

January 3, 2012 Algansee Township Board Minutes

CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 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 Algansee Township Board members were present- Supervisor Tom Morgan, Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee Mick Belcher, Trustee Bill Avra and Clerk Suzanne Preston.

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

B. AGENDA- Suzanne Preston motioned to approve agenda with the addition of the Zoning Administrator under Old Business. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes- Teresa Wasielewski wanted the 12-5-11 minutes to read in paragraph L. *the Wightman & Associates website has posted on the plotted map how every property owner voted on the straw poll sewer vote* and she doesn't feel that is public knowledge. Ann Strong motioned to accept 12-5-2011 Algansee Township Board minutes with the changes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

Mick Belcher motioned to accept the 11-7-11 corrected minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

Algansee Planning Commission Minutes- didn't meet in December.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT-

E. 1. Monthly Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the December's township meeting was \$252,719.82. Township had income this past month of \$24,687.23 and expenses this past month of \$8,209.01 giving the township a balance for this January meeting of \$269,198.04. The Clerk agrees. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept Treasurer's report. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association- working on budget, our assessment up \$500.00.

F. 2. Report from Algansee Township Planning Commission- didn't meet

F. 3. Report from Algansee Township Zoning Board of Appeals- didn't meet.

F. 4. Ordinance Violations- Supervisor Tom Morgan said he sent the letter to the property owner of the old Fisher Hill church, Scott Fougrouse to a P.O box in Texas. **1025 Grove Road-** owner has requested more time.

F. 5. Website- www.alganseetownship.com- updated tax dates.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G. 1. Algansee Township Zoning Administrator Russ Jennings- reported the Planning Commission allowed Don Cook a land split for his daughter. The property didn't go all the way to the lake. The easement should be 70 feet, but it is only 50 feet. He told Russ he would change it but his attorney told him he didn't need to change it. The Planning Commission thought everyone should follow the rules. Supervisor Tom Morgan said since his daughter is the only one that has rights to the easement it is ok. Russ made the suggestion we should talk to our attorney.

G. 2. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. Michigan Presidential Primary will be on February 28th- voters will be required to declare party preference to be eligible to receive a ballot.

H. 2. Branch County Road Commission Annual Meeting with Algansee Township- is on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 10:45.

H. 2. Any Other New Business- none

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$8,333.29. 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 1 zoning permit for the month of December to David Schwartz. Russ also said he accepted the zoning administrator's job in Ovid Township.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Branch County Commissioner Don Vrablic reported the Commissioners held their organizational meeting today and the budget was adopted.

J. 3. Alganssee Library Report- Alganssee Librarian Jan Clark emailed her October report as follows: Circulation-599, Attendance-329, Hrs.- 89, Programs-6, Attendance for programs- 28, Wireless-53, and Inside Internet-133. Story Hour and Craft Time on Wednesday's at 4:30. All are welcome. Thank You, Jan

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Assessor Erica Ewers gave her monthly report as follows- I received a Michigan Tax Tribunal Appeal from the March Board of Review for Robert Fitch and am in the process of responding to it. Also received a hearing date for Dennis Wolfe for February 6, 2012 at 9:00 am at the Courthouse in Coldwater. The commercial/industrial appraisal studies were sent via e-mail on December 28 and have been revised 4 times as the result of incorrect land tables, ECF's, and County Multipliers. We are awaiting the final revision of these values. I have reviewed the data and sent my concerns. We still do not have anything for the residential and agricultural appraisal studies. Heard they were redoing these as well due to incorrect county multiplier. Nick Postula picked up Alganssee computer on December 21 and have not heard back since. December Board of Review was held December 13 with 5 petitions approved. I have reviewed all of the zoning permits. Personal property statements were mailed out on December 27. 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.

2012 Poverty Guide The following are the federal poverty income standards which the United States Office of Management and Budget recommends that federal departments and agencies use. The standards are actually compiled and published by the Bureau of the Census which refers to them as “poverty thresholds”.

The governing body of the local assessing unit has the option of considering the age of the resident(s) when establishing their guidelines. This provision applies only when one or two persons reside in the homestead, because there are no age-related thresholds for three or more persons in the homestead.

The following are the poverty thresholds as of December 31, 2011 for use in setting poverty exemption guidelines for 2012 assessments:

<u>Number of Persons residing in homestead</u>	<u>Annual allowable Income</u>
1	\$ 10,900
2	\$ 14,700
3	\$ 18,500
4	\$ 22,400
5	\$ 26,200
6	\$ 30,000
7	\$ 33,800
8	\$ 37,600
For Each Additional Person Add	\$ 3,800

Ann Strong motioned to accept the 2012 Poverty Guidelines. Support from Bill Avra. Motion carried.

K. CORRESPONDENCES- MTA is holding a Board of Review training, Deb Lounds sent us a letter that she resigned from the Branch County Planning Commission, received a letter from MDA concerning VanderHoff Brothers Dairy farm.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- Cindy Bland wondered if the Alganssee Township Board meeting agenda could be posted on the township's website. It will be posted on the website. She also wondered if the informal sewer group would report to the township board. Next month the Budget workshop will be held one hour before the regular meeting.

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- will be Monday, February 6, 2012, 6:30 pm at the Alganssee Township Hall.

N. Adjourn- Bill Avra motioned to adjourn. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Alganssee Township Clerk