

April 7, 2003

April 7, 2003 the regular meeting of the Alganssee Township Board was called to order at 8:00 p.m. at the Alganssee 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 present were Ed Michel, Pricilla Dodd, Rodney Carpenter, Ron Ewers, Dallas Snyder, and Margaret Strong.

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

Agenda- Bonita Shilling motioned to accept the agenda. Support by Russell Strong. Motion carried.

Public Comment- there wasn't any.

Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the 3-3-03 minutes. Support by Russell Strong. Motion carried.

Annual Meeting Minutes- Bonita Shilling motion to correct the Treasurer's balance at the 3-29-03 Annual Meeting to \$524,842.37. Suzanne Preston supported the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Bonita Shilling reported the balance in the checking account and CD's is \$524,842.37. The Clerk and Treasurer agree. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. The CD at Flagstar is up for renewal on 5-10-03. The Treasurer suggested that we use that money to pay for the Fire Truck. Bill Avra motioned to change 2002-2003 Budget under township hall utilities raise it to \$1,400.00. Bonita Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried. Supervisor Ewers said she would like to get a newsletter written to in the Summer Tax Collection notice and we could approve the wording at the May meeting.

Committee Reports- Fire Meeting- will meet this Wednesday, working on writing a grant due on Friday.

Planning and Zoning Commission- Russell Strong said he had nothing to report.

Zoning Board of Appeals- Bill Avra reported that they had one meeting.

Building Committee- the property next to the Township Hall is up for sale.

Old Business- Ordinance Violations- Zoning- Dickman and Davis- nothing new to report. **Donato and Tom-** waiting on the judge. **Junk- Gaskill-** was given a 2 week extension. **Sours-** has already had 30 days.

Community House- Supervisor Ewers reported that the deed is signed and dated. She said she'd check with an auctioneer to get rid of both building and lot. We could auction both Bickford Drive property and the Community House property at the same time.

Tele Comm. Law- it is still confusing if we need a resolution or an ordinance.

Cemeteries- Natural Tree Service had said last fall they would take care of the dead trees and limbs in the cemeteries. Supervisor Ewers said she had contacted them and they said they would get to them next week. Russell Strong motioned for contract with them to clean dead trees and limbs out of the cemeteries or have someone else do it. Support by Bonita Shilling. Motion carried. **Headstones-** the Clerk said she'd contact Bill James to see if he would repair the broken headstones in the cemeteries. Mickey Rubley said he does a good job with Ovid's cemeteries.

Any Other Old Business- Supervisor Ewers asked if there was any other old business. None.

New Business- Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes- Bonita Shilling motioned to accept the 3-31-03 Planning and Zoning Commission minutes as presented. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. Bonita Shilling motioned to accept the Planning and Zoning Commission recommendations to grant Carmen Jacoby a special use permit at 425 Potter Rd. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

Branch County Road Commission- Dust Control- there are 28.22 miles of gravel roads in Algansee Township. The Road Commission is proposing to apply brine twice this summer for \$8,466.00, around May 15th and August 1st. The 1st payment of \$ 4,233.00 is due now with the contract Bill Avra motioned to have the Branch County Road Commission apply brine twice this summer to our Township's gravel roads. Support by Bonita Shilling. Roll call vote- Bonita Shilling- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, Russell Strong- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. **Seal Coating-** proposed contract to seal coat Lester Road from Ray Quincy Road to Kelly Road- 3 miles and Brocklebank Road from Central Road to Bennett Road- 1.6 miles at a cost of \$1,500.00/ mile. Bill Avra motioned to accept the seal coating contract. Support by Russell Strong. Roll call vote- Bonita Shilling- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, Russell Strong- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. **Road Construction Projects-Warren Road contract-** add gravel for 2.1 miles for \$42,000.00, due with contract \$16,800.00. **Colvin Road Contract-** add more gravel for 1 mile for \$10,000.00, due with contract \$4,000.00. Discussion about contacting the County Drain commissioner about the culvert on Warren Road. Bill Avra motioned to table these contracts until the Board drives the township to see which roads need the most attention. Support by Bonita Shilling. Motion carried. **Amish Buggy Signs-** Bonita Shilling motioned to buy 8 Amish Buggy Signs for \$600.00. Support by Russell Strong. Motion carried. The Board discussed putting rumble strips on Campbell Road & Brocklebank intersection. We agreed that we won't do that now.

County Drain Commission- need to call about Warren Road.

Revenue Sharing Update- Supervisor Ewers reported the reductions aren't as bad as we first thought.

File Cabinet- Supervisor Ewers reported that the assessing needs another file cabinet. Bonita Shilling reported that the Treasurer needs a file cabinet too.

Any Other New Business- Supervisor Ewers asked if there was any other old business. None.

Correspondence- MTA workshop- Collecting Other People's Money- Bonita said she is interested in going. Bonita said she is also going to Midland for a Summer Tax Collection workshop. Bill Avra motioned to pay for 2 MTA workshops for Bonita Shilling. Suzanne Preston supported the motion. Motion carried.

Special Reports- Zoning Administrator's Report- Ed Michel reported he issued 4 zoning permits. **Branch County Commissioner's Report-** Mickey Rubley gave us an update. **Library-** see handout. March is Reading Month and they exceeded their goal of 74,000 pages. **Assessing report-** Erica reported on assessing.

Bills- Russell Strong motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$22,834.01. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment- Supervisor Ewers asked if there was any other comments- there wasn't any.

Adjourn- Supervisor Ewers said the next meeting will be on May 5, 2003 at 8:00pm. Russell Strong motioned to adjourn. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. Adjourned at 9:30p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk