

**April 4, 2005**

**On Monday April 4, 2005 the Algansee Township Board** met at the Algansee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy, Michigan. All board members were present Supervisor Erica Ewers, Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee Bill Avra, Trustee John Shilling and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors that signed in were Ann and Ron Ewers, LaVon and Everett Wineland, Susan Shilling, Dorcas Ellis, Patty Young, Dallas and Beverly Snyder.

**A. Call Meeting to order / Pledge of Allegiance-** Supervisor Erica Ewers called the meeting to order at 7:30pm and welcomed everyone. Suzanne Preston led us in the pledge to the American flag.

**B. Agenda-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the agenda with moving the I. 1. Planning Commission Minutes up under public comment. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

**C. Public Comment- none**

**I.1.Planning Commission-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the March 9, 2005 Algansee Township Planning and Zoning Commission minutes as presented. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Attorney James Lester who is representing Martin Schmucker, John J. Schwartz and Noah Girod said his comments were applicable to all three special use requests, is asking the Algansee Township Board to let the Amish build their houses because they meet all the requirements except the one about not being farmed in the last 10 years. Attorney James Lester said that the Religious Land Use Ordinance- protection of land use as religious exercise should help the Amish. Attorney James Lester is asking the Algansee Township Board to have special zoning rules for the Amish. Bill Avra motioned to go along with the Algansee Township Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation to deny the request of Martin Schmucker special use request. Support by Suzanne Preston Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to go along with the Algansee Township Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation to deny the request of John J. Schwartz special use request. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to accept the March 28, 2005 Algansee Township Planning and Zoning minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to go along with the recommendation of the Algansee Township Planning and Zoning Commission to deny the special use request of Noah Girod. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**G. Public Hearing- Campbell Road-** 8:00 p.m.- Supervisor Erica Ewers read the standards of Conduct for Public Officers and employees Act 196 of 1973, in which it read that even though some of the township board members are in conflict of interest with the Campbell Road Public Hearing they are eligible to take part in the public hearing. Supervisor Ewers reported that all monies on this project will come from public township money, no money will be assessed from property owners because this is a public road. Supervisor Ewers read correspondences from Ron Smith, 416 Potter Road, who is in favor of the paving; Doc and Harriett Olyniak who are not in favor of the paving; Rosemary and Claude Daniels who are in favor of the paving; and Tom and Margaret Schroeder who are in favor of the paving. Supervisor Ewers opened the Public Hearing for comments from the public. Don and Irene Luxenburger, 1235 Campbell Road, spoke in favor of the paving.

Randy Avra, 1132 Campbell Road, spoke against the paving.

LaVon and Everett Wineland, 429 Wolf Road, spoke in favor of the paving.

Jo Avra 1011 Campbell Road spoke against the paving.

Tom Donbrock, 1102 Campbell Road, spoke against the paving of Campbell Road.

Dorcas Ellis 1101 Campbell Road spoke against the paving.

Ann Ewers spoke in favor of the paving.

Rodney Carpenter of 139 Crockett Drive wondered if the property taxes would go up on Campbell Road.

Fred Avra of 1011 Campbell Road spoke against the paving.

Ron Ewers of 1048 Campbell Road spoke in favor of the paving.

John Shilling- 373 S. Ray Quincy Road didn't want to approve the construction figures as presented.

Roger Van Lieu of 472 Phillips Road spoke against the paving,

Carole Connin 959 Campbell Road spoke against the paving.

Pricilla Dodd of 138 South Ray Quincy Road wondered if there was a cap on the township treasury.

Patty Young 930 Campbell Road spoke against the paving.

Bill Avra motioned to close the public comment portion of the public hearing. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to maintain as a nice gravel road. Support by Ann Strong. Roll Call vote- Suzanne Preston- no, Ann Strong- yes, John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Erica Ewers- no. Motion carried.

**D. Minutes-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the March 7, 2005 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. John Shilling motioned to approve the March 26, 2005 special meeting minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**E. Treasurer's Report- 1.April Report-** Treasurer Ann Strong reported the township had a balance last month of \$487,088.75 and this month the township had income totaling \$26,286.00, and a stop payment of the November Quincy Fire Association 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter assessment check of \$8,088.00 because they never received it, expenses totaling \$25,966.94 for a balance of \$495,496.80. The Clerk agrees. John Shilling motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**E. 2. Audit & State Reports-** we agreed to keep David Locey as the township auditor.

**E. 3. Special Assessments-** as of now they are all lumped in the general fund. Bill Avra motioned to have a separate account for the special assessments. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

## **F. COMMITTEE REPORTS-**

**F. 1. Fire Association-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported they are working on the agreement.

**F. 2. Planning & Zoning Commission Report-** John Shilling reported on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

**F. 3. Zoning Board of Appeals-** Bill Avra reported they met once.

**F. 4. Building Committee-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that she will gather all the information on layouts at next meeting.

## **H. Old Business-**

**H. 1. Ordinance Violations- Junk and Zoning- a. Davis-** nothing new. **Girod, Girod, Schwartz and Schmucker-** have 21 days to decide what they are going to do; the court date is set for June 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. **Schwartz** (on the corner of Colvin and Warren Roads) and **Dzienny** on Bickford Drive still cleaning up junk.

**H. 2. Election Update-**The Clerk reported that on May 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be a school election with Alganssee Township residents in the Coldwater and Quincy school districts voting at the Alganssee Township Hall and the Alganssee Township residents in the Reading school district to vote at the Reading Township Hall. Erica Ewers motioned to approve the election workers of Beverly Snyder, Joy Wood, Jeanette Demski and Suzanne Preston and to pay for their supper. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**H. 3. Road Commission Proposals-** Bill Avra motioned to have the Branch County Road Commission go ahead with the seal coating project with a cost of \$2,000.00 per mile with Campbell Road (Fremont to Ray Quincy) 2.5 miles, E. Channel Dr. (Fremont to Central) .5 mile, Lakeshore and Paradise Lane .8 mile, Lester (Fremont to Legg), 5 mile, for a total of 4.3 miles to be seal coated for a total of \$8,600.00. Support by John Shilling. Roll call vote- John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. Dust control will cost \$850.00 per mile with the township contribution of \$400.00 per mile on 2 applications. Alganssee Township has 31.32 miles of gravel roads and our cost would be \$12,528.00 for a double application. Wolf Road- reditch and regravell with 1,700 yards of processed gravel from Phillip Road to Stringtown Road, a distance of 1.5 miles for an estimated cost of \$35,000.00, with the township's share being \$17,500.00. We agreed to hold off on the Wolf Road project until we talk to the Road Commission.

**H. 4. Any Other Old Business-** none.

## **I. New Business-**

**I. 2. Website-** Supervisor Ewers reported that at the township's annual meeting the public said they would like a township web page to get information on the township. The board discussed the web page costs- a set up fee of \$816.95 and the annual fee of \$512.95 from Macro Media. Supervisor Ewers also encouraged everyone to look on Girard Township's web page.

**I. 3. Zoning Administrator's Contract-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported she had a review with the Alganssee Zoning Administrator Russ Jennings and reported that he is doing well. Bill Avra motioned to renew Russ Jennings' Zoning Administrator's contract for another year until March 31, 2006. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**I. 4. Any Other New Business-** Dallas Snyder asked if we could look into replacing the cemetery fences.

**J. Payment of Bills-** Ann Strong motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$26,037.03. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**K. Correspondences-** Supervisor Ewers reported receiving letters from Reading Township that they are redoing their Master Plan; Resource Software is updating their software, proposal on the Branch County jail, Branch County Drain Commissioner's update. Supervisor Ewers asked the board to review the Library's lease agreement before next month.

## **L. Special Reports-**

**L. 1. Zoning Administrator-** Russ Jennings reported he had 5 issued permits last month.

**L. 2. Branch County Commissioners Report-** Mickey Rubley is on vacation, no report.

**L. 3. Alganssee Township Library-** 220 in attendance at the Library this last month.

**L. 4. Assessor's Report-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported Board of Review was light.

**M. Public Comment-** none.

## **O. Announcements-**

**N. Next Meeting-** will be May 2, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

**Q. Adjourn-** John Shilling motioned adjourned. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk