

On Monday, February 5, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. the ALGANSEE TOWNSHIP BOARD met at the Algansee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy, Michigan. All board members were present- Supervisor Erica Ewers, Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee Bill Avra, Trustee John Shilling and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors present that signed in were Susan Shilling, Linda & Mick Belcher and Tom Morgan.

BUDGET WORKSHOP- the Algansee Township Board worked on the Budget.

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Supervisor Erica Ewers called the January 2, 2007 meeting to order at 7:30p.m. Suzanne Preston led us in the pledge to the American Flag.

B. AGENDA- ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS- Suzanne Preston motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of lawn care bids after C. Public Comments. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

C. Public Comment- none

LAWN CARE BIDS- 1. Boston C & C Outdoor Services LLC from Coldwater- \$8,000. 2. Hall's Tree & Lawn Care from Coldwater- \$7,800. 3. Kevin Stempien from Algansee twp- \$7,000. 4. Upston Lawn Mowing from Tekonsha- \$10,200

5. Jim & Jackie Russell- from Quincy- \$7,650. 6. Lake Lin Commercial/ Industrial Services from Coldwater- \$9,865

7. Bakers Lawn Care from Girard- \$8,100. 8. D & K Maintenance from Battle Creek- \$3,840. 9.

Affordable Lawn Care from Coldwater- \$8,000. Erica Ewers motioned to hire Affordable Lawn Care to do the township lawn care for the season. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

D. MINUTES- John Shilling motioned to accept the January 2, 2007 Algansee Township Meeting minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

E. 1. February Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the township balance at the last meeting, January 2, 2007 was \$495,712.26, the township had income this past month of \$24,200.97 and the township had expenses this past month of \$8,966.60 giving the township a balance of \$510,946.63 for this month. The Clerk agrees. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the February 5, 2007 Treasurer's report. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

E. 2. Winter Tax Collection - Ann Strong reported winter & summer taxes are coming in. Ann Strong reported we had one CD roll over. Supervisor Erica Ewers asked the Treasurer to report to us when the CD's are due, so we will know a head of time when they are up for renewal.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association – Supervisor Erica Ewers reported next Fire meeting is February 20, 2007.

F. 2. Report from the Algansee Township Planning Commission - John Shilling reported they met twice.

F. 3. Report from Algansee Township Zoning Board of Appeals- Bill Avra reported they met twice.

F. 4. Report from Algansee Township Building Committee- discussed getting estimates.

F. 5. Website (www.alganseetownship.com) –township zoning map will be on the website tomorrow.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G. 1. Ordinance Violations- Barn Letters- Josephine Wineland- corner of Briggs & Central Rd., Patti Knirk- Potter Rd. just south of Central Rd., Carmen Stout- 880 Hall Rd. - barn down, Dennis Stout- 920 Hall Rd. - barn down, Roger VanLieu- main farm- 481 Phillip Rd. **Junk Violations (New Guidelines effective 12-15-06) -** Civil Infraction- **McConnell Estate/ William McCafferty-** 837 Crauns Lane.

Zoning Violations- Civil Infraction- Jim Burke- 195 S. Ray Quincy Rd- informal is hearing on January 23rd at 10:30 a.m. - no decision made at hearing, ruling to be mailed. **Injunctive Orders**

(meaning to stop construction) - Jacob Eicher- 507 Hammon Road & Sam Girod Jr. 671 S. Ray Quincy

Road court date pending. **Filed Appeals to Circuit Court against Township Harold Sneath 231** Donnell Drive (mailing address) – pre- trial hearing held on Jan. 9th, dates for layout of case: 1.) Attorney Loren provided documentation to Attorney Colbeck on Jan. 19th, 2.) Colbeck to submit brief by Feb. 23rd, 3.) Loren to submit our brief by Mar. 23rd, 4.) Oral arguments scheduled for April 12 at 1:30 p.m.

State House of Representative Bruce Caswell gave us an update on things in Lansing.

G. 2. Road Commission- the township's annual meeting with the Branch County Road Commission is this Thursday February 8th at 1:45 p.m.

G. 3. Subdivision Hearing- Bill Avra motioned to hold the public hearing for the Subdivision Ordinance for our next township board meeting on March 5th at 7:30p.m. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

Sexton- Bill Avra motioned to have Bill James continue as our sexton. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

G. 4. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS

H. 1. Planning Commission – John Shilling motioned to accept the 1-25-07 Planning Commission minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to accept the 1-29-07 Planning Commission minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that Dave Gilbert's position is up for renewal on the Planning Commission. Bill Avra motioned to advertise the position. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

H. 2. Salary Resolutions- Bill Avra motioned to have the Supervisor's salary at \$8,000. Support by John Shilling. Roll call vote John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes & Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to have the Clerk's salary at \$10,000. Support by John Shilling. Roll call vote John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes & Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to have the Treasurer's salary at \$10,600. Support by John Shilling. Roll call vote John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes & Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to have the Trustees paid \$80 per meeting. Support by John Shilling. Roll call vote John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes & Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to have the Assessor's salary at \$13,000. Support by John Shilling. Roll call vote John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes & Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. John Shilling motioned to have the Zoning Administrator's salary at \$500 per month. Support by Ann Strong. Roll Call vote John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes & Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to have the Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman and the Planning Commission Chairman to be paid \$100 per meeting. Support by John Shilling. Roll call vote John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes & Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to have the Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary and the Planning Commission Secretary paid \$90 per meeting. Support by Bill Avra. Roll call vote John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes & Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to have the Zoning Board of Appeals members and the Planning Commission members paid \$80 per meeting. Support by Bill Avra. Roll call vote- John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes & Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to have the Election chairman paid \$10 per hour. Support by Bill Avra. Roll call vote John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes & Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. Ann strong motioned to pay the Election workers \$9 per hour. Support by Bill Avra. Roll call vote John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes & Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to pay the Board of Review members \$80 per day and \$50 per half day. Support by Ann Strong. Roll call vote John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes & Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried.

H. 3. Budget Hearing- Ann Strong motioned to hold the budget hearing at 8:00 p.m. on March 5, 2007. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

H. 4. Truth & Taxation Hearing- John Shilling motioned to hold the Truth and Taxation hearing at 8:15 p.m. on March 5, 2007. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

H. 5. Annual Meeting- Ann Strong motioned to hold the Annual Meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday March 31, 2007. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

H. 6. Any Other Business- none

I. Payment of Bills- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$11,114.18. Bill Avra motioned to pay the bills. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report- Russ Jennings reported 2 permits were issued in January- Don Moser & Aaron Schwartz.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- none

J. 3. Algansee Library Report- Supervisor Erica Ewers read the Librarian's report- circulation was 715, attendance was 318, hours open were 94, internet use was 150. The new computers came in 2 weeks ago.

J. 4. Assessor's Report - Supervisor Erica Ewers reported getting ready for Board of Review.

K. Correspondences- MTA workshops on minutes and FIOA, Barb Lloyd in regards to Planner, Mary Agostini.

L. Public Comment- Denny Higbee wondered how the County Road Commission decides when to scrape the roads for snow. Leah Higbee wondered if they could get some no littering signs put up by them.

M. Next Meeting- next meeting will be on Monday, March 5, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Algansee Township Hall with three public hearings.

N. Adjournment- Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Suzanne Preston, Clerk