

February 2, 2004

On **Monday, February 2, 2004 the Algansee Township Board** held its regular meeting at the Algansee 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 present that signed in were Margaret Strong, Harold Farris, Ron Ewers, Dave Gilbert, Heath Gillette, Hope Overton and Sue Ditton.

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

Agenda- Supervisor Ewers reported that David Locey cancelled tonight because of the weather and he will come to the March meeting instead and we need to add lawn mowing bids. Suzanne Preston said she wanted to be added to the agenda under other new business. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the agenda with the changes. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

Public Hearing to create the Special Assessment District for Aquatic Weed Control for Mallard Cove Channel Property Owners. Supervisor Ewers called the first meeting to order. Heath Gillette, Sue Ditton and Hope Overton were present. Supervisor Ewers said there are 26 parcels and 18 property owners and the cost would be \$253.02/ owner for the 5 years or \$50.60/year for 5 years. Heath Gillette motioned to proceed with the second public hearing. Support by Sue Ditton and Hope Overton. Motion carried. The next public hearing will be at the next Algansee Township Board meeting which will be March 1, 2004 at 8:00p.m. Russell Strong motioned to close the public hearing. Support by Bill Avra . Motion carried.

Lawn mowing bids- Supervisor Ewers opened the 9 sealed bids and read the bids as follows: 1. Bill James- \$5,750; 2. High Performance Lawn Care- Randy Massey- \$ 6,500; 3. Hawley Lawn Care- \$8,000; 4. M & M- Marlin Mock- \$ 7,200; 5. Best Lawn Care- \$400/mowing; 6. Dallas Snyder- \$ 7,800; 7. Town and Country Services- Terry Callahan- \$ 5,760; 8. G & K Lawn Care- \$230/mowing; 9. Perfection Lawn Care- \$8,870. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept Dallas Snyder's bid of \$7,800 to be paid over 12 months. Support by Russell Strong. Motion carried.

Sexton- Suzanne Preston motioned to accept Bill James as our sexton for another year. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

Public Comment- none

Minutes- Bonita Shilling motioned to accept the January 5, 2004 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by Russell Strong. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Bonita Shilling reported a balance of \$489,663.86. The Clerk agrees. Russell Strong motioned to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried. Summer taxes- Treasurer reported 1328 parcels have their taxes paid. Winter Taxes- 727 parcels have been paid, out of a total of 1405 parcels. She said she would be available to take taxes February 28, 29, and March 1, 2004.

Current Year 2003/2004 Budget Adjustments- Cemeteries- Repair- maintenance- Bonita Shilling motioned to adjust to \$3,300. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried. **Insurance- Liability and Township Hall Insurance** was adjusted to \$4,500 on May 5, 2003. **Zoning Administration Salary** was adjusted to \$5,200 on December 1, 2003. **Professional Fees- Accounting-** Bonita Shilling motioned to adjust to \$3,600. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. **Professional Fees- Legal Fees-** Erica Ewers motioned to adjust to \$7,500. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried. **Supervisor- Postage-** Bill Avra motioned to adjust to \$960. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried. **Twp. Hall Utilities-** was adjusted to \$1,400 on April 7, 2003. **Treasurer- Supplies-** Bonita Shilling motioned to adjust to \$775. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. **Township Hall-** added line item for \$65,000 on April 4, 2003 for building plan. **Planning- Postage-** \$100 line added on October 6, 2003

Payment of bills- Russell Strong motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$6,869.30. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS- Fire Association Report- the ice rescue training has taken place. Next meeting will be 2-11-04. Our share of budget is 24% or \$33,264, depending on whether we get the grant.

Planning Commission Report- Russell Strong reported that the secretary is requesting that the township board hire a secretary to take the minutes so he can participate in the discussions.

Zoning Board of Appeals- Bill Avra said they didn't meet last month.

Supervisors Meeting- 5 candidates that are running for Nick Smith's office spoke.

Building Committee- no report

OLD BUSINESS- Ordinance Violations- Junk & Zoning- Davis- Appeals court reviewing case. **Tom** – no change. **Dickman-** interrogatories answered. **Ely-** ticket has been issued. **Paradine-** ticket issued and the judge said he had until mid-March to clean up. **Benedict-** still working on it.

Bickford Drive- Supervisor Ewers reported she sent letter to our attorney with our expenses of \$7,000 from the Bickford Drive property. Hopefully we can get that amount back from the state.

Branch County Road Commission Annual Meeting- Supervisor Ewers said that our meeting will be February 9, 2004 at 1:45p.m. and we need to think about which roads we want to work on this year.

Budget Hearing and Truth and Taxation Hearing- Bonita Shilling motioned to hold our hearings at our next Township Board meeting which will be March 1, 2004 at 7:00p.m. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

Salary Resolutions- Suzanne Preston motioned to have the **Supervisor's Salary at \$8,000** for the 2004- 2005 fiscal year. Support by Bill Avra. Roll call vote- Suzanne Preston- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Russell Strong-yes, Bonita Shilling- yes, Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. Bonita Shilling motioned to have the **Clerk's salary at \$9,000** for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. Support by Bill Avra. Roll call vote- Bill Avra- yes, Russell Strong- yes, Bonita Shilling- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. Suzanne Preston motioned to have the **Treasurer's salary at \$9,000** for this coming 2004-2005 fiscal year. Support by Bill Avra. Roll call vote- Russell Strong- yes, Bonita Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes Suzanne Preston- yes, Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. Bonita Shilling motioned to have the **Trustee salary at \$80/ meeting** for the 2004-2005 year. Support by Bill Avra. Roll call vote- Russell Strong- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Bonita Shilling- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. Suzanne Preston motioned to have the **assessing salary at \$7.50/parcel= \$10,950** for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. Support by Bill Avra. Roll call vote- Russell Strong- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Bonita Shilling- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, Erica Ewers-yes. Motion carried. Suzanne Preston motioned to have the **Planning and Zoning Appeals Board members salary at \$80/meeting** for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. Support by Bonita Shilling. Roll call vote- Russell Strong- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Bonita Shilling- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. Erica Ewers motioned to have **Chairman of the Election at \$10.00/hour and election workers at \$9.00/hour** for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. Support by Suzanne Preston. Roll call vote- Russell Strong- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Bonita Shilling- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried.

2004- 2005 Budget modifications- adjust Trustees to \$ 3,840 and Planning to \$5,100.

Special Assessment District on Dons Dr- Rick and Deana Coons don't agree with the special assessment. Supervisor Ewers said she sent them and Willard Reichhart letters explaining the situation.

Any Other Old Business- none

NEW BUSINESS- Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes- Bonita Shilling motioned to accept the January 26, 2004 Planning and Zoning minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to allow the Planning Commission to hire a secretary for the meetings. Support by Russell Strong. Motion carried.

Branch County District Library- Plan of Service update. Technology funds are available up to 2006.

Board of Review Resolution- Bonita Shilling motioned to support the following resolution- WHEREAS, Public Act 194, 2003 allows township board by resolution to select an alternative date in March when the board of review shall initially meet, WHEREAS, MCL 211.30 provides the alternative starting dates shall be the Tuesday or Wednesday following the second Monday of March, Whereas, the Algansee Township board wants to make board of review convenient for both the assess and the board of review members work schedules, NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Algansee Township Board of Review will meet on Wednesday, March 10, 2004 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 11, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Support by Suzanne Preston. Roll call vote- Russell Strong- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Bonita Shilling- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, Erica ewers- yes. Motion carried.

Any Other New Business- the Clerk said she won't be here next meeting because she'll be saying good bye to her son down in North Carolina who is leaving for Iraq on March 2, 2004. .Bonita Shilling motioned to check with Diane Beckman to see if she'll take the minutes. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

Correspondences- received a thank you note from the Branch County Realtors Association thanking us for the Zoning Book. We also received update about the election law changes.

Zoning Administrator's Report- Harold Farris reported he had issued 2 new permits this last month.

Branch County Commissioner's Report- Mickey Rubley wasn't here.

Library Report- 558 volumes checked out this month, with 361 attending, also applying for a grant.

Assessor's Report- getting ready for Board of Review.

Public Comment- none

Next meeting will be on March 1, 2004 starting at 7:00 p.m. starting with the Budget Hearing and the Truth and Taxation Hearing.

Adjourn- Bonita Shilling motioned to adjourn. Support by Russell Strong. Adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk`