

October 3, 2011 Algansee Township Board Minutes

CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- on Monday, October 3, 2011 at 7:30pm in the absence of Supervisor Tom Morgan because of the death of his father, Clerk Suzanne Preston called the Algansee Township Board meeting to order at the Algansee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy, Michigan. Board members present were Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee Bill Avra, Trustee Mick Belcher, and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Those visitors that signed were Anne Conner- 111 Crockett Dr., Art Simpson- 115 Crockett Dr., Fred Figley- 240 Bickford Dr., Willard Reichhart- Dons, Don Unger- Lakeshore Pt., Roger & Jeanine Houk- Lakeshore Pt., Sandra Badders- 107 Crockett Dr., Sandy Smallwood- Lakeshore Dr., Laura Allen- 113 Back Bay Pt., Brad & Patty Smith- 177 Lake Shore Dr., Norm & Teresa Wasielewski- 757 LakeShore Pt., John Starr- 231 S. Fremont Rd., Al Forbes & J. Grzelewski- 188 Crockett Dr., Dave & Ellen Burmeister- 137 S. Marble Lake Ln., David Locey- CPA, Jim Peters- 210 Crockett Dr., John Kwapich 131 Crockett Dr., Norm Arey-148 Crockett Dr., Dawn Leshk- 120 Crockett Dr., Terence Thatcher- 112 Crockett Dr., Roberta Noud Snyder- 122 Crockett Dr., Wanda Burroughs- 123 Crockett Dr., Margaret & Walter Inde- 761 Lake Shore Dr., Peg Edwards- 185 Lake Shore Dr., Richard Orlowski- 104 Wright Rd., Linda Belcher- 812 Bennett Dr., Bill Truitt- 933 Lukesport Rd., Don Vrablic- Commissioner, Ron Quimby- 109 Crockett Dr.

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

Clerk Suzanne Preston read from the booklet "Authorities & Responsibilities of Michigan Township Officials, Boards and Commissions" by John H. Bauckham, on page 25, 3rd paragraph Meeting responsibilities, the last sentence...If the supervisor is (continued on page 26) absent at any board meeting, the clerk opens the meeting and the board members present select a chairperson from among the board members." Ann Strong motioned to have Bill Avra chair the meeting. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER- Bill Avra called the meeting to order.

B. AGENDA- Ann Strong motioned to approve agenda. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Linda Belcher read the straw poll count on September 26, 2011 as Algansee Twp. 548 cards returned 82%- yes votes -191 -35% and no votes -357 -65%, Ovid Twp. 87 cards returned 77%- yes votes -27 31% and no votes 60 -69%, Quincy Twp. 469 cards returned 84%- yes votes 157- 32% and no votes 339- 68%. She urged people to help solve the problem and come up with alternate solutions. Others made comments. Ann Strong motioned to oppose the sewer project. Support by Suzanne Preston. Mick Belcher abstained from voting. Roll call vote Ann Strong - yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, Bill Avra- yes. Norm Arey said we have had two sewer project elections now that have been voted down that the taxpayers have to pay for. Willard Reichhart said Linda Belcher did a nice job and she deserves a thank you. Others agreed.

D. Public Comment- Bill Avra asked if there was any other public comment. There wasn't any.

E. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes - Ann Strong motioned to accept the September 6, 2011 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

Algansee Planning Commission Minutes- Ann Strong motioned to accept the September 26, 2011 Algansee Planning Commission meeting minutes. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

F. TREASURER'S REPORT-

F. 1. Monthly Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the last month's township meeting was \$292,975.06. Township had income this past month of \$24,413.89 and expenses this past month of \$39,971.69 giving the township a balance for this October meeting of \$277,417.26. The Clerk agrees. Mick Belcher motioned to accept Treasurer's report. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

F. 2. Audit Report- David Locey gave the township's audit report.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

G. 1. Quincy Fire Association- Bill Avra said the next meeting will be October 11th.

G. 2. Report from Alganssee Township Planning Commission- Mick Belcher reported they discussed changes to zoning forms.

G. 3. Report from Alganssee Township Zoning Board of Appeals- Bill Avra reported they will meet on October 13th at 5:20pm.

G. 4. Ordinance Violations- tabled until next month.

G. 5. Website ([www. algansseetownship.com](http://www.algansseetownship.com))

H. OLD BUSINESS

H. 1. Removal of Dead Tree in Fisher Cemetery- Branch County Road Commission will cut down and remove the dead tree that is in the road right of way in Fisher cemetery.

H. 2. Any Other Old Business- none

I. NEW BUSINESS-

I. 1. Republican Presidential Primary – the Clerk reported there will be a Republican Presidential Primary Election on February 28, 2012.

I. 2. Any Other New Business- Proposed Alganssee Library Capital Improvement Plan of Service Proposed Plan for Fiscal Year 2012. Ann Strong motioned to accept the proposed plan for 2012. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried. Someone asked how to get the toilet removed from rock pile on Lakeshore Dr. Zoning Administrator Russ Jennings said he needs to receive 2 written complaints to start the process junk removal process.

J. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$10,240.99. Mick Belcher motioned to pay the bills. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

K. SPECIAL REPORTS

K. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report- Zoning Administrator Russ Jennings reported he issued 4 zoning permits for the month of September- Clevenger, Lutz, Wirtz and Hopkins and on zoning violation John Macke on Donnell Drive.

K. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Branch County Commissioner Don Vrablic gave his Commissioner's monthly report- report released by U.S. Census that Michigan local government service is one of the most efficient in the nation, Replacement for the personal property tax, handicap parking at courthouse, sewer project vote and need more money for state roads.

K. 3. Alganssee Library Report- Alganssee Librarian Jan Clark emailed her September report as follows: Circulation-698, Attendance-387, Hrs.-92, Programs-2, Attendance for programs- 9, Wireless-80, and Inside Internet-187. All is good at the Library. We will have craft and story hour starting first week of October. The Friends are collecting walnuts again this year. We appreciate any donations of walnuts we can get and use the money for programs here at Alganssee Library. Thank You Janice Clark

K. 4. Assessor's Report – Assessor Erica Ewers gave her monthly report as follows- Special Assessments were prepared and delivered to County Treasurer's office, Data entry is continuing. Sales studies were received Friday from the County and will be reviewed over the upcoming weeks as compared to our information. Working with the Register of Deeds office, Equalization, GIS, and Building Inspection to obtain all the documents needed to continue to keep the files up to date.

L. CORRESPONDENCES- none

M. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

N. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- Monday, November 7, 2011, 7:30 pm at the Alganssee Township Hall.

O. Adjourn- Mick Belcher motioned to adjourn. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm. Suzanne Preston, Alganssee Township Clerk