

## December 6, 2004

**A. On Monday, December 6, 2004 the Alganssee Township Board** met for its regular meeting at 8:00pm at the Alganssee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy, Michigan. Supervisor Erica Ewers called the meeting to order with all board members present Supervisor Erica Ewers, Treasurer Faith Kaufman, Trustee John Shilling, Trustee Bill Avra and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors that signed in were Rodney Carpenter, Dallas and Beverly Snyder, and Sandra Ely.

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

**B. Agenda-** Supervisor Ewers said to add under new business 5.5- Library, 5.75- Aquilla, 6- Committee appointments. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the agenda with the changes. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

**C. Minutes-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the November 1, 2004 Alganssee Township Board minutes. John Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried.

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

### **E. Treasurer's Report-**

**1.** Faith Kaufmann presented the **3-31-04 Treasurer's report with a balance of \$532,325.10**. The Clerk agrees. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the 3-31-04 Treasurer's report. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Faith Kaufmann presented the **4-30-04 Treasurer's report with a balance of \$479,073.45**. The Clerk agrees. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the 4-30-04 Treasurer's report. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Faith Kaufmann presented the **5-31-04 Treasurer's report with a balance of \$492,818.11**. The Clerk agrees. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the 5-31-04 Treasurer's report. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Faith Kaufmann presented the **6-30-04 Treasurer's report with a balance of \$550,3091.64**. The Clerk agrees. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the 6-30-04 Treasurer's report. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Faith Kaufmann presented the **7- 31-04 Treasurer's report with a balance of \$563,867.21**. The Clerk agrees. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the 7-31-04 Treasurer's report. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Faith Kaufmann presented the **8-31-04 Treasurer's report with a balance of \$526,797.68**. The Clerk agrees. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the 8-31-04 Treasurer's report. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Faith Kaufmann presented the **9-30-04 Treasurer's report with a balance of \$545,596.99**. The Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept the 9-30-04 Treasurer's report. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried. Faith Kaufmann presented the **10-31-04 Treasurer's report with a balance of 529,527.66**. The Clerk agrees. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the 10-31-04 Treasurer's report. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**2. December Treasurer's Report-** Faith Kaufmann presented the **11-30-04 Treasurer's report with a balance of \$ 505,180.22**. The Clerk agrees. Erica Ewers motioned to accept the 11-30-04 Treasurer's report. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

**3. CD Renewals-** Faith Kaufmann reported the Sturgis Bank & Trust CD is up for renewal on 12-11-04, balance of \$6,848.92, with an interest rate of 2.38%. John Shilling motioned to leave the CD at the Sturgis Bank & Trust. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

**4. Summer Tax Collection Update-** 1,293 parcels have been paid.

**5. Winter Tax Collection-** 77 parcels have been paid.

### **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, Benedict and Vanderpool-** nothing new to report.  
**John, Jake and Susan Schwartz and Noah Girod Sam Girod Jr. –** ZBA hearing pending, have a meeting Thursday at Chuck Lillis office, court date is 12-14-04 at 1:00. **Kevin Leshk on Crockett Dr.** is cleaned up. **Jake Schwartz on the corner of Colvin and Warren Roads-** his deadline to clean up.  
**Joe Dzienny of Bickford Dr-** has until 12-2-04 to clean up. **Terry Tom-** MTA attorney reviewed case and said in good conscious could not recommend to go ahead and appeal the case. John Shilling motioned not to go ahead and appeal the Terry Tom case. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. Township Board reviewed the Court order and the landscape plan. John Shilling motioned to acknowledge receipt of the landscaping plan, as a short term plan and not a long term plan. Faith Kaufmann supported the motion. Motion carried. **Dickman-** it is taken down.

**2. Bickford Drive-** nothing new to report, the Attorney General's office has hired a new person.

**3. Website Information-** nothing new

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

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

#### **H. NEW BUSINESS-**

**1. Election Consolidation (School Elections) -** John Shilling motioned to have all elections at the township hall. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

**2. Voting Machine Selection Process Meeting-** The meeting will be on December 9, 2004 at 10:00am and 1:30pm.

**3. Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes- November 29, 2004-** John Shilling motioned to accept the minutes. Erica Ewers supported the motion. Motion carried.

**4. MSU Extensions Citizen Planner Program-** Suzanne Preston motioned to send Russ Jennings. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

**5. 2005 Service Contract—Equalization Office-** John Shilling motioned that the township will pay \$1 per parcel for one year. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

**5.5 Library-** Bill Avra motioned to change the library's hours to 9:00 to noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays noon to 6:00, Saturdays 9:00 to noon, and to have a suggestion box. Faith Kaufman supported the motion. Motion carried.

**5.75 Aquilla Inc. -** They have been in the appellate court since 1997 for reimbursement of their personal property taxes. The township owes them \$6.88 for 2000, and \$6.74 for 2001. John Shilling motioned to pay the amount owed with interest. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

**6. Committee Appointments-** Suzanne Preston motioned to appoint Bill Avra to the Zoning Board of Appeals and to the Fire Association Board. Erica Ewers supported both appointments. Motion carried. Suzanne Preston motioned to appoint John Shilling to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. Board of Review will be discussed next month.

**7. Any Other New Business-** Supervisor Ewers has tried to talk to the auditor about John Shilling's delayed payment of salaries, as for now John Shilling won't get paid.

**I. Payment of Bills-** bills were presented in the amount of \$17,383.14. John Shilling motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$17,384.15. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**J. Correspondences-** Supervisor Ewers showed a copy of the blue print for the county jail.

#### **K. SPECIAL REPORTS-**

**1. Zoning Administrators Report-** Russ Jennings reported he had issued 7 permits for November.

**2. Branch County Commissioners Report-** Mickey Rubley was not at the township meeting.

**3. Library-** none.

**4. Assessor-** Supervisor Ewers reported that the December Board of Review will be held on Tuesday, December 14, 2004.

**L. Public Comment-**none

**M. Announcements-** none

**N. Next Meeting will be Monday, January 3, 2005 at 8:00pm.**

**O. Adjourn-** Bill Avra motioned to adjourn. Support by Faith Kaufman. Motion carried. Adjourned at 9:45pm.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk