Internet-183. Thank You Janice Clark

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Assessor Erica Ewers gave her monthly report as follows- BS&A Software updated the Assessing Software .Net as was approved last year. New software is up and running, slight learning curve, had training today (Sept. 6) for the report writing portion of the software. Data entry is continuing. Answering questions about the proposed sewer regarding address changes and resending post cards that were sent to the incorrect address. Sue Miller marked those resent as duplicates so can verify whether both come back or not. 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- Michigan Gas Utilities public hearing.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- John Shilling wondered if there could be a 4 way stop at the corner of Brocklebank and Campbell roads.

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- Monday, October 3, 2011 at 7:30 pm at the Algansee Township Hall.

N. Adjourn- Mick Belcher motioned to adjourn. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.
Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk