

# July 5, 2011 Algansee Township Board Minutes

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** on Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at 7:30pm Supervisor Tom Morgan called the Algansee Township Board meeting to order at the Algansee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy, Michigan. All the board members were present- Supervisor Tom Morgan, Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee Bill Avra, Trustee Mick Belcher, and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Those visitors who signed in were Larry Briggs, Brad & Patti Smith, Mark Hardison, Don Unger, David Nastally, Kathy Penn, Marlene Kopp, Ellen Burmeister, Linda Belcher, Don Vrablic Norm & Teresa Wasielewski.

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

**B. AGENDA-** Mick Belcher motioned to approve the agenda. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT-** none

**D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes** - Ann Strong motioned to accept the June 6, 2011 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**Algansee Planning Commission Minutes-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the June 27, 2011 Algansee Planning Commission meeting minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

## **E. TREASURER'S REPORT-**

**E. 1. Monthly Report-** Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the last month's township meeting was \$301,315.92. The township had income this past month of \$502.31 and expenses this past month of \$11,662.06 giving the township a balance for this July meeting of \$316,373.47. Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept Treasurer's report. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

## **F. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**F. 1. Quincy Fire Association-** Supervisor Tom Morgan reported the Quincy Fire Association purchased a Fire boat for \$35,000.00. It is docked at Cottonwood Resort.

**F. 2. Report from Algansee Township Planning Commission-** Mick Belcher reported they held the public hearing for the proposed amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance- Wireless Telecommunication Facilities Siting Ordinance and voted to accept the amendments. The proposed amendment reflects changes to the Zoning Ordinance regarding Wireless Telecommunications facilities. The public hearing will consider modifications to Chapter 2 – Definitions, Chapter 14 – Specific Development Standards (specifically Section 14.05 – Wireless Communication Facilities), Chapter 12 – Reserved for Future Use (for consideration of addition of a new chapter), each of the sections addressing permitted and special uses within each zoning district (4.02/4.03, 5.02/5.03, 6.02/6.03, 7.02/7.03, 8.02/8.03, 9.02/9.03), as well as additional sections as may be necessary due to comments presented at the public hearing. The proposed amendments would update the current regulations and provide for more informed decision making regarding these facilities. Ann Strong motioned to accept the proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

**F. 3. Report from Algansee Township Zoning Board of Appeals-** Bill Avra reported they have tentatively set July 21<sup>st</sup> as the date to view the property. We need to select an alternate from the township board because of Bill Avra's conflict of interest. Mick Belcher said he would do it.

**F. 4. Ordinance Violations-** Supervisor Tom Morgan reported on the violations as follows-

**1025 Grove Road** – junk and weeds, property has been sold to son who assures me it will be cleaned up soon, it is slowly getting cleaned up.

**788 Bennett Drive (Chris Donato)**– accessory building setback violation– Building moved, case dismissed.

**264 Donnell Drive-** Illegal pole barn – they are slowly in the process of moving barn.

**212 Bickford Drive-** illegally parked RV, letter sent – trailer moved

**F. 5. Website (www.alganseetownship.com)** – Supervisor Tom Morgan reported the tax dates on website are being revised.

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

**1. Wightman & Associates Feasibility Study for Wastewater Collection and Treatment System for Marble Lake to Long Lake** – Linda Belcher reported they are trying to contact every property owner about the public meetings being held July 23rd at 10 a.m. and July 28th at 6 p.m. both at Pine Ridge Church 280 S. Ray-Quincy Rd.

**2. Letter from the Townships about the Wightman & Associates Feasibility Study for Wastewater Collection and Treatment System for Marble Lake to Long Lake-** Supervisor Tom Morgan showed us a copy of the letter that will be mailed out to all property owners within the feasibility study. Ann Strong motioned to approve the letter. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**3. Any Other Old Business-** There is a tree in Fisher Cemetery that needs to come down. The Branch County Road Commission had said they would cut it down for us since it is in the road right of way. Need to contact them to see when they will cut it down.

**Sheriff Department Report-** Deputy Reanna reported on what has been going on at the Sheriff's department. He asked if anyone had any questions or comments.

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

**H. 1. Weed Control Petition for Sunset Heights #2-** a petition has been presented to the township board with more than 51% of the property owners signing the petition in favor of the special assessment district. Mick Belcher motioned to hold the first public hearing on August 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm and if that one passes to hold the next public hearing on August 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:15pm. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**2. Any Other New Business-** none

**I. PAYMENT OF BILLS-** Expenses were presented in the amount of \$18,851.63. Bill Avra motioned to pay the bills. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

#### **J. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report-** Zoning Administrator Russ Jennings reported he issued 6 zoning permits last month- John Kieller, Tom & Vicky Brockway, Ivan & Jessica Swift, Jeffrey Farris, Robert Morgan and George Sikes.

**J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report-** Branch County Commissioner Don Vrablic gave his Commissioner's monthly report- State Revenue Sharing and Unfunded Mandates, Annual Audit, Reduced Numbers of Sheriff Reserves and Posse, COA pays off debt early, Natural Resource Commission voted to lift the baiting ban.

**J. 3. Algansee Library Report-** Algansee Librarian Jan Clark emailed her June report as follows Circulation-971 Attendance-524, Hrs.-92 5-programs, Attendance for programs-32, Internet-250, Wireless-58. All is good at the Library. We have had over 40 to sign up for Summer Reading Program so far, patrons still signing up. Busy time at the Library! Thank You, Jan Clark

**J. 4. Assessor's Report** – Assessor Erica Ewers gave her monthly report as follows- Data entry is continuing on a daily basis so as not to get behind. I'm working with Tom Morgan, Nick Haffele at GIS office, and Alan Smaka with Wightman & Associates on the sewer mailing list and the best way to create this. July Board of Review is planned for July 19<sup>th</sup> at 8 am. I forwarded the Sunset Heights special assessment mailing list to Suzanne, working with the Register of Deeds office, Equalization, GIS, and Building Inspection to obtain all documents needed to continue to keep the files up to date.

**K. CORRESPONDENCES-** none

**L. PUBLIC COMMENT-** none

**M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING-** Tuesday, August 1, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Algansee Township Hall.

**N. ADJOURNMENT-** Mick Belcher motioned to adjourn. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm. Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk