

April 5, 2004

The **Algansee Township Board meeting** was called to order on **Monday April 5, 2004** at 8:00p.m. 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, Dallas & Beverly Snyder, Darin Phenix, Jeff Vanzandt, Brad Smith, Terry Tom, Art Simpson, Steve Widlitiski, Mickey Rubley, Rodney Carpenter.

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

Agenda- Supervisor Erica Ewers asked to have the Planning Commission appointment right after the first Public comment. Bill Avra motioned to accept the agenda with the correction. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Appointment- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that Terry Tom and Dave Gilbert are interested in the position. Terry Tom read a statement about why he should be appointed and not Dave Gilbert. Russell Strong motioned to appoint Dave Gilbert to the Planning Commission. Support by Erica Ewers. Roll call vote- Russell Strong yes, Bill Avra no, Erica Ewers yes, Bonita Shilling no, Suzanne Preston yes. Motion carried.

Branch County Sheriff Department Report- Deputy Rose gave the monthly Sheriff's report.

Minutes- Supervisor Ewers suggested adding the words- February 23, 2004 Planning Commission in front of the word minutes in M-1. Also change the amount of the bills to be paid to \$9, 544.72. Bonita Shilling motioned to accept the March 1, 2004 Algansee Township Board minutes with the corrections. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Bonita Shilling reported a balance of \$504,570.96, income for last month was \$23,981.00 and expenses were \$9,544.72. The Clerk agrees. Russell Strong motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. Treasurer Bonita Shilling reported book work for Summer and Winter tax collection is all done and turned into the Branch County Treasurer's Office. Supervisor Ewers asked about the audit preparation. Treasurer Bonita Shilling said she would start on it this month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS- Quincy Fire Association- Supervisor Ewers reported that the budget expenses for the Fire Association would be \$258,660. The 2004-2005 budget was accepted on a 5 to 4 vote at the last Quincy Fire Association meeting. The next meeting will be April 14, 2004. Suzanne Preston motioned not to approve the 2004-2005 Quincy Fire Association Budget. Bonita Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned not to pay the first quarter assessment of \$8,624.80. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned not to pay the grant match of \$3,001.50. Bonita Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Report- Bill Avra and Russell Strong reported the workshops have been very informative.

Zoning Board of Appeals- Bill Avra reported they have a meeting this Thursday, April 8, 2004.

Supervisor's Meeting- Supervisor Ewers reported that all the judges came and spoke.

Building Committee- Supervisor Ewers reported that they will meet soon.

Branch County Commissioners Report- Mickey Rubley gave her commissioners report.

OLD BUSINESS- Ordinance Violations- Davis- we haven't received a payment yet. **Dickman-** Attorneys and judge were on site for a visit. **Gaskill-** meets with magistrate. **Ely-** cleaned up and paid fine. **Paradine-** deadline was last week and hasn't cleaned up. **Noah Girod** on Hammon Road- magistrate never notified the township of the hearing, had the hearing anyway, the township has appealed, now will go in front of Judge Coyle on April 29, 2004.

Bickford Drive- no word from the Attorney General's office.

Branch County Road Commission Contracts- Seal coating- Russell Strong motioned to seal coat Central Road from Ray Quincy to Stringtown 2.5 miles at a cost of \$1,700.00 per mile totaling \$4,250.00, cost to township \$4,250.00. Support by Bonita Shilling. Roll call- vote Bonita Shilling- yes, Suzanne Preston – yes, Russell Strong- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. **Dust Control-** Bill Avra motioned to have the dust control on 24.62 miles of dirt roads at a cost of \$350 per mile totaling \$8,617.00 in 2 equal payments. Support by Russell Strong. Roll call vote- Bonita Shilling- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, Russell Strong- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. **Road Construction on Potter Rd-** Bill Avra motioned to apply 1,200 yards of processed gravel to Potter Rd from Central Rd to Campbell Rd, a distance of 1 mile for a estimated cost of \$8,500.00, estimated cost to township of \$5,000.00. Support by Russell Strong. Roll call vote- Bonita Shilling- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, Russell Strong- yes,

Bill Avra- yes, Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. **Road Construction o. Burlew Road-** Bill Avra motioned to apply 800 yards of processed gravel to Burlew Road from Stringtown to the County line, a distance of .5 mile for an estimated cost of \$6,000.00, estimated cost to township of \$3,000.00. Support by Bonita Shilling. Roll call vote- Bonita Shilling- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, Russell Strong- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. **Road Construction on Campbell Road-** Russell Strong motioned to apply 800 yards of processed gravel to Campbell from Stringtown Road to the county line, a distance of .5 mile at an estimated cost of \$6,000.00, estimated cost to township of \$3,000.00. Support by Bonita Shilling. Roll call vote- Bonita Shilling- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, Russell Strong- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. **Road Construction on Brown Road-** Bonita Shilling motioned to apply 700 yards of processed gravel to Brown Road from Fremont Road to Legg Road, a distance of .5 mile, at an estimated cost of \$4,500.00, estimated cost to township of \$2,250.00. Support by Russell Strong. Roll call vote- Bonita Shilling- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, Russell Strong- yes, Bill Avra- no, Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. **Road Construction on Brown Road-** Bill Avra motioned to reditch and cut shoulders on Brown Road from Ray Quincy Road to Fremont Road, a distance of 2.5 miles, for an estimated cost of \$12,00.00, estimated cost to township \$6,000.00 and apply 4,000 yards of processed gravel for an estimated cost of \$37,000.00, estimated cost to township of \$18,5000.00. Support by Bonita Shilling. Roll call vote- Bonita Shilling- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, Russell Strong- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. **Road Construction on Legg Road-** Bonita Shilling motioned to regravell Legg Road from Lester Road to Brown Road with 1,200 yards of processed gravel, a distance of 1 mile, for an estimated cost of \$9,000.00, estimated cost to township of \$9,000.00. Support by Suzanne Preston. Roll call vote- Bonita Shilling- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, Russell Strong- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. **Road Construction of Wolf Road-** Bonita Shilling motioned to reditch and regravell Wolf Road from Campbell Road to Phillips Road, with 1,000 yards of processed gravel, a distance of .7 mile, estimated cost of \$16,000.00, estimated cost to township of \$16,000.00. Support by Suzanne Preston. Roll call vote- Bonita Shilling- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, Russell Strong- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. Bonita Shilling motioned to pay the township's portion of the Road work to be sent in with the contracts. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Contract- Harold Farris wanted a 3 month contract instead of a one year contract. Bill Avra motioned to accept the contract for 3 months. Support by Russell Strong. Motion carried.

Library- Supervisor Ewers reported the Library is working on a grant for a wireless Broad band internet connection. Library week is next week and they would like to use the Township Hall for a program on April 15th at 6:00p.m. Russell Strong motioned to let the Library use the township hall on April 15th for the Marinette Program. Suzanne Preston supported the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS- Planning And Zoning Commission March 29, 2004 Minutes were presented. Bill Avra motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Support by Bonita Shilling. Motion carried.

Branch County Drain Commission Report- Supervisor Ewers reported that according to the Branch County Drain Commissioner's February 2004 Authorized Maintenance Projects report- the only drain in Algansee Township to be worked on is Swaney Drain, in section 1.

Michigan Township Association Training- "Powers and Duties of Zoning Administrators" workshop on April 20, 2004 in Kalamazoo, Dave Gilbert and Harold Farris are interested in going. Suzanne Preston motioned to pay Dave and Harold's way. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

Any Other New Business- none.

Payment of Bills- Bills were presented in the amount of \$53,435.63. Russell Strong motioned to pay the bills. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrators Report- Harold Farris reported he had issued 5 new permits for the month.

Library Report- Supervisor Ewers reported there was a goal to read more than 9,000 pages in the month of March and the Library exceeded their goal.

Assessing- Supervisor Ewers reported there were 19 petitions presented to the Board of Review, which met for 2 ½ days in the month of March.

Any Public Comments- none.

Adjourn- Next meeting will be **Monday, May 3, 2004 at 8:00p.m.** Bill Avra motioned to adjourn. Support by Russell Strong. Adjourned at 9:55p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk