

June 7, 2004

On **Monday, June 7, 2004 at 8:00 p.m.** the **Algansee Township Board** held their regular meeting at the Algansee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy, Michigan, with all members present; Supervisor Erica Ewers, Treasurer Bonita Shilling, Trustee Russell Strong, Trustee Bill Avra and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors present that signed in were Dallas and Beverly Snyder, Margaret Strong, Joe Donato and Mickey Rubley.

Pledge- Supervisor Erica Ewers led us in the pledge to the American flag.

Agenda- Bill Avra motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Support by Russell Strong. Motion carried.

Public Comment- Gerald Winter from 101 Crauns Beach Drive, Quincy, Michigan, presented a petition with 15 signatures on it to renew the special assessment maintenance fund for Crauns Beach Drive. He said there are 26 property owners and he has more than half of the property owner's signatures. Gerald Winter motioned to hold the first public hearing for the special assessment renewal on Crauns Beach Drive on July 6, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. Support by Jill Winter. Motion carried. **Joe Donato from 810 Bennett Drive, Coldwater, Michigan,** presented a petition to increase the special assessment maintenance fund for Donnell/Bennett Drives to \$50.00 per property owner. Joe Donato said there are 69 property owners and he had a petition with 41 property owner's signatures on it. Joe Donato motioned to hold the first public hearing for the increase in the maintenance fund to \$50.00 for Donnell/Bennett Drives on July 6, 2004 at 7:45 p.m. Support by Lena Donato. Motion carried. **Terry Kubasiak** introduced herself and told us she was running for Branch County Clerk. **Linda Morrison-Mathews** introduced herself and said she is running for re-election for the office of Register of Deeds. Supervisor Ewers asked for anymore public comment. There wasn't any.

Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the May 3, 2004 Algansee Township Board minutes as presented. Support by Russell Strong. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report- Treasurer Bonita Shilling reported that we had \$27,973.81 in income and \$14,229.15 in expenses for the last month and she didn't have a completed treasurer's report. Suzanne Preston motioned to table the June 2004 Treasurer's report. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. **Audit report-** Treasurer Bonita Shilling reported that our accountant, David Locey, is done with our audit and will report to us at our next meeting. **Telecomm payment-** Treasurer Bonita Shilling said we received a check from the state for our telecomm payment for \$4,479.89 and it stated on the check stub for annual maintenance fee for payment to municipalities as provided by section 11 of public act 48 of 2002. **Administration fee-** Suzanne Preston motioned to keep the administration fee at .75% for summer and winter taxes. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. **Summer tax collection/ Newsletter-** Suzanne Preston motioned to print 750 copies of the township newsletter to be put in with the summer tax notices. Bonita Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried. **Postage for taxes-** Suzanne Preston motioned to advance Bonita Shilling up to \$425.00 to cover the postage to mail out the summer tax notices. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. **Special Assessment Reports-** were mailed out to everyone who is in charge of special assessments. Supervisor Ewers said she has received a couple phone calls with questions on their taxes.

Sheriff's Department Report- deputies Fleming and Ware updated us on what the Sheriff's department is doing and answered questions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS- Fire Association- Supervisor Ewers reported there has been a change in the Quincy Fire Association's budget proposal and we will be assessed at 26% of the budget. She said that Butler Township is ok with this proposed budget. Bonita Shilling motioned to support the Quincy Fire Association's May 20, 2004 proposed budget. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. **Algansee Township Planning and Zoning Commission Report-** Russell Strong said he didn't have anything to report. **Algansee Township Zoning Board of Appeals-** Bill Avra reported they didn't meet this last month. **Algansee Township Building Committee-** Supervisor Ewers said she talked to Coldwater Township about how they made the changes in their township hall.

OLD BUSINESS- Zoning Violations- Davis- there hasn't been any response on getting the \$6,500 plus interest that is due us. Suzanne Preston motioned to send Davis a letter and give him 7 days to make the payment or we will petition the court. Bonita Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried. **Dickman-** pretrial hearing is rescheduled for June 15th. **Gaskill-** is all cleaned up. **Girod-** Suzanne Preston motioned to start injunctive action in Circuit court. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. **Benedict** (corner of Ray Quincy & Grove), and **Vanderpool** (Grove Road) have 30 days notice to clean up their junk and **Parsons** (Burlaw Road) has 60 days to clean up his burned up house.

Bickford Drive- Supervisor Ewers reported we haven't received any more news from the State about the Bickford drive property. We will have our attorney send another letter to the State Attorney's General's office.

McKenna Proposals- Supervisor reported she sent our planner a letter with our questions on the proposals, we haven't heard back.

CDARS Deposit Placement Agreement Proposal- Supervisor Ewers said she checked with Michigan Township Association and our Auditor and they haven't heard about CDARS. We agreed to put it on hold for now.

Election Accessibility Survey- the Clerk reported since we have the ramp we do comply with the handicap accessibility until some one tells us otherwise.

Any Other Old Business- none

NEW BUSINESS- Planning Commission Minutes- Bonita Shilling motioned to accept the June 1, 2004 Algansee Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes with the letter attached to have it crossed out about the fence. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried. Bonita Shilling motioned we approve the Algansee Planning and Zoning Commission recommendations to grant Terry Tom a Special Use permit for

marine storage with the conditions outlined in the 6-1-04 letter from the township's planner, McKenna Associates, with an 8 foot berm, excluding the security deposit. Support by Erica Ewers. Motion carried.

Legg Road Request- Ron Stempien 621 Legg Rd, reported he has a water problem after any rain; he has a plan on how the township can put in a catch basin to the drain the water, for about \$1,000. Supervisor Ewers said she checked with Branch County Road Commission and they said Mr. Stempien has been slowly filling in the ditch by his house, creating the water problem, they said they could put a ditch in down to the wetland for \$300. Or Mr. Stempien could put in his own tile. We recommend doing what the Road Commission suggests or put in his own tile.

No Smoking Policy- Supervisor Ewers reported she received a letter/survey from the Branch-Hillsdale Tobacco Reduction Action Coalition (TRAC). The Michigan's Clean Indoor Air Act (MCIAA) requires all facilities owned and operated by State or local government to have a written policy. "The U.S. Surgeon General, the National Research Council and the National Academy of Science report that secondhand smoke causes lung cancer in healthy adult nonsmokers. These agencies have also found that separating smokers and nonsmokers within the same air space may reduce, but not eliminate, a nonsmoker's exposure to secondhand smoke. Further, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency finds that secondhand smoke is a Group A Carcinogen- a category reserved for known cancer-causing agents in humans. Based on these facts and the Algonsee Township Board's concern for the health and welfare of its employees, Algonsee Township hereby enacts a 'No Smoking Policy' effective June 7, 2004. as of this date, there shall be no smoking permitted within any part of any enclosed building, structure, or vehicle owned, leased or operated by Algonsee Township." Suzanne Preston motioned to adopt this nonsmoking policy. Bonita Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried.

David Holt offer- David Holt offered to rent his house, 383 South Ray Quincy Road, across from the current building where the Algonsee Township Library is now housed. There is 918 sq. ft. in the house with approximately 300 to 400 sq. ft. the library could use and he is requesting a monthly rent of \$800 or \$1,000. The board agreed we liked where the Algonsee Township Library is now housed with the 485 sq. ft., paying \$450/ month, we have another year on our contract. We aren't interested in David Holt's offer.

Cemetery Sign- Dallas Snyder said he and Beverly found a Lester Cemetery sign in the Sexton house at Lester cemetery. He would like the board to stop in and see it.

Any Other New Business- Supervisor Ewers asked if anyone had any other new business. Dallas Snyder wondered about getting someone to repair the broken headstones in both cemeteries. The Clerk said she would see if Bill James would do it.

Bills- bills of \$9,8560.22 were presented. Russell Strong motioned to pay the bills. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

Correspondence- Supervisor Ewers said she has received a letter from MTA- Summer Legislative Forum, DEQ is wondering if we have a burning ordinance, a letter from the County Drain Commissioner- update on drains in the county, a letter from CBPU about a sewer meeting on June 30th, and Michigan Emergency Management gave us a report.

SPECIAL REPORTS- Zoning Administrator's Report- Harold Farris said he issued 10 new permits and he gave us a list of al permits that need to be renewed. **Branch County Commissioner's Report-** Mickey Rubley gave us update on the Commissioner's. **Library Report-** there wasn't a report. **Assessor's Report-** Supervisor Ewers said she is working on July Board of Review.

Public Comment- none

Next Meeting- will be July 6, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn- Russell Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Bill Avra. Motioned carried. Adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk

ALGANSEE TOWNSHIP ELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING- Called to order on June 7, 2004 at 7:55 p.m. at the Algonsee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Rd. Supervisor Erica Ewers, Treasurer Bonita Shilling and Clerk Suzanne Preston were present. We discussed who we would like to have as election workers. The names of Willow Coonce, Joy Wood, Jim and Marion Miller, Helen White, Jeanette Demski, Lainie Wortz and Bev Siefken were mentioned as possible election workers. The Clerk said she would contact them to see if they would like to work the Tuesday, August 3, 2004 Primary Election and Tuesday, November 2, 2004 General Election.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk