

**November 1, 2004**

**A. On Monday, November 1, 2004 the Algansee Township Board** met for its regular meeting at 8:00pm at the Algansee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy, Michigan. Supervisor Erica Ewers called the meeting to order with all members present Supervisor Erica Ewers, Treasurer Bonita Shilling, Trustee Russell Strong, Trustee Bill Avra and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors that signed in were Margaret Strong, John Shilling, Anne Conner, Caryl Pridgeon, Susan Shilling, Mickey Rubley, and Sheriff Deputy Roy Shutts.

**Pledge-** Pricilla Dodd led us in the pledge to the American flag

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

**C. Public Comment-** none

**D. Minutes-** Russell Strong motioned to accept the October 4, 2004 Algansee Township Board minutes. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

**E. Treasurer's Report-** Suzanne Preston motioned to table the Treasurer's reports that we were just handed, because we need time to look them over and to have a special meeting on November 9, 2004 at 7:00pm to go over the Treasurer's reports. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. Treasurer Bonita Shilling reported that summer taxes are still coming in.

**Public Comment-** Deputy Roy Shutts gave us an update on the Branch County Sheriff's department.

#### **F. COMMITTEE REPORTS-**

- 1. Quincy Fire Association-** working on a new Quincy Fire Association contract. We had a few questions about the contract. Supervisor Ewers said they are also going over quotes for a new roof.
- 2. Planning and Zoning Commission Report-** Russell Strong reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission is requesting the township's Planner's opinion on a rezoning request. Bill Avra motioned to get the township Planner's opinion. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.
- 3. Zoning Board of Appeals-** Bill Avra reported they met twice this last month.
- 4. Building Committee-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported nothing new to report.

#### **G. OLD BUSINESS-**

- 1. Ordinance Violations- Junk and Zoning- Davis and Vanderpool-** nothing new to report. **Dickman-** the roof and siding are off. **Noah Girod, John, Jake and Susan Schwartz and Sam Girod Jr.** are all together and is pending in court. **Benedict-** nothing new to report. **Kevin Leshk on Crockett Dr. Jake Schwartz on the corner of Colvin and Warren Roads and Joe Dzienny of Bickford Dr** will all receive a letter this week to tell them to clean up their junk. **Terry Tom-** went to court on October 20, 2004 and Judge Cherry said Terry Tom didn't need to put up a fence and he has 60 days to present a landscaping plan to the Algansee Twp Board and he is allowed to store boats on the lot.
- 2. Bickford Drive-** nothing new to report.
- 3. November Newsletter-** Supervisor Ewers presented a draft of the Nov. newsletter.
- 4. Website Information-** nothing new

**5. Land Division Ordinance-** nothing new

**6. Any Other Old business-** none

## **H. NEW BUSINESS-**

**1. Election-** November 2, 2004 is the General Election. Bonita Shilling motioned to pay the election workers. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Russell Strong motioned to pay the election workers supper. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

### **2. Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes-**

**October 18, 2004-** Bonita Shilling motioned to accept the October 18, 2004 Alganssee Township Planning and Zoning Minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to accept the Alganssee Township Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation to deny the rezoning request to Mike and Kelly Dodd. Support by Russell Strong. Motion carried.

**October 19, 2004-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the October 19, 2004 Alganssee Township Planning and Zoning Commission minutes. Support by Russell Strong. Motion carried. Russell Strong motioned to accept the Alganssee Township Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation to approve the special use request for Amos Barnett with their conditions. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**October 25, 2004-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the October 25, 2004 Alganssee Township Planning and Zoning Commission minutes. Support by Russell Strong. Motion carried.

**Revisions of Zoning Applications and Permits-** Supervisor Ewers asked us to look over these.

**3. Rezoning Requests-** can be made by the property owner, the Planning Commission and the Township board. Perhaps we should be charging more for the Rezoning request because it costs the Township more because of contacting our attorney and sometimes the planner.

**4. Any Other New Business-** Pricilla Dodd wondered when the zoning ordinance will be updated.

**I. Payment of Bills-** bills were presented in the amount of \$52, 576.68. Russell Strong motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$52,576.68 plus pay the election workers and their dinner. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**J. Correspondences- Michigan Township Association Training For newly elected Officials-** Tax Collecting 101 on November 29, 2004 in Frankenmuth for our new Treasurer and 2004 New Officials Training on December 9, 2004 in Battle Creek for our new Trustee. Suzanne Preston motioned to pay for the training for our officials. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

## **K. SPECIAL REPORTS-**

**1. Zoning Administrators Report-** Russ Jennings reported he had issued 11 permits for October.

**2. Branch County Commissioners Report-** Mickey Rubley updated us on the Commissioners.

**3. Library-** Supervisor Ewers report there were 55 people at the Library Halloween party.

**4. Assessor-** Supervisor Ewers reported

**L. Public Comment**-none

**M. Announcements**- Supervisor Ewers announced the swearing in for all newly elected township officials will be on November 20, 2004 at high noon. Supervisor Erica Ewers thanked Russell Strong for all his years of service to the township and invited everyone to stay for cake and ice cream following the meeting.

**N. Next Meeting will be Monday, December 6, 2004 at 8:00pm.**

**O. Adjourn**- Russell Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Adjourned at 9:35pm.

11-2-04 Election Workers pay-	\$755.25
11-2-04 Election Workers supper-	\$31.45
MTA New Officials Workshops-	\$160.00
<b>Total expenses for November 2004-</b>	<b>\$53,523.38</b>

### **November 9, 2004 Special Meeting- Treasurer's Reports & Terry Tom Court Case**

**On Tuesday November 9, 2004**, Supervisor Erica Ewers called the special township meeting to order at 7:00pm. 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, John Shilling, and Faith & Roger Kaufmann.

**Public Comment**- none

**Treasurer's Reports**- the board discussed the Treasurer's reports. Bill Avra motioned to have the township Auditor come and help get the Treasurer's report straightened out. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried. Treasurer Bonita Shilling motioned to table the Treasurer's reports. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to have Treasurer reports ready by November 20, 2004 so when the board gets sworn in we could look at the reports. Support by Russell Strong. Motion carried.

**Terry Tom Court Case**- Supervisor Ewers reported that our attorney advised us to contact the MTA attorney to get their opinion. The township has 21 days to appeal the ruling. MTA attorney said it would cost about \$6,000 to appeal the ruling. Suzanne Preston motioned to appeal the ruling of the Terry Tom court case. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**Public Comment**- Dave Gilbert is concerned about a lot of township residents wanting to change the zoning ordinance. He was wondering what the township board is planning on doing about it. Whether to accept post marks are up to the township Treasurer.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk