

July 6, 2004

On Tuesday, July 6, 2004 at 7:30 pm the Alganssee Township Board met for their regular meeting at the Alganssee Township Hall with board members Supervisor Erica Ewers, Trustee Russell Strong and Clerk Suzanne Preston present. Treasurer Bonita Shilling came long enough to drop off the Treasurer's report and then she left because she was sick. Trustee Bill Avra was absent. Visitors present that signed in were Bill Kurtz, Russ Jennings, Margaret Strong, Dallas & Beverly Snyder, Mike Watson, Rodney Carpenter, John & Faye Lutz, Charlotte Stork, Shila Boes, Gene Neuendorf, John & Beth Gilmour, Kay Riegel, Joe & Lena Donato, Ron Boggia, Bob & Marian Rubley, Ed Michel, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Schomaeker, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Stempien, John Shilling, Gary & Jane Sanderson.

Pledge- Suzanne Preston led us in the pledge to the American flag.

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

Special Assessment Public Hearing for Crauns Beach- Supervisor Ewers called the special assessment public hearing for the renewal of the maintenance fund for Crauns Beach to order. Supervisor Ewers said that according to Public Act 188 of 1954, as amended 2 public hearings are required for special assessments and this is the first public hearing. Gerry Winter said he had gotten more than half of the property owner's signatures in favor of renewing the special assessment maintenance fund. Those present from Crauns Beach were Kay Riegel, John & Betty Gilmour, Faye & Jack Lutz, Gene Neuendorf, Charles Ingolia and Gerry Winter. Gerry Winter motioned to have a special assessment maintenance fund for Crauns Beach for \$50 per year for 5 years and to proceed with the second hearing. Charles Ingolia supported the motion. Motion carried. Supervisor Ewers said the second public hearing for Crauns Beach will be August 2, 2004 at 7:30 pm. Suzanne Preston motioned to close the public hearing for Crauns Beach. Support by Russell Strong. Motion carried.

Public Comment- Bill Kurtz and Russ Jennings from Dons Drive presented a petition with 55 signatures of property owners from Don's Drive private for a special assessment for road construction for paving the private road. Bill Kurtz said they have one bid for \$22,400.00 to pave the private road. Suzanne Preston motioned to proceed with the two special assessment public hearing for Don's Drive (private) on August 2, 2004 at 7:15 pm and on September 7 at 7:45 pm.

Special Assessment Public Hearing for Donnell and Bennett Drives- Supervisor Ewers called the special assessment public hearing to order. Supervisor Ewers said that according to Public Act 188 of 1954 as amended 2 public hearing are required. Joe Donato motioned for the modification of the maintenance fund to \$50.00 per year for 5 years. Lena Donato supported the motion. Motion carried. Those present from Donnell and Bennett Drives were Ron Boggia, Mike Watson, Shila Boes, Charlotte Stork, Marian & Robert Rubley, Ed Michel, Tom & Mary Schomaeker. Suzanne Preston motioned to close the public hearing for Donnell and Bennett Drives. Support by Russell Strong. Motion carried. Supervisor Ewers said the second public hearing will be on August 2, 2004 at 7:45 pm.

Public Comment- Shila Boes presented a petition for renewing the special assessment maintenance fund for **aquatic weed control** on the south side of Bartholomew Lake and the channel. There was interest from the rest of the residents of that area to get all of the lake properties in this special assessment. Suzanne Preston motioned to proceed with the special assessment hearing for aquatic weed control. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried. Supervisor Ewers asked if there was any other public comments- **Mike Watson** wondered how to inform the township that a land contract is up and what to do next. **Gary Sanderson** spoke on his qualifications on running for Drain Commissioner and he asked if anyone had any questions for him. **Ron Stempien** of 621 Legg Road said he has water standing in his front yard after every rain and wondered what the township can do about it. Supervisor Ewers said she talked with the Branch County Road Commission and they said they could put a ditch in the yard for about \$300 or a culvert and catch basin for \$1,000. The board said they would go out and look at it before next meeting.

Cemeteries- the Clerk reported she had talked to the sexton Bill James and he would repair the broken headstones.

Minutes- Russell Strong motioned to approve the June 7, 2004 township board minutes. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Erica Ewers motioned to table the July'04 treasure's report along with the June'04 treasurer's report. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried. Supervisor Ewers reported the auditor will be here at our next meeting. Summer tax bills have been sent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS- Fire Association- Supervisor Ewers reported the budget has been submitted but no invoice yet.

Report from the Planning and Zoning Commission- Russell Strong said he didn't have anything to report.

Zoning Board of Appeals- no report.

Building Committee- they will meet soon.

OLD BUSINESS- Ordinance Violations- Davis- our attorney sent a letter to their attorney. **Dickman-** writing stipulations. **Benedict-** the cars are removed and he is working on the mess. **Vanderpool-** he has started working on it. **Parsons-** the house has been removed. **Crockett Drive-** received complaint.

Bickford Drive- our case has been turned over to a different case worker.

McKenna Proposals- Suzanne Preston motioned to table this until next meeting. Support by Russell Strong. Motion carried.

CDARS proposal- Suzanne Preston motioned to table. Support by Russell Strong. Motion carried.

Don's Drive Special Assessment modifications- Supervisor Ewers reported to adjust Coons down to one lot. Suzanne Preston motioned to reimburse Coons for the last 3 years special assessment, property code # A11-000-012-02.

Any Other Old Business- none

Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes- Russell Strong motioned to accept the June 1, 2004 corrected minutes and the June 28, 2004 minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

Branch County Sheriff Department Report- Mike Gatke reported on the Sheriff's department.

Zoning Administrator- Supervisor Ewers reported she received Harold Farris' resignation letter on June 12th, he said he would stay if we gave him a raise. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept Harold Farris' resignation with regrets. Support by Russell Strong. Motion carried. Supervisor Ewers reported that we have received letters from 2 people who are interested in the zoning Administrator's position. Russ Jennings who lives on Dons Drive who is present tonight and Art Arendt who lives on Lakeshore Point who isn't here tonight. Suzanne Preston motioned to have interviews for the zoning administrator on Monday July 12 at 7:00 pm. Support by Russell Strong. Motion carried.

2004 Millage Request (Headley Amendment) - Supervisor Ewers reported that at the time we adopted the millage request at our annual township meeting we didn't know what the rate was. The rate is .8492 for this year.

2004 Branch County Equalization Contract- Suzanne Preston motioned to pay the equalization department at a rate of \$1.00 per parcel for the 2004 contract. Support by Russell Strong. Motion carried.

Any Other New Business- Suzanne Preston requested the Township Board pay the August 3, 2004 election workers dinner. Russell Strong motioned we pay the election workers dinner. Support by Erica Ewers. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills- Russell Strong motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$10,511.93. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

Correspondences- MTA is having their National township meeting and would like us all to come.

Special Reports- Zoning Administrator- Harold Farris reported he issued 10 new permits this last month

Branch County Commissioner's Report- Mickey Rubley- absent.

Library- circulation is increasing, see report.

Assessing- attended a GIS meeting in Coldwater and getting ready for July Board of Review.

Public Comment- Clerk requested we need an air conditioner for the August 3rd election, so the ballots won't absorb the humidity and get jammed in the tabulator.

Next Meeting will be August 2, 2004 at 7:00 pm.

Adjourn- Russell Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Special Meeting- July 12, 2004. Supervisor Ewers called the Special meeting to order at 7:05. All Board members were present, Erica Ewers, Bonita Shilling, Bill Avra, Russell Strong and Suzanne Preston. Visitors present were Margaret Strong and Russ Jennings. We interviewed Russ Jennings for Zoning Administrator's position. Treasurer's Report- Erica Ewers motioned to table the Treasurer's June and July report. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried. Treasurer reported that the township collects \$2.50 for the township with each parcel with the State Education tax. Bill Avra motioned we collect it in one lump sum at the end when due. Suzanne Preston supported the motion. Motion carried. McKenna Proposals-Suzanne Preston motioned to table McKenna proposals. Support by Bill Avra. Bill Avra motioned to adjourn. Support by Russell Strong. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Special Meeting- July 13, 2004. Supervisor Ewers called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. All township board members were present. We interviewed Art Arendt for the portion of zoning administrator. After Mr. Arendt left the building, Bill Avra motioned to hire Russ Jennings. Support by Bonita Shilling. Supervisor Ewers said she would notify the men. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to adjourn Support by Russell Strong. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk