

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. Supervisor Tom Morgan called the Algansee Township Board meeting to order at the Algansee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy, Michigan. All board members were present- Supervisor Tom Morgan, Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee Bill Avra, Trustee Mick Belcher and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors present that signed in were Susan Shilling, Erica Ewers, John Shilling, Linda Belcher, Debra & Rowdy Gibson, Linda Belcher, Jack Lutz and Don Vrablic.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** Suzanne Preston led us in the pledge to the American Flag.

**B. AGENDA-** Suzanne Preston motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of May 5<sup>th</sup> School Election under new business. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT-** none

**D. MINUTES-**

**Algansee Township Board Minutes-** Ann Strong motioned to accept the March 2, 2009 Algansee Township Board Meeting minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**Algansee Planning Commission Minutes-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the March 30, 2009 Algansee Planning Commission minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**E. Board of Review-** John Shilling reported they were busy with 95 appeals.

**F. TREASURER'S REPORT**

**F. 1. Monthly Report-** Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance as of the last township meeting; March 2, 2009 was \$395,798.96. The township had income this past month of \$113,902.82. The township had expenses this past month of \$9,004.44 giving the township a balance for April 6, 2009 of \$500,697.34. The Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

**F. 2. Charter Communications Bankruptcy-** we will wait and see.

**F. 3. Marble Chain of Lakes Improvement Association Dues-** there will be a meeting on August 8, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the Quincy American Legion. They are requesting dues in the amount of \$10/household. We have never paid these dues in the past, so we won't this year either.

## **G. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**G. 1. Quincy Fire Association** – Supervisor Tom Morgan reported the Quincy Fire Association Annual Meeting will be April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**G. 2. Report from Alganssee Township Planning Commission** – Mick Belcher reported the Planning Commission approved the ZBA's approval of Don Peterson's variance. The Planning Commission's new start time is 7:30 p.m.

**G. 3. Report from Alganssee Township Zoning Board of Appeals-** Bill Avra reported they approved Don Peterson's variance. Their next meeting will be on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

**G. 4. Ordinance Violations- Junk-** Supervisor Tom Morgan said he received 3 junk complaints during the March Board of Review and has letters ready to be mailed, however there has been only one complaint per property and the junk ordinance says we need 2 complaints per property, from 2 different people. Supervisor Tom Morgan said he would hold these letters until he gets more complaints about these properties- Foltz at 113 Crauns Beach, Kernahan at 328 Donnell Dr., Winhoven at 727 Fizz Lane.

**G. 5. Website ([www.algansseetownship.com](http://www.algansseetownship.com))** – Supervisor Tom Morgan reported the virus problem has been fixed on website.

## **H. OLD BUSINESS**

**H. 1. Flood Plain Maps-** Supervisor Tom Morgan reported he attended the Flood Plain Maps meeting and found out not all the mapping is done.

**H. 2. 2009 Branch County Road Commission Meeting-** Supervisor Tom Morgan recapped the meeting with the Branch County Road Commission as follows- remaining in fund: \$17,034.50, estimates to pave Brocklebank Road: pave \$70,000 or chip and seal \$35,000, Pave Township Hall Parking Lot: \$25,000, dust control- 500ft in front of houses at \$150/mile 30.32 miles of township gravel roads= \$4,548 or entire 30.32 miles of gravel roads at \$375/mile for \$11,370 (last year's total was \$8,796), partial regravel of Campbell Rd \$5,000 to \$10,000, sealcoating- Briggs Rd, Campbell Rd, and Lester Rd- 4.0 miles at \$4,000 per mile= \$16,000, West Channel Drive- Ovid Township said they would pave their portion if the residents fix the drainage problem. Ann Strong motioned to chip and seal the one mile stretch of Brocklebank Road for \$37,000. Roll call vote Suzanne Preston- yes, Ann Strong- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Mick Belcher- yes and Tom Morgan- yes. Motion carried.

**H. 3. Special Assessment for Whistler Drive-** Supervisor Tom Morgan said he would contact Gerald Hagerman to see when they would like their 2 special assessment public hearings for dredging channel.

**H. 4. Special Assessment for Teal Drive-** Supervisor Tom Morgan said he would see when they would like their 2 special assessment public hearings for dredging channel.

**H. 5. Zoning Board Appeals Expansion to 5 Members-** need to change zoning ordinance, Planning Commission is reviewing the changes.

**H. 6. Annual Meeting Recap-** Supervisor Tom Morgan reported there were 3 Algansee Township Board members and one visitor in attendance at the March 28, 2009 Algansee Township Annual Meeting at the Algansee Township Annual Meeting, we need to encourage attendance.

**Any Other Old Business-** Jack Lutz wondered if the township was going to pay the invoice from the Lake people. Suzanne Preston explained that when the invoice was presented last year to the Algansee Township Board the board said they didn't authorize the Lake people for any township expenditures, so the Algansee Township Board agreed not to pay it.

## **I. NEW BUSINESS-**

**I. 1. Pontem Cemetery Management Software-** Supervisor Tom Morgan asked if the Algansee Township Board should pursue this cemetery software. The Clerk reported it would be nice in looking up graves, but she gets less than a dozen requests a year from people looking for dead relatives. Bill Avra said we need to work on the fences in the cemeteries instead. Suzanne Preston motioned not to pursue the Pontem Cemetery Software. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**I. 2. 2009- 2010 Library Amendment to Plan of Service Agreement-** Algansee Township agrees to pay sum of \$645.67 per month to cover expenses associated with the 12 additional hours per week for the Algansee Township Library Branch. An employee of the Branch County District Library will operate the Algansee Township Library Branch for a total of 21 hours per week with the following hours Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Thursday & Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Hours and days may be adjusted with the approval of the Township Board and the Branch District Library.

**I. 3. May School Election-** the Clerk reported the school election is coming up May 5, 2009. She asked if it would be ok to use some of the same election workers she had last year and could the township buy their supper. It was agreed to use some of the same workers as last year and to pay for the election workers' supper.

**J. PAYMENT OF BILLS-** Expenses were presented in the amount of \$41,748.68. Bill Avra motioned to pay the bills. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

## **K. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**K. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report-** Russ Jennings was on vacation.

**K. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report-** Don Vrablic gave us an update on the Branch County Commissioners.

**K. 3. Alganssee Library Report-** Janice Clark emailed her March Library Report as follows-Circulation- 679, Attendance-409, Hours-89, internet use 157, Melcat check outs are books from other Libraries in MI not in our system-26, Melcat loans 35. March is Reading month, we read 44,000 pages.

**K. 4. Assessor's Report** – Assessor Erica Ewers reported the 2009 Board of Review met and had 95 appeals. She has the 14 point review ready and is waiting on the state people to review her paper work.

**M. CORRESPONDENCES** – letter from Marble Chain of Lakes Improvement Association meeting is August 8, 2009 with dues of \$10 per household

**N. PUBLIC COMMENT-** none

**O. NEXT MEETING-** will be on Monday, May 4, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Alganssee Township Hall.

**P. ADJOURNMENT-** Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Alganssee Township Clerk