

January 3, 2005

**Monday, January 3, 2005, the Alganssee Township Board** met for its regular meeting at 8:00pm at the Alganssee 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 Dallas Snyder, Mickey Rubley, Don Shemmel and Nat Cohen.

**A. Call meeting to Order/Pledge of Allegiance-** Supervisor Erica Ewers called the meeting to order at 8:00pm and asked the Clerk Suzanne Preston to lead us in the pledge to the American flag.

**B. Agenda-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the agenda. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

**C. Public Comment-** Mickey Rubley showed us her newborn twin grandbabies pictures.

**D. Minutes-** John Shilling motioned to approve the 12-6-04 Alganssee Township Board minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**E. Treasurer's Report-** Treasurer Ann Strong reported an income of \$447.50 and expenses of \$17,383.14 for last month making a balance of \$488,244.58 in the checking and savings accounts. The Clerk agrees. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Summer taxes are still coming in and \$577,898.55 of winter taxes have been paid, with schools paid to date.

**F. Committee Reports- 1. Fire Association-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the Fire Association budget is \$130,183.00, our share \$33,847.58 which is 26 % of the total budget. Bill Avra motioned to support the Fire Association budget. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

**F. 2. Planning Commission Report-** Russ Jennings reported Nowicki and Woods special hearings were tabled.

**F. 3. Zoning Board of Appeals-** Bill Avra said they didn't meet this last month.

**F. 4. Building Committee-** Supervisor Ewers said they didn't meet this last month.

**G. OLD BUSINESS- 1. Ordinance Violations- Junk & Zoning- Davis-** nothing new to report. **Tom-** letter was sent out. **Dzienny on Bickford Dr. and Girod** are working on their property and need more time. **Schwartz, Schwartz and Girod** met at the Attorney's office, no court date has been set.

**G. 2. Bickford Drive property-** Suzanne Preston motioned for Supervisor Ewers to send a letter to our attorney, Chuck Lillis to try to get this matter settled with the State by March 1, 2005 because the property was sold at auction Sept. 13, 2003 and the paper work still isn't settled. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**G. 3. Website Information/ Land /Division Ordinance-** nothing new to report.

**G. 4. Election Consolidation/ Voting Machine update-** Clerk Suzanne Preston gave an update on the Election consolidation process. The school election will be in May, Alganssee Township residents in the Coldwater and Quincy school districts will vote here at the township hall, the Alganssee Township residents that are in the Reading school district will vote in Reading somewhere. The Hillsdale County Clerk wants to handle all the school elections in Hillsdale County. It will be this way for 2 years, and then there could be a change if necessary. The next election will be the BATA mileage and Tibbets Opera Foundation mileage election on February 22, 2005, which will be a paper ballot. **Voting Machine update-** Erica Ewers motioned to support the Resolution for a grant purchase of an optical scan voting system and related Election Management System software to comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). Support by John Shilling. Roll call vote- John

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Shilling- aye, Bill Avra- aye, Ann Strong- aye, Erica Ewers- aye, Suzanne Preston- aye. Motion carried. Supervisor Erica Ewers declared the resolution adopted.

**G. 5. Any Other Old Business-** none

**H. New Business- Public Comment-** Don Shemmel and Nat Cohen spoke on support of the Tibbets Opera Foundation 10 year millage proposal coming up on February 22, 2005.

**H. 1. Planning Commission Minutes-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the 12-27-04 Planning and Zoning minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. The Planning Commission is asking permission to talk to the Township Planner. Supervisor Ewers said it is part of the Ordinance agreement with the Planner to call him for opinions; it is when we asked for something in writing from the Planner that we need to get permission from the Township Board. Bill Avra motioned to allow someone from the Planning Commission talk to the Planner. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Supervisor Ewers said that the Planning Commission needs to decide who from their board will be on the Zoning Board of Appeals, and that perhaps we need to update the zoning map and Pricilla Dodd's position is up on the Planning Commission in March 2005.

**H. 2. Road Commission Annual Meeting Date-** is set for February 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:45pm. Seal coating this year will be \$2,000/mile and dust control will be \$850/mile.

**H. 3. Board of Review Appointments & Training-** Supervisor Ewers said she is still waiting for a response back from a couple people on whether they will serve on the Board of Review. John Shilling motioned to cover Board of Review training. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**H. 4. Any Other New Business- MSU Extension is Citizen Planner classes** at the Dearth Center on Thursdays from January 20<sup>th</sup> through March 17<sup>th</sup>. Russ Jennings, John Shilling, Pricilla Dodd, Rodney Carpenter, and Bill Avra said they will go to the classes. John Shilling motioned to pay for the classes in the amount of \$1,125.00 for all 5 attending. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

**I. Payment of Bills-** Ann Strong motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$17,892.26 plus Board of Review training. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**J. Correspondences-** MTA's annual meeting and its Capital workshop are coming up soon.

**K. Special Reports- 1. Zoning Administrator-** Russ Jennings reported he issued 3 new zoning permits.

**K. 2. Branch County Commissioner-** Mickey Rubley reported on the Commissioners.

**K. 3. Alganssee Library-** Lynnell Eash- no report

**K. 4. Assessor- Supervisor-** Erica Ewers reported Dec. Board of Review changes were mailed out.

**L. Public Comment-** none

**M. Announcements-**

**N. Next Meeting** will be Monday February 7, 2005 starting at 7:00pm with the Budget meeting

**O. Adjourn-** Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm. Suzanne Preston, Clerk