

**May 5, 2004**

On **Monday, May 5, 2004 the Algansee Township Board** meeting was called to order 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 that signed in were Margaret Strong, Terry Tom, Mickey Rubley and Dallas Snyder.

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

**Agenda-** Bonita Shilling motioned to accept the agenda. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**Public Comment-**

1. Mrs. Rawleen Fadden introduced herself and said why we should vote for her for Branch County Clerk in the August primary.
2. Nancy Hutchins introduced herself and said why we should vote for her for Register of Deeds in the August primary.
3. Terry Tom spoke about his meeting last Monday night with the Algansee Planning and Zoning Commission. He didn't feel the meeting was fair and wanted us to allow him to use his property until his problem is solved. Terry Tom asked why the township Hall doesn't have a mailbox. He also had a letter from Stephen Remski, who said was in his favor of Terry Tom's project, but wouldn't file it with the Township board. Terry Tom asked the Township to supersede the Planning and Zoning Commission because he is losing money every day. Supervisor Ewers told him the Algansee Township Board could not supersede the Planning and Zoning Commission.
4. Bethany Garmen introduced herself and why we should vote for her for Branch County Clerk in the August primary.

**Minutes-** Bonita Shilling motioned to accept the April 5, 2004 Algansee Township Board minutes. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report-** Treasurer Bonita Shilling reported income for last month was \$183.98 and expenses were \$53,435.63 leaving a balance of \$451,319.31 in the treasury. The Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried. Bonita Shilling reported the Auditor is coming over to audit the books at the township hall on May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Suzanne Preston motioned to void out the checks written last month for the Quincy Fire Department, check # 11363 and #11364, and not just hold on to them, to help with our book keeping. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. Bonita Shilling said she learned that Marshall Savings Bank is starting an umbrella account for large investments and municipalities in money market accounts and then put into CDs, we could withdraw from them anytime we needed to. Supervisor Ewers said she wished she had more information before we need to make a decision. Bonita Shilling said she will give us some information on it to read before next month's meeting. Bonita Shilling said the township's CD at Flagstar Bank is up for renewal right now. There is \$107,000 in it and it is a 12 month CD at a rate of \$1.02%. She said the township's CD of \$47,000 at Monarch bank is up for renewal on the 21<sup>st</sup> of this month at a rate of \$1.75%. It is a 6 month CD. We have 2 CDs up for renewal in December, one at Southern National Bank and the one at National City bank. Bill Avra motioned to let Flagstar roll over the CD. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS-**

**Fire Association Report-** Supervisor Ewers reported the Fire Association board asked our board to work things out and to agree with the proposed budget. Butler Township Supervisor, Reggie Ivey reported that Butler Township board won't accept the new 2004-2005 Fire Association budget or the new percentage rate. Bill Avra motioned to not approve the 2004-2005 Quincy Fire Association budget and to try to get the proposed budget reduced as much as possible and to negotiate the percentage rate to 25% or 28%. Bonita Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried. Motion carried.

**Planning Commission Report-** Russell Strong said he had nothing to report.

**Zoning Board of Appeals Report-** Bill Avra reported they met twice this month.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS-**

**Ordinance Violations-** Supervisor Ewers reported **Bob Davis-** no appeals have been filed by either party and so our attorney is filing the paper work to recoup the \$6,548.67 + interest. **Dickman-** the meeting is rescheduled for this Wednesday. **Gaskill-** his deadline has been extended for the last time, he has until the May 17<sup>th</sup>, he is to have everything removed or it is a \$610 fine. **Paradine** has cleaned up mess. **Noah Girod-** met with Judge Coyle last Thursday and the Judge ruled Noah Girod isn't responsible for the ticket, which means he doesn't have to pay any fines or penalties because of the civil infraction ticket, but the Judge did indicate that Noah Girod can't use the building in any shape form or manner until he had taken care of the red tag that is still posted on it. Bonita Shilling motioned to give him 14 days to buy a permit for an accessory building to be in compliance. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

**Bickford Drive-** Supervisor Ewers reported that we have \$5,011.12 in expenses in the Bickford Drive property. Our attorney sent a letter to the State Attorney General's office reporting to them of our reimbursable expenses in the property hoping we will recoup the expenses.

**Any Other Old Business-** none

## **NEW BUSINESS-**

**Planning Commission-** Erica Ewers motioned to accept the April 26, 2004 Algansee Township Planning and Zoning Commission minutes as submitted. Bonita Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried. Because of letters being returned we need to readvertise Terry Tom's Special Use Permit request, because it was tabled at the last meeting. The Planning and Zoning Commission would like to get the township's Planner's opinion. Bonita Shilling motioned to authorize up to 4 hours and not to exceed \$320.00 for the Planner's written report. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**McKenna Proposals-** Supervisor Ewers reported she got this subdivision ordinance proposal and Continuing Planning Services proposal from McKenna Associates and would like the board to read them before the next meeting.

**Elections-** the Clerk reported that the Secretary of State's office said we need to hold an Election Committee meeting before the August primary to select the election workers. The township Election Committee is made up of the Supervisor, Treasurer and the Clerk. The Clerk said if we meet 15 minutes before the next regular meeting that should be enough time to select the election workers.

**Any Other New Business-** There was discussion about whether the township should have a post office box or a mail box. Bonita Shilling motioned to buy a mailbox for the township. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried. Harold Ferris said he is over to the township hall about every other day, so he could pick it up. No other new business.

**Payment of Bills-** bills were presented in the amount of \$14,229.24. Russell Strong motioned to pay the bills. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

**Correspondences-** Supervisor Ewers reported on the Swainy Drain of the Hendrix Branch #2- Braman's Drain

**Zoning Administrator's Report-** Harold Farris reported he had issued 5 new permits, 5 land splits, issued to special use permits and sent out 19 packets for the month of April.

**Branch County Commissioner's Report-** Mickey Rubley gave her report.

**Library Report-** there wasn't any this month.

**Assessing Report-** Supervisor Ewers reported the data base is rolled over.

**Announcements-** Next meeting will be June 7, 2004 at 8:00pm.

**Adjournment-** Bonita Shilling motioned to adjourn. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk