

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** on Monday, July 7, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. Supervisor Erica Ewers 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 Erica Ewers, Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee Bill Avra, Trustee John Shilling and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors that signed in were Tom Morgan-233 Dons Drive, Susan Shilling, Joe & Lena Donato, Don & Ann Vrablic and Linda Belcher.

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

**B. AGENDA-** John Shilling motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Board of Review under any New Business. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT-** Don Vrablic introduced himself and spoke on his qualifications for running for Branch County Commissioner for this district. Supervisor Erica Ewers asked if there were any other public comments. There weren't any.

**D. MINUTES-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the June 2, 2008 Algansee Township Meeting minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. John Shilling motioned to accept the June 26, 2008 special meeting minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**E. TREASURER'S REPORT- 1.**the Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the last township meeting, June 2, 2008 was \$423,049.59, the township had income this past month of \$113,335.87 and the township had expenses this past month of \$21,197.58 giving the township a balance of \$515,187.88 for this month. The Clerk agrees. John Shilling motioned to accept the July 7, 2008 Treasurer's report. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Erica Ewers motioned to have the administration fee at  $\frac{3}{4}\%$  for the summer and winter taxes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**E.2. Audit Update-** Treasurer Ann Strong said the attorney's have filed their reports.

**E.3. Tax Notices-** Treasurer Ann Strong reported the tax notices have been sent out.

## **F. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**F. 1. Quincy Fire Association** – Supervisor Erica Ewers reported they had their audit and \$15,000 was raised at the Amish Benefit Auction.

**F. 2. Report from the Algansee Township Planning Commission** - John Shilling reported the Planning Commission met once in the month of June. Tom Morgan gave his report about the workshop he attended on June 30, 2008. Bill Avra motioned to accept the June 30, 2008 Planning Commission minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the new ordinance did go into effect on June 13, 2008 and we should have copies available soon. It is available on the website now.

**F. 3. Report from Algansee Township Zoning Board of Appeals-** they didn't meet.

**F. 4. Ordinance Violations- Junk & Zoning- Barn letters- Carmen Stout-** 880 Hall Rd. - barn down. **Dennis Stout-** 920 Hall Rd. - barn burnt only foundation left. **Roger VanLieu-** main farm- 481 Phillip Rd. - working on

**Junk Violations- (New Guidelines in effect 12-15-06) Tim Mast- 248 Donnell Dr-** certified letters sent to owner, bank and law firm and faxed to Sheriff's Dept. to post on property with the clean up deadline of July 25<sup>th</sup>. The real estate office that will be handling the property after redemption period ends called and indicated that the bank is working on a shortened redemption period. They hope to hear something within a couple weeks. In the mean time, unless the owner cleans it up, everyone's hands are tied. **Robert Holloway-** sent letter suggesting that he mow his property on Bickford Drive, reoccurring issue every summer.

**Zoning Violations- Injunctive Orders:** Jacob Eicher of 507 Hammon Rd. and Sam Girod Jr. of 671 S. Ray Quincy Rd. have a court date of August 6, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. With the new zoning ordinance in effect they are no longer in violation because they stayed in their original foot print. Erica Ewers motioned to dismiss the case and both of them pay for a zoning permit and late fee equaling \$100.00, the permits not to be issued until after the official dismissal noting the docket number. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**F. 5. Building Update** – Nick Michaels handed keys to the new addition to each of the board members. Suzanne Preston motioned to replace the east door of the old building. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. John Shilling said he and Bill would move the filing cabinets into the new

addition. Bill Avra motioned to have stones for the retaining wall match the wall. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**F. 6. Website ([www.alganseetownship.com](http://www.alganseetownship.com))** – Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the copy of the new zoning ordinance is on the website.

#### **G. OLD BUSINESS**

**G. 1. BS&A Software-** It is \$2,000.00 per year to keep updated and that is too costly. Supervisor Erica Ewers said she would try to get a Pontom software representative to come to our September or October meeting.

**G. 2. Village Planning and ZBA Training-** McKenna is holding a training session for Planning & ZBA members in Quincy and no date has been set.

**G.3. Branch District Library-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the Branch County district Library gave the Algansee Library 2.5 hours per week in exchange for the high speed internet.

**G.4. Any Other Old Business-** There wasn't nay

#### **H. NEW BUSINESS-**

**H. 1. Board of Review-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the Board of Review will meet on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 a.m. We need to fill the vacancy on the Board of Review with the death of Deb Newberry. Since Board of Review Training is in February, we need to have some one who is already trained. Supervisor Erica Ewers tried to reach Jeanette Demski, who was the last to leave the Board of Review, however she did not return any phone calls. John Shilling is no longer eligible to serve due to being a trustee. Thus Supervisor Erica Ewers contacted Dave Gilbert, who is trained, he agreed to fill in this time only. John Shilling motioned to have Dave Gilbert on the Board of Review to complete the term left vacant which includes the July and December Board of Review only. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

**H. 2. Any Other New Business-** Joe Donato representing the property owners of Donnell and Bennett Drive filed a petition for Road maintenance of \$75 per year per property owner for a 5 year period. There were 38 signatures on the petition. Supervisor Erica Ewers said she would validate the validity of the petition. Joe Donato filed another petition representing the property owners of Bennett Drive to pave the Bennett Drive for \$200 per property owner per year. The petition has 26 out of 28 signatures of the property owners signing. Ann Strong motioned to hold the special hearings at the August and September meetings. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Any more new business. There wasn't any.

**I. PAYMENT OF BILLS-** Expenses were presented in the amount of \$14,680.71 plus Nick Michael's bill. Bill Avra motioned to pay the bills. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**J. SPECIAL REPORTS 1. Zoning Administrator's Report-** Zoning Administrator Russ Jennings said he issued ten permits for June- Adam Supianoski, Gary Fickle, Kevin Hemming, William Schwartz, Aaron Schwartz, Freal Rehner, David Monroe, Greg Nutson, Owen Griffens and Paul Shilling.

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

**J. 3. Algansee Library Report-** Supervisor Erica Ewers gave Algansee Librarian Jan Clark's report as follows for the month of June: circulation 889, attendance 433, Internet Use 127, Hours open 84.

**J. 4. Assessor's Report** - Summer Board of Review on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

**K. CORRESPONDENCES** – Michigan Public Service Commission, MTA workshop and MTA's America's town meeting, a thank you note from Mr. O'Grady, a sample ballot and a list of election workers.

**L. PUBLIC COMMENT-** there wasn't any.

**M. NEXT MEETING-** will be on Monday, August 4, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Algansee Township Hall.

**N. ADJOURNMENT-** Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk