

June 9, 2003

Monday, June 9, 2003 the Alganssee Township Board met for its regular meeting at 8:00p.m., at the Alganssee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy, Michigan. All Board members were present; Supervisor Erica Ewers, Treasurer Bonita Shilling, Trustee Russell Strong, Trustee Bill Avra and Clerk Suzanne Preston.

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

Agenda- Supervisor Ewers asked us to add the Headley Amendment and the MTA dues to New Business. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the agenda with the changes. Bonita Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment- none

Minutes- Russell Strong motioned to accept the May 5, 2003 minutes as presented. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Bonita Shilling reported a balance of \$506,020.68. The Treasurer said the audit materials go to the auditor on Friday and she will mail out the special assessment reports soon. The Clerk agrees with the Treasurer's balance. Bill Avra motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports- Fire Association- Supervisor Ewers reported that the new fire truck has arrived. The next Quincy Fire Association meeting will be this Wednesday night. The Fire Association has received their audit report for the last 4 years. Supervisor Ewers reported that we haven't heard about any of the grant applications.

Planning and Zoning Commission Report- Russell Strong said he didn't have anything to report.

Zoning Board of Appeals- Bill Avra reported that they didn't meet this month.

Building Committee- we need to have a brain storming session to see how we need to proceed.

Old Business- Ordinance Violations- Davis- Court of Appeals has ruled and it has been restored to circuit judge. **Tom-** still waiting. **Dickman-** filed motion for leave of Appeal. **Gaskill** of 1045 Grove Road- junk violation- district court- still in the works.

Auction for Community House and Bickford Drive- Supervisor Ewers reported that she had contacted 5 auctioneers and has heard verbally from 3 auctioneers Covell, Ed Boyer and Brian Hasty, but nothing in writing.

Cemeteries- Supervisor Ewers reported that we have verbally heard from Terry's Tree Service on estimates for trimming a few trees in the cemeteries and a stump at the Twp. Hall.

Branch County Road Commission- Supervisor Ewers reported that she has sent postcards out to property owners on Warren and Colvin Roads telling them that road construction should start soon. Supervisor Ewers said she also sent postcards to the property owners on the gravel part of Campbell Road to see if they would be interested in having it paved. She received 28 of the 31 postcards sent, 13 yes votes and 15 no votes.

Tele Comm. Law- Supervisor Ewers explained that the law would only effect telecommunication providers not the township residents. Supervisor Ewers said she hoped the township board was able to read the presented Tele Comm. Ordinance. Bonita Shilling moved to accept the Tele Comm. Resolution as presented. Bill Avra supported the motion. Roll call vote Bonita Shilling- yes, Russell Strong- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, and Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. Bonita Shilling moved to accept the **Tele Comm. Ordinance # 701**.

Support by Bill Avra. Roll call vote- Bonita Shilling- yes, Russell Strong- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. Frontier Communications application with maps meets ordinance. Bonita Shilling motioned to accept the Frontier Communication application. Support by Russell Strong. Motion carried.

Any Other Old Business- Bonita Shilling reported the she renewed the CD at Monarch Bank for 6 months. The Court House will no longer mail tax notices and personal property tax statements.

New Business- Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes- Russell Strong motioned accept the June 2, 2003 Planning and Zoning Commission minutes. Support by Bonita Shilling. Motion carried. Russell Strong motioned to support the Planning and Zoning Commission decision to deny **Noah Girod, of 659 Hammon Road, Reading, Michigan, property code # 120-033-200-005-02** to build another home on his property. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried. Bonita Shilling motioned to support the Planning and Zoning Commission decision to accept **Dwayne McNall, of 1055 Fisher Road, Quincy, Michigan, property code# 120-010-200-010-00**, request for a special use permit for a home under bonus lots. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried. Supervisor Ewers said that an open house for the new Zoning Ordinance will be June 28th from 10:00a.m to noon.

Newsletter- Bonita Shilling motioned to print Summer Tax Collection Newsletter. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. It will be included in the Summer Tax Notice.

Headley Amendment- Supervisor Ewers reported that last years Headley amendment tax mileage was .8668 and this year's tax mileage would be .8550. She said that we had already approved the mileage rate at our Annual meeting in March.

MTA Dues- Bonita Shilling motioned to pay the Michigan Township Association dues of \$1,023.78, dues- \$985.83 + legal defense- \$57.95 for the fiscal year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

Any Other New Business- none

Planning and Zoning Administrator Report- Ed Michel said he issued 7 new permits and 2 renewals.

Branch County Commissioners Report- Mickey Rubley gave us an update on the County Commissioners.

Library Report- the Branch County District Library will be holding their Summer Tour of the branch libraries starting with the June 16, 2003 Board Meeting at 6:00p.m. at the Algansee Township branch. The Summer Reading Program starts tomorrow with the theme of "Laugh it up for Your Local Library." June 28th is the annual book sale, garage sale and bake sale.

Assessing Report- Supervisor Ewers said she had gone to an assessing class last week.

Correspondence- Supervisor Ewers reported that she received a letter from Fremont Indiana Fire Dept. and they would like to come into Branch County to provide First Responder.

Bills- Russell Strong motioned to pay bills of \$14,644.53. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

Any Other Public Comment- none

Adjourn- Next meeting will be July 7, 2003 at 8:00p.m. Bill Avra motioned to adjourn. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried. Adjourned at 9:18p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk