

September 4, 2012 Algansee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 7:30pm Supervisor Tom Morgan called the Algansee Township Board meeting to order at the Algansee Township Hall, 378 S. Ray Quincy Rd., 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- Clerk Suzanne Preston led us in the pledge to the American Flag.

B. AGENDA- Bill Avra motioned to approve agenda. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Zoning Administrator's Report- Zoning Administrator Russ Jennings reported he issued 10 zoning permits, one land split and one variance for the month of August.

Sheriff John Pollack said he is requesting everyone's support on two items- support for the Sheriff's millage request and also to vote for him for Sheriff and gave his qualifications.

State Police Trooper Jeremy Miller gave us an update on the State Police.

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

Algansee Planning Commission Minutes- Mick Belcher motioned to accept the August 27, 2012 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 last township meeting was \$355,630.88. We had expenses this past month of \$17,811.79 and income of \$500.29 giving Algansee Township a balance for this August meeting of \$338,319.38. The Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept Treasurer's report. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported the Quincy Fire Department purchased 20 SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) with money from their general fund.

F. 2. Report from Algansee Township Planning Commission- Mick Belcher reported Henry Schwartz request to build a school on his property was denied. Louis Wortz's special use request for rezoning was approved by the Algansee Planning Commission. Bill Avra motioned to approve Louis Wortz's request for rezoning. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

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

F. 4. Ordinance Violations- 1025 Grove Road- substantial progress, old Church next to Fisher Cemetery- certified letter sent, 244 Crockett Drive-certified letter sent.

F. 5. Website- www.alganseetownship.com- Supervisor Tom Morgan said he will contact the web host about changes to website.

G. OLD BUSINESS-

G. 1. Asian Milfoil Weed Problem in Lake Chain- It is in most lakes in the county, the next meeting will be December 10, 2012.

G. 2. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. West Channel Drive request for chip and seal- Ovid Township will put this on their 2013 Schedule/budget

H. 2. Any Other New Business- the Clerk reported she is receiving many requests for absentee ballots.

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$26,329.34. Bill Avra motioned to pay the bills. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic reported the Branch County Commissioner's Top 5 Monthly Report- Planning Council, Sheriff Issues, Building Inspection Relocation, Veteran's Memorial and Tire Collection Sept 8th & Sept 22nd.

J. 2. Algansee Library Report- Algansee Librarian Jan Clark emailed her August report as follows: Circulation-561, Attendance-428, Hours-97, Wireless- 223, Inside Internet-246, Juvenile Programs-1, Attendance at programs-7, Young Adult programs-3, Attendance 11, Loans to Mel patrons-68, Loans to our patrons from Melcat -16. The new Library Director Evette Atkins has visited our Library.

J. 3. Assessor's Report – Algansee Assessor Erica Ewers reported- Final Ruling for Robert Fitch came thru from the Michigan Tax Tribunal with values remaining the same as approved by the March Board of Review. She has forwarded copies on to those that needed it. State Tax Commission ruling for the incorrectly reported personal property for Deere Credit, Inc. was approved at their August 28, 2012 board meeting. This will correct 2010, 2011, and 2012 to zero value as they incorrectly filed on Agricultural Property which is exempt. Copies have been forwarded. Continuing to receive land split and combination requests, hope to get these all entered in the coming weeks. Will be working on Special Assessments next week and will e-mail them out for review and response as these are due to the county by the end of the month. 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 on the road meetings- the closest one is in Kalamazoo.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- will be held on Monday, October 1, 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, Algansee Township Clerk