

January 5, 2004

The Alganssee Township Board held its regular meeting on January 5, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. at the Alganssee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road., Quincy, Michigan. All board members were present Supervisor Erica Ewers, Treasurer Bonita Shilling, Trustee Russell Strong, Trustee Bill Avra and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors that signed in were Margaret Strong, Heath Gillette and Dallas & Beverly Snyder.

Pledge- Supervisor Erica Ewers led us in the pledge to the American flag.

Agenda- Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Support by Russell Strong. Motion carried.

Public Comment- Heath Gillette presented a petition to create a special assessment district for aquatic weed control for Mallard Cove Channel. 50% of the property owners had signed the petition. Bonita Shilling motioned to schedule the public hearings for February 2nd and March 1st at 8:00 p.m. when the township will hold their regular meeting. Suzanne Preston supported the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the **December 1, 2003** Alganssee Township board minutes. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- November 2003 Report- Treasurer Bonita Shilling reported a balance of \$463,303.21 for the November 3, 2003 Alganssee Township meeting. The Clerk agrees. Russell Strong motioned to accept the November 3, 2003 Treasurer's report. Suzanne Preston supported the motion. Motion carried. **December 2003 Report-** Treasurer Bonita Shilling reported a balance of \$466,863.44 for the December 1, 2003 Alganssee Township meeting. The Clerk agrees. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the December 1, 2003 Treasurer's report. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. **January 5, 2004 Report-** Treasurer Bonita Shilling reported a balance of \$495,515.05 for the January 5, 2004 Alganssee Township meeting. The Clerk agrees. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the January 5, 2004 Treasurer's report. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. **Audit-** the Treasurer reported that she hasn't heard anything from the auditor lately. **Summer Tax Collection-** the Treasurer reported that she has received tax payment for 1,305 parcels out of 1,458. **Winter Tax Collection-** the Treasurer reported that she has received tax payment for 489 parcels out of 1,458. All payments for the schools have been sent. Treasurer Bonita Shilling reported that she will be out of town from January 13th through January 25th. She will have Dawn Shilling trained to be able to take taxes while she is gone. Sue Jacoby is looking for another tax bill after they had their second land split. Supervisor Ewers said she thinks the second land split came in too late for this year's taxes, but she would look into it. Bonita Shilling reported that someone else didn't pay her summer taxes on time because the tax bill went to her mortgage company and they sent it to her former address and she refuses to pay the late charge because she says it is our responsibility to get it to her correct address and she didn't realize we were having summer tax collection. It is the property owner's responsibility to make sure we have the correct address, not the other way around. Treasurer Bonita Shilling said she would turn it over to the County Treasurer's office with the late charges due. The Clerk asked the Treasurer Bonita Shilling to have her reports over to the Township Hall on the Wednesday before the board meeting like they are supposed to be. Bonita said she had the flu or she would have had the reports there.

Payment of Bills- expenses in the amount of \$30,765.78 were presented. Russell Strong motioned to pay the bills. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS- Fire Association Report- Supervisor Ewers reported that the Fire Association is working on the budget and they have the ice rescue equipment purchased and hope to have the training done in time for the Tip Festival. So they can show everyone the ice rescue equipment.

Planning Commission Report- Russell Strong said he did not have anything to report.

Zoning Board of Appeals- Bill Avra reported they had 1 meeting and the request was with drawn.

Supervisors Meeting- Evelyn David spoke at the December Supervisors meeting, she went over up coming elections and her concerns about them and she said the Tele-Comm. Ordinance the township had adopted, we should receive \$5,936.28, but not sure when we will receive the money.

Building Committee- Supervisor Ewers said they haven't met yet.

OLD BUSINESS- Zoning Administrator- Supervisor Ewers said that this is Ed Michel's last meeting and we appreciate all his work. Harold Farris is the new Zoning Administrator for Alganssee Township.

Ordinance Violations- Supervisor Ewers reported that there is nothing new to report on Davis, Tom, Dickman, Gaskill, Ely and Paradine.

Bickford Drive- Supervisor Ewers reported she is working with our attorney to get all the bills submitted.

Community House- Fred Avra reported that it is all boarded up so no one can get in to it.

Cost of Zoning Ordinance- Bill Avra motioned to charge \$20.00 for a Zoning Ordinance. Suzanne Preston supported the motion. Motion carried.

Any Other Old Business- none

NEW BUSINESS- Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the December 15, 2003 Planning and Zoning minutes. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to support the Planning Commission recommendation to deny Kevin Stempien's request for a special use permit to build a house on his property at 240 Brocklebank Road., Quincy, Michigan. Support by Bonita Shilling. Motion carried.

Branch County Road Commission- The annual meeting with the Algansee Township board and the Branch County Road Commission will be February 9th at 1:45p.m. The Road Commission has submitted a bid for seal coating for this summer for Central Road for 2½ miles from Ray Quincy Road to Stringtown Road for a cost of \$4,250.00, which is \$1,700 per mile.

Budget Preparation- Bill Avra motioned to have a Budget workshop on January 29, 2004 at 7:00p.m. Suzanne Preston supported the motion. Motion carried.

Any Other New Business- none

Correspondence- Voting Machine contract- is for 2 years, Miller Consultants is the supplier for most of the county. Supervisor Ewers wondered how this would be effected if the entire state gets new machines. We have the kind of voting machine that the State would like all townships to have.

Board of Review Training- MTA is having a training sessions, the closest one is February 26th in Monroe. Bonita Shilling motioned to make funding available to the BOR members that would like to attend. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

MTA conference- coming up in January.

Zoning Administrator's Report- Ed Michel reported he had 1 renewal and 1 new one.

Branch County Commissioner's Report- Mickey called to say she has the flu and the county is doing fine.

Library Report- all figures in the categories are going up, which is very encouraging.

Assessor's Report- Supervisor Ewers showed us the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Bonita Shilling motioned to accept the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

Public Comment- none

Next Meeting- will be February 2, at 8:00p.m. with the Budget preparation workshop on January 29, 2004 at 7:00p.m.

Adjourn- Russell Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Bill Avra. Adjourned at 8:50p.m. Suzanne Preston, Clerk

January 29, 2004- Supervisor Ewers called the Budget Preparation workshop to order. Present were Supervisor Ewers Treasurer Bonita Shilling, Trustee Bill Avra and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Absent Russell Strong. We discussed current and next year's Budget. Bill Avra moved to adjourn. Support by Bonita Shilling. Adjourned at 8:55p.m. Suzanne Preston, Clerk