

November 7, 2011 Algansee Township Board Minutes

CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- on Monday, November 7, 2011 at 7:30pm by Supervisor Tom Morgan called the Algansee Township Board meeting to order at the Algansee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy, Michigan. All Algansee Township 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 agenda. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Stephen Rajzer field representative for Congressman Tim Walberg updated us on what Congressman Tim Walberg is doing.

D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes - Ann Strong motioned to accept the October 3, 2011 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

Algansee Planning Commission Minutes- Ann Strong motioned to accept the October 31, 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 \$277,417.26. Township had income this past month of \$472.94 and expenses this past month of \$39,971.69 giving the township a balance for this November meeting of \$267,649.21. The Clerk agrees. Mick Belcher motioned to accept Treasurer's report. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

E. 2. Twp. Newsletter- Everyone thought it was a good newsletter be sent with the tax notices.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association-buying a heavy duty oven with proceeds from fund raisers.

F. 2. Report from Algansee Township Planning Commission- Mick Belcher reported they tweaking changes to zoning forms.

F. 3. Report from Algansee Township Zoning Board of Appeals- Bill Avra reported they met on October 13th and approved a 2 foot variance.

F. 4. Ordinance Violations- Supervisor Tom Morgan said he is trying to contact the property owner of the old Fisher Hill church, Scott Fourgerouse. **1025 Grove Road-** needs to be cleaned up.

F. 5. Website (www.alganseetownship.com)- website is fine.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G. 1. David Locey Audit Report- Mick Belcher motioned to approve audit report. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

G. 2. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. Twp. Hall Copy Machine- it isn't reliable.

H. 2. Any Other New Business- none

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$15,104.39. 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 9 zoning permits for the month of October.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Branch County Commissioner Don Vrablic gave his Commissioner's monthly report- additional handicap parking at east Courthouse parking lot, Nation wide Emergency Alert Test on Wed., Nov. 9 at 2:00 pm, Its the season for flu, 2001 Apportionment Report approved, Legislative Update- House Bill 4533, Personal Property tax and House Bill 5125/5126 Amends the Road Commission Act.

J. 3. Algansee Library Report- Algansee Librarian Jan Clark emailed her October report as follows: Circulation-736, Attendance-406, Hrs.- 87, Programs-3, Attendance for programs- 16, Wireless-65, and Inside Internet-168. Our walnut drive is over, lots of walnuts brought to the Library. Thanks to Ron, Ann and Erica Ewers for loading and delivering them. All proceeds from the walnut drive go to The Algansee Friends group for Programs at the Library. A big Thank You to those who brought walnuts! Thank You, Jan & Jessie

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Assessor Erica Ewers gave her monthly report as follows- 2011 Consumer Price Index has been set at 1.027 or 2.7% increase. In regards to the Sales studies from the county, the agricultural, commercial and industrial studies are invalid due to no sales or very few sales. Therefore we continue to wait for the reappraisal studies to be completed by the county for these classes, have been in touch with the County in regard to the residential Sales study. Personal property studies have been finalized with the County. Data entry is caught up. Working with the Register of Deeds Office, Equalization Dept., GIS, Building Inspection Office to obtain all the documents needed to continue to keep files up to date.

K. CORRESPONDENCES- MTA is holding a workshop about working with your Fire Dept. and one about needing help to fight Consumers Energy hikes.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- Monday, December 5, 2011, 7:30 pm at the Algansee Township Hall.

N. Adjourn- Mick Belcher motioned to adjourn. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk