

February 6, 2012 Algansee Township Board Minutes

CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- on Monday, February 6, 2012 at 6:30pm Supervisor Tom Morgan called the Budget Workshop to order. The Algansee Township Board worked on the 2012-2013 budget. At 7:30 pm 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 and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Trustee Mick Belcher was absent. Visitors present that signed in were Gary & Robert Massey, John Shilling, Norm & Teresa Wasielewski, Ryan & Brysen Ward and Don Vrablic.

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

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

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Ken Kurtz gave us an update on what is going on in Lansing.

D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes- Ann Strong motioned to accept 1-3-2011 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

Algansee Planning Commission Minutes Bill Avra motioned to accept the 1-30-12 Planning Commission minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT-

E. 1. Monthly Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the January township meeting was \$269,198.04. We had income this past month of \$24,229.22 and expenses this past month of \$8,333.29 giving Algansee Township a balance for this February meeting of \$285,091.94 The Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept Treasurer's report. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association—next meeting will be 2-14-12.

F. 2. Report from Algansee Township Planning Commission— Bill Avra motioned to approve the revised ZBA Variance Request form and the Zoning special Use Application. Suzanne Preston supported the motion. Motion carried.

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

F. 4. Ordinance Violations- Supervisor Tom Morgan said they are starting to clean up the old Fisher Hill church property. **1025 Grove Road**- owner is still working on it.

F. 5. Website- www.alganseetownship.com- tax payments and proposed agenda are now posted

G. OLD BUSINESS- none

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. Michigan Presidential Primary will be on Tuesday, February 28th- voters will be required to declare party preference to be eligible to receive a ballot. Clerk asked if anyone could work as a democrat for the Presidential Primary. Amos Barnett said he would. Clerk told him he needed to go into the County Clerk's office to receive training and take an election inspector's test. Ann Strong motioned to buy the election workers supper. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

H. 2. Branch County Road Commission Annual Meeting with Algansee Township- is on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 10:45 am. The Branch County Road Commission isn't doing dust control this year. The townships will have to contract individually with a firm.

H. 3. Board of Review Training- Bill Avra motioned to pay Board of Review training at the Hillsdale Co. Extension Office on February 23rd, cost \$5.00/person. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

H. 4. Board of Review Organizational Meeting- will be Tuesday March 6, 2012 at 8:00 am.

H. 5. 2012 Board of Review Resolution- WHEREAS, Public Act 194, 2003 allows the township board by resolution to select an alternative starting date in March when the board of review shall initially

meet, WHEREAS, MCL 211.30 provides the alternative starting dates shall be the Tuesday or Wednesday following the second Monday of March, WHEREAS, the Algansee Township Board wants to make board of review convenient for both the assessor and board of review members work schedules, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Algansee Township Board of Review will meet on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 15, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member Bill Avra. Second offered by Board Member Ann Strong. Upon Roll call vote the following voted: Aye: Bill Avra, Ann Strong, Suzanne Preston and Tom Morgan and Nay: 0. Supervisor declared resolution passed.

H. 6. Library Plan of Service Contract- Ann Strong motioned to accept the Library Plan of Service Contract. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

H. 7. ZBA/Special Use Permit Approval- already covered in the Planning Commission report.

H. 8. Any Other New Business- none

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$8,647.31. Bill Avra motioned to pay the bills. Support by Ann Strong. 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 January to Greg Clevenger. Russ said he also has the list of 2011 issued Zoning Permits and he is updating the records at the township hall.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Branch County Commissioner Don Vrablic gave his report as follows- County recognizing employees with years of service, side walk replacement west of courthouse, Veteran's memorial discussion, Furlough days continue, Meth lab problems increase.

J. 3. Algansee Library Report- Algansee Librarian Jan Clark sent her Feb. report: Circulation-719, Attendance-362, Hours-89, Programs-4, Attendance at programs-20, Wireless-92, Inside Internet-157.

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Assessor Erica Ewers gave her monthly report as follows- I had a Michigan Tax Tribunal Appeal for Dennis Wolfe this morning, February 6, 2012 at 9 am at the Courthouse in Coldwater. He was a no show. Sales studies have been finalized with the County and I am currently working on establishing the values for Algansee. Agricultural will see an approx. 22% decrease; Commercial 20% decrease; Industrial 4.6% decrease; Residential 6% decrease. These changes will not be across the board decreases but rather by neighborhood. Nick Postula is still working with me on Algansee computer; we are currently experimenting with a larger memory card which seems to be working. He said if this did work, he would get an even larger one to make it work more efficiently. So far he has not charged us. March Board of Review: Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 6 at 8 am, Day 1 BOR: Wednesday, March 14 from 1-4 pm and 6-9 pm, Day 2 BOR: Thursday, March 15 from 9 am to noon and 1-4 pm. Training option: Thursday, February 23, 2012 @ 6 p.m. at MSU Extension Office, 20 Care Dr, Hillsdale; cost \$5 each to cover copies (Checks payable to Hillsdale County Treasurer). Personal property statements are coming in slowly. 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. CORRESPONDENCE- Hillsdale Co. Extension is having Board of Review training on Feb 23rd.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- John Shilling said the neighbors to the north of the old church are in contact with the current owner. Don Vrablic said he is running for County Commissioner again and if anyone would like to sign his petition tonight they could. Robert Massey presented a petition to have his property on Tallahassee Road which the Road Commission is willing to abandon so he can put up a fence and gate to avoid any more trash from being dumped at the end of his property. He is the only property owner affected. Apparently half of the property is in Algansee and the other half in Ovid so a resolution is required from each township board and the Road Commission for this to be effective.

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- will be Monday, March 5, 2012, 7:00 pm starting with the budget Hearing and the Truth and Taxation Hearing at the Algansee Township Hall.

N. Adjourn- Bill Avra motioned to adjourn. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk