

March 5, 2012 Algansee Township Board Minutes

7:00pm 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget Hearing- Supervisor Tom Morgan presented the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget and reported we don't know the township's revenue allocation from the state until they pay us. Supervisor Tom Morgan asked if anyone had any questions or comments. No one had any questions or comments. Mick Belcher motioned to accept the Algansee Township fiscal year 2012-2013 budget as written. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to close the Budget hearing. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

Truth and Taxation Hearing- Supervisor Tom Morgan called the Truth and Taxation Hearing to order at 7:15pm. Supervisor Tom Morgan reported the Millage reductions from 1999 to 2011 for Algansee Township are as follows- 1999- 0.9150, 2000- 0.9057, 2001- 0.8881, 2002- 0.8668, 2003- 0.8550, 2004- 0.8492, 2005- 0.8321, 2006- 0.8263, 2007- 0.8191, 2008- 0.8104, 2009- 0.8104, 2010- 0.8104, 2011- 0.8104, according to the Headley amendment the amount will go down or stay the same each year. Supervisor Tom Morgan said we don't know the exact amount for this year yet, except that it should be less or stay the same as last year's amount. We usually get notified around August as to what the township's Millage reduction amount will be. Bill Avra motioned to approve the Truth and Taxation with the maximum property tax Millage rate allowed not exceeding last year's amount of .8104 in support of the proposed budget. Support by Ann Strong. Roll call vote- Mick Belcher- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes, Tom Morgan- yes, and Suzanne Preston- yes. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to close the Truth and Taxation hearing. Mick Belcher supported the motion. Motion carried.

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- on Monday, March 5, 2012 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 Julie & Charles Kacines- 110 Wright Rd., Aaron Day- 486 Fremont Rd., Tim & Cindy Bland- 114 Wright Rd., Fred Avra, John Shilling, Bob & Gary Massey, Anne Conner- 111 Crockett Dr., , Art Simpson- 115 Crockett Dr., , Norm & Teresa Wasielewski- 757 Lakeshore Pt. and Don Vrablic.

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

B. AGENDA- Mick Belcher motioned to approve agenda. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Zoning Administrator Russ Jennings said Ovid Township fee schedule is a little different than our fee schedule. Mick Belcher asked Russ if he would report next month on the surrounding townships zoning fee schedules. Russ said he would.

C.1. Township Lawn Care Bids- Supervisor Tom Morgan opened the township lawn care bids. George Baker bid \$8,300 plus fuel surcharge, which is the same as last year. Chad Sawyer bid \$7,150. Howard Upston bid \$5,800. Suzanne Preston said George Baker has done a great job mowing the township lawns the last couple years and motioned to accept George Baker's bid of \$8,300. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

C.2. Bids for Township Gravel Road Dust Control- Suzanne Preston motioned to table the dust control bids until we have more information. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

C. 3. Road Commission Township Road Work for 2012- We will wait and see how much the dust control and seal coating will cost before we decide on any township road work.

D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept 2-6-2012 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

Algansee Planning Commission Minutes Mick Belcher motioned to accept the 2-27-2012 Planning Commission minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT-

E. 1. Monthly Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the February township meeting was \$285,091.94. We had income this past month of \$3,439.99 and expenses this past month of \$18,647.31 giving Algansee Township a balance for this March meeting of \$269,884.62. The Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept Treasurer's report. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

Michigan State Police Trooper Jeremy Miller introduced himself as the Community Service Trooper, he reported about what he does and gave us an update about the State Police post.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association–Bill Avra reported the Quincy Fire Department needs a new generator. Mick Belcher said we need to suggest to the Quincy Fire Department to tighten up their expenditures like the rest of us.

F. 2. Report from Alganssee Township Planning Commission– the Planning Commission had an election of officers which are the same as last year. The Amish are inquiring about building a school on Colvin Road. Don Cook on Crockett Drive has setback problems.

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

F. 4. Ordinance Violations- Supervisor Tom Morgan said he is waiting until weather warms up before he starts asking people to clean up their property.

F. 5. Website- www.algansseetownship.com- Supervisor Tom Morgan said he will get the correct Library information on the township's website.

G. OLD BUSINESS-

G. 1. Board of Review Organizational meeting is tomorrow at 8:00am.

G. 2. Board of Review- the Board of Review dates are Wednesday 3-14-12 from 1:00-3:00 and 6:00-9:00, Thursday 3-15-12 9:00-noon and 1:00-4:00.

G. 3. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. Selection of Planning Commission Members- Mick Belcher motioned to appoint the same people, Rodney Carpenter, Pricilla Dodd, Amos Barnett, Glenn Preston and one member from the township board, on the Planning Commission for another term of 3 years. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

H. 2. Abandonment of Segment of Tallahassee Road- Supervisor Tom Morgan read the Township Abandonment Resolution. Mick Belcher motioned to accept the resolution. Support by Bill Avra. Roll Call vote- Mick Belcher- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes and Tom Morgan- yes. Motion carried. The Branch County Road Commission needs to hold a Public Hearing after Ovid Township and Alganssee Township approve this Road Abandonment Resolution.

H. 3. Any Other New Business- none

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$10,176.41. Mick Belcher motioned to pay the bills. Support by Suzanne Preston. 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 February to Dennis Kaiser. He issued one land split at 855 Lester Road. There will be a Special Use Public Hearing for Denny Higbee on March 26, 2012 at 7:30pm.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Branch County Commissioner Don Vrablic gave his report as follows- Personal Property Tax, Bulk Fuel Contract, Resolution for Violent Offenders, Open Burning Ban and Unemployment Estimates.

J. 3. Alganssee Library Report- Alganssee Librarian Jan Clark sent her Feb. report: Circulation-751, Attendance-389, Hours-84, Wireless-130, Inside Internet-178, Junior Programs-3, Attendance at programs-17, Young Adult programs-2, Attendance 7.

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Michigan Tax Tribunal for Robert Fitch on May 15th, Board of Review already covered tonight, Assessment notices mailed out 2-27-12, ads for BOR in paper & Shoppers Guide, Poverty Exemption requests are being turned, most personal property statements returned and working with Register of Deeds Office, Equalization and Building Inspection to obtain all the documents needed to continue to keep files up to date.

K. CORRESPONDENCE- none

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- John Shilling said he and Amos Barnett went to Board of Review training in Hillsdale.

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- will be Monday, April 2, 2012, 7:30 pm.

N. Adjourn- Mick Belcher motioned to adjourn. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Alganssee Township Clerk