

## March 3, 2003

**March 3, 2003** the regular meeting of the Algansee Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Algansee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy, Michigan. All Board member were present; Supervisor Erica Ewers, Clerk Suzanne Preston, Treasurer Bonita Shilling, Trustee Russell Strong, and Trustee Bill Avra. Visitors present that signed in were Margaret Strong, Cheryl Downs, Bob Cowden, Michael S. Kolodie, Michael S. Kolodie Jr., Ed Michel, Ron Ewers, Rodney Carpenter, Dallas Snyder, Dave Gilbert, Bill Hawes, Bill and Judy Jones and a couple people that I couldn't read their hand writing.

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

**Budget Hearing-** Supervisor Erica Ewers called the Budget Hearing to order. The Budget was discussed. Bonita Shilling motioned to close the budget hearing. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

**Truth and Taxation Hearing-** Supervisor Ewers called the Truth and Taxation Hearing to order. She explained what the Truth and Taxation Hearing is, and that with the Headley amendment the millage rate continues to decrease every year, in 2000 it was .9057 mils, in 2001 it was .8881mils and in 2002 it was .8668 mils. Suzanne Preston motioned to close the hearing. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

**Public Comment-** none.

**Minutes-** Bonita Shilling motioned to accept the 2-3-03 minutes as presented. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report-** Bonita Shilling reported a balance of \$ 511,726.39. The Treasurer and Clerk agree. Russell Strong motioned to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. She reported that so far \$1,383,703 taxes have been paid from 1,416 parcels. Bill Avra motioned to have these budget items for the 2002-2003 Budget increased- Election Services increased to \$2,500.00 and Treasurer's postage increased to \$850.00. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

**Bills-** were presented in the amount of \$11,528.81. Russell Strong motioned to pay the bills. Bonita Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports- Fire-** applying for some grants and most of the meeting was about the fire truck. All 4 entities must pay equally. The fire truck will cost \$190,000 including generator, hoses, and nozzles. Our share will be \$47,500. Looked into a lease agreement- 5year at \$4.25% or 8 year at \$5.25% to borrow the money. Bonita Shilling motioned to proceed to buy the fire truck. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. Russell Strong motioned to pay cash for our share portion of the fire truck. Suzanne Preston supported the motion. Motion carried.

**Planning and Zoning –** Russell Strong said he had nothing to report.

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

**Building Committee-** nothing to report.

**Ordinance Violations-** Dickman, Davis, Donato, Tom still pending. On Grove Road and Donnell Drive complaint of junk vehicles.

**Community House-** still pending. There is a for sale sign on the Blair property.

**Tele Communications law-** still trying to find out more information.

**Bickford Drive Trailer-** removed last Tuesday. We have \$4,100 in expenses with it.

**Planning and Zoning Commission/ Zoning Board of Appeals Positions-** Supervisor Ewers said she talked to Bill McCann and he said he would sit on the Zoning Board of Appeals again. Bonita Shilling motioned to reappoint Bill McCann to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried. Robert Cowden, Rodney Carpenter, and Diane Beckman are all interested in the Planning and Zoning Commission position. It is a 3 year appointment starting 4-1-03. Bonita Shilling motioned to reappoint Rodney Carpenter. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

**Poverty Guidelines-** Supervisor Ewers said as of 2-23-03, she had received adjusted Poverty guidelines from the Federal government. Bill Avra motioned to accept the adjusted poverty guidelines. Bonita Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried.

**Any Other Old Business-** none

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**New Business- Budget-** Bonita Shilling motioned to adopt the 2003-2004 Budget. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

**Truth and Taxation-** Erica Ewers moved to allow the maximum amount of the Headley Amendment not exceed .8668. Bonita Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried.

**Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes-** Bonita Shilling motioned to accept the Planning and Zoning minutes as presented. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Erica Ewers supported the motion. Motion died because of lack of support. Bill Avra motioned to approve the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to deny Kathy Dickman the special use request based on the facts and findings as follows-

1. It is in an R-1 residential district. 2. Meets rear yard set back of 50 feet of water's edge. 3. Section 6.04B side yard set back is not met. 4. Meets minimum floor area of 980 square feet. 5. Section 6.04D- minimum lot size 15,000 square feet and width of 110 feet are not met for the 5 trailers. 6. Section 11.10 only one principle building on a lot. 7. Section 12.01A- requires that there be 2 off street parking spaces for each dwelling. 8. Section 12.05- none of these additional requirements are provided on subject property. Suzanne Preston supported the motion. Motion carried.

**MTA Planning Meeting workshop on March 29, 2003-** Ed Michel is interested in attending the workshop. Bonita Shilling motioned to pay the \$75.00 for Ed to attend the MTA workshop. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

**Amend the Bills-** Bonita Shilling motioned to amend the bills to include the \$75.00 for the MTA workshop, making the total bills at \$11,603.81. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

**Hillsdale County Soil Conservation District-** wondered if they could use the township hall for a couple meetings on the Hog Creek watershed project. Suzanne Preston motioned to let them use the township hall for the 2 meetings. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

**Library-** is requesting to use the township hall on Friday April 4<sup>th</sup> from 7 o'clock to 8 o'clock, for a story teller to help kick off Library week. Bill Avra motioned to let the Library use the township hall for about an hour on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

**Annual Meeting-** Bill Avra motioned to hold the Annual meeting at 7:00am on Saturday March 29, 2003. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

**Contracts- Zoning Administrator-** Russell Strong motioned to renew Ed Michel's zoning Administrators contract for another year, from April 1,2003 to March 31, 2004. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. **Lawn Care-** Bonita Shilling motioned to extend Dallas Snyder's Township Lawn care contract for another year, from April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. **Sexton-** Bonita Shilling motioned to have Bill James as the sexton for the coming year from April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004. Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

**Zoning Administrators Report-** Ed Michel said he had written 1 new permit and 1 renewal this month.

**County Commissioner-** Mickey Rubley gave her Branch County Commissioner's report.

**Board of Review-** organizational meeting tomorrow and then will meet March 10 from 3-6 & 7- 10, and then on March 12 will meet from 9-12 & 1-4.

**Public Comment-** none.

**Other Business-** Bonita Shilling motioned to buy the Clerk a computer from Nathan Wertz for \$2,345.00. Suzanne Preston supported the motion. Motion carried. Suzanne Preston motioned to amend the bills again to a total of \$13,948.81 Russell Strong supported the motion. Motion carried. David Fillmore from the Br. Co. Sheriff department asked if there were any questions for him.

**Adjourn-** Annual Meeting will be 3-29-03 at 7:00am and the next regular meeting will be April 7, 2003 at 8:00pm. Erica Ewers motioned to adjourn. Russell strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk