

December 1, 2008 Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- on Monday, December 1, 2008 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 that signed in were Susan Shilling, Harold Sneath, Glenn Preston, John Shilling and Linda Belcher.

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

B. AGENDA- Suzanne Preston motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

D. MINUTES- Bill Avra motioned to accept the November 3, 2008 Algansee Township Board Meeting minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Monthly Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the last township meeting, November 3, 2008 was \$470,229.15, the township had income this past month of \$25,847.50 and the township had expenses this past month of \$58,437.01 giving the township a balance of \$437,639.64 for the month of December. The Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association – Supervisor Tom Morgan reported he and Erica Ewers went to the Fire meeting last month.

F.1.a. Erica Ewer's Resignation- Supervisor Tom Morgan read Erica Ewers' resignation from the Quincy Fire Association Board. Supervisor Tom Morgan said he is willing to replace Erica on the Quincy Fire Association Board. Bill Avra motioned to have Tom Morgan replace Erica on the Quincy Fire Association Board. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

F.1.b. 2009-2010 Quincy Fire Association Budget- it was noted the Quincy Fire Association Budget has increased over 3%. The board discussed the need to revise the budget.

F.1.c. New Fire Truck- need to replace the 1984 pumper truck. Harold Sneath said his neighbors are Fireman and maybe they can look at the 1984 pumper truck to see if it can be repaired.

F. 2. Report from the Algansee Township Planning Commission -

F.2. a. Planning Commission Minutes- Ann Strong motioned to approve the November 24, 2008 Planning Commission minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Bill motioned to have Mick Belcher represent the Algansee Township Board on the Algansee Planning Commission. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

F.2.b. Wind Energy Siting and Policy Issues Workshop- MTA is sponsoring a workshop with the MSU Extension on Wind Energy. The closest workshop to us is in East Lansing at the Kellogg Center on Thursday, December 11th from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. Linda Belcher, Glenn and Suzanne Preston said they would like to go. Bill Avra motioned to pay for members to go to the workshop. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

F. 3. Report from Algansee Township Zoning Board of Appeals- Bill Avra reported they met once on November 11th to work on definitions of a tree house.

F. 4. Ordinance Violations- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported Carmen Stout and Dennis Stout only have the foundations left of their barns, so they need to be taken off the list. Roger Van Lieu, 481 Phillips Road, is working on cleaning up junk on his farm. Tim Mast, 248 Donnell Drive, it is being cleaned up.

F. 5. Building Update – Addition- Bill Avra reported he received the ok on the water report.

F.5.a Furnace Filters- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported the furnace filters for the township hall are 16 x 20 x 1

F.5.b. Insurance Companies for Bids- Need to contact insurance companies about getting bids for the township. It is good to check other insurance companies.

F. 6. Website (www.alganseetownship.com) – Supervisor Tom Morgan reported he hasn't had a chance to work on the website yet.

F. 7. Supervisors Meeting- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported on the Supervisors meeting.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G. 1. Pontom Software- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported the URL tax information is posted on the website. Ann Strong said she needs to contact Pontom Software Company before they can download the information.

G. 2. Flood Plain Maps- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported he has the flood plain maps and is waiting on further instruction on how to use them.

G.3. Special Assessment Whistler Drive- Gerald Hagerman submitted a petition for Whistler Drive for 5 year maintenance. Need to check with them to see when they want to hold their 2 required public hearing.

G.4. Special Assessment for Teal & Whistler Drives for Dredging the channel- Mark Knaack enquired about how to go about getting a special assessment district established for dredging the channel between Teal & Whistler Drives.

G. 5. Any Other Old Business- there wasn't any other old business reported.

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H.1. Resolution thanking Erica Ewers and John Shilling for their years of service to the township- Bill Avra motioned to have a resolution thanking Erica Ewers and John Shilling for their years of service to the township. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

H.2. ZBA Expansion to 5 Members- the board discussed the expansion of the ZBA to 5 members and decided it would have to be done when the Planning Commission makes changes to the Zoning Ordinance, because it would be a Zoning Ordinance change.

H.3. Planning Commission Replacements- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported the Michigan Enabling Act requires the Planning Commission to be made up of representatives from the various zoning district in the township. We need to replace Tom Morgan and John Shilling on the Planning Commission. Mick Belcher said he would like to represent the Algansee Township Board on the Planning Commission. It was advertised that there is a vacant position on the Planning Commission. Harold Sneath, Amos Barnett and John Shilling have submitted resumes to apply for the vacant position. Bill Avra motioned to appoint Amos Barnett to the Planning Commission. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

H.4. Assessor Position- Bill Avra motioned to retain Erica Ewers as assessor until 3-31-09. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

H.5. Township Planner- Supervisor Tom Morgan is asking permission to contact the Algansee Township Planner Greg Milliken to discuss the condominium ordinance. Suzanne Preston motioned to have Tom Morgan contact Greg Milliken our township planner to discuss the condominium ordinance. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

H.6. Office Furniture- Supervisor Tom Morgan was wondering if he could purchase a desk and chair for his office at the township hall. Suzanne Preston motioned to authorize Tom Morgan to purchase a desk and chair for his office at the township hall.

H.7. Renting of Township Hall and Rates- someone left a message on the answering machine at the township hall wondering if we rent out the building. We need to contact the insurance company to see what kind of liability we would need to rent out the building.

H. 8. Any Other New Business- there wasn't any other new business reported.

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$14,388.92. Bill Avra motioned to pay the bills. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J1. Zoning Administrator's Report- Zoning Administrator Russ Jennings said he issued 4 permits for November- Simon & Mary Eicher, Joseph Schwartz, Doug Carpenter and Preston Farms.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- no report

J. 3. Algansee Library Report- Janice Clark sent her report in and reported we like people to come in and sign up for a free Algansee Library card. We help patrons in a friendly manner. Story Hour is every Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. with stories and crafts. November Report is as follows- attendance- 338, computer use- 104 and hour's open- 79, Melcat check out 12, Melcat loans 2, Program Juvenile Attendance 21, Uncataloged items 113.

J. 4. Assessor's Report – December Board of Review is scheduled for December 9th at 8:00 a.m.

K. CORRESPONDENCES – McKenna sent out a brochure about helping townships buy foreclosure houses. We decided we weren't interested.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- there wasn't any.

M. NEXT MEETING- will be on Monday, January 5, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Algansee Township Hall.

N. ADJOURNMENT- Bill Avra motioned to adjourn. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk