

## July 2, 2012 Algansee Township Board Minutes

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** on Monday, July 2, 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 present- Supervisor Tom Morgan, Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee Mick Belcher, Trustee Bill Avra and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors present that signed in were Charles & Julie Kacines, Bill & Judy Truitt, Richard Orlowski, Jim Strock, John Shilling, Tim Gajewski, Ellen Burmeister, Marlene Kopp, Terry & Deana Barror, Norm & Teresa Wasielewski, Anne Conner, Terence C. Thatcher and Don Vrablic.

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

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

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT-** Jennifer Whitney introduced herself, gave her qualifications and why we should vote for her in the August Primary Election.

Terry & Dena Barror- 234 Bickford Drive are neighbors to John Dzeinny at 246 Bickford Drive, who has had a tarp for his roof for several years. Dena Barror said she talked a lot of authorities and everyone says they can't do anything. Supervisor Tom Morgan said he'd go talk with him.

Julie Kasines of 110 Wright Road said she has boat damage and believes it is from the chemicals used in the weed control of the channel. Richard Orlowski said his paddle boat looks like a minnow pail. Judy Truitt said both the old and new pontoons have pits in them. Jim Strock said he talked to Mike Hard the Branch County Drain Commissioner, who says it all comes down to electrolysis and nothing to do with any chemicals. Scott Banfield from Aquatic Enhancement & Survey Company, who did the weed control gave his credentials and said he would like to work toward a solution. Ann Strong asked if he had changed the chemicals in his application. Scott said he hadn't.

Terry Norris introduced herself and gave her qualifications and why we should vote for her in the August Primary Election.

Any Other Public Comments- none

**D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes-** Bill Avra motioned to accept 6-4-2012 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**Algansee Planning Commission Minutes-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the 6-25-2012 Planning Commission minutes. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

### **E. TREASURER'S REPORT-**

**E. 1. Monthly Report-** Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the last township meeting was \$350,002.81. We had expenses this past month of \$9,905.35 and this past month of income \$961.12 giving Algansee Township a balance for this June meeting of \$341,058.58. The Clerk agrees. Mick Belcher motioned to accept Treasurer's report. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

### **F. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**F. 1. Quincy Fire Association-** Bill Avra reported the Quincy Fire Department needs to upgrade their air packs, which cost between \$5500 to 6500 a piece for a total about \$200,000.

**F. 2. Report from Alganssee Township Planning Commission-** Mick Belcher reported on the surrounding townships zoning fees and asked the Township Board to look over the report before next meeting and consider what our actual costs are.

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

**F. 4. Ordinance Violations-** 1025 Grove Road-letters resent, the old Church next to Fisher Cemetery-letters resent, 246 Bickford Drive- letter sent, status of Tarp Roof Complaint on Bickford Drive, 244 Crockett Drive- abandoned cars and yard waste.

**F. 5. Website- [www.algansseetownship.com](http://www.algansseetownship.com)-** Supervisor Tom Morgan said he will contact the web host about meeting dates.

## **G. OLD BUSINESS-**

**G. 1. Dust Control-** Supervisor Tom Morgan reported the company started the dust control last week. Bill Avra motioned to pay \$1500 for another pass of dust control on the gravel roads. Motion supported by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**G. 2. Any Other Old Business-** none

## **H. NEW BUSINESS-**

**H. 1. Weed Control & Boat Damage-** already discussed.

**H. 2. Dust Control-** already discussed.

**H. 3. Any Other Old Business-** none

**I. PAYMENT OF BILLS-** Expenses were presented in the amount of \$8,589.89. 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 6 zoning permits for the month of July.

**J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report-** Don Vrablic reported the Branch County Commissioner's Top 5 Monthly Report- Weather Conditions, road Closures, Made in America Requirement of Flags, Veteran's Memorial, Sheriff's Dept. Millage consideration

**J. 3. Alganssee Library Report-** Alganssee Librarian Jan Clark emailed her June report as follows: Circulation-680, Attendance-470, Hours-92, Wireless-54, Inside Internet-204, Juvenile Programs-2, Attendance at programs-4, Young Adult programs-4, Attendance 26, Melcat our patrons-80.

**J. 4. Assessor's Report** – Michigan Tax Tribunal was held for Robert Fitch on May 15; to date no ruling received. I have received and responded to two State Tax Commission Class Appeals regarding class changes from Agricultural to Residential for Bernard Connin and John Watson. July Board of Review is scheduled for July 17 at 8 a.m., as of today there are 10 petitions pending. In regard to the Principal Residence changes, we have not received any further bulletins from the State of Michigan but the software update from BS&A was released on June 8. I have downloaded the update and have been using it. There are still some uncertainties as to how it is all going to merge for the winter tax bills. Data entry continues. 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-** MTA-Hot Topics for Planning Commissions- Aug 7<sup>th</sup>.

**L. PUBLIC COMMENT-** Dena Barror is pleading with us to help resolve the tarp roof problem. Julie Kasines thanked the township Board for listening.

**M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING-** will be Monday, August 6, 2012, 7:30 pm.

**N. Adjourn-** Mick Belcher motioned to adjourn. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Alganssee Township Clerk