

October 1, 2012 Algansee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- on Monday, October 1, 2012 at 7:30pm Supervisor Tom Morgan called the Algansee Township Board meeting to order at the Algansee Township Hall, 378 S. Ray Quincy Rd., Quincy, Michigan. All Algansee Township Board members were present- Supervisor Tom Morgan, Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee Mick Belcher, Trustee Bill Avra and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors that signed in were Richard Orłowski, Tim Gajewski, Julie Kacines, Craig Artist, Pete & Marge Inde, Peg Edwards & Don Vrablic.

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

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

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Julie Kacines- thanked the township board for their support in the problem with pitting of the bottom of boats, pontoons and other floatation devices on the channels after aquatic weed treatment.

Quincy Community Schools Superintendent Craig Artist- spoke on the millage renewal of the Quincy Community School's sinking fund and asked for everyone's support.

Algansee Township Auditor David Locey gave the April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012 audit report. Bill Avra motioned to accept audit report. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes- Ann Strong motioned to accept September 4, 2012 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

Algansee Planning Commission Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the September 24, 2012 Planning Commission minutes. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

E. 1. Monthly Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the last township meeting, September 4, 2012, was \$338,319.38. We had expenses this past month of \$26,406.54 and income of \$26,819.12 giving Algansee Township a balance for this October meeting of \$338,731.12. The 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 Finance committee met on Sept. 19th and presented the proposed budget for the Quincy Fire Association. Ann Strong motioned to support proposed Quincy Fire Association's 2013-2014 budget. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

F. 2. Report from Algansee Township Planning Commission- Mick Belcher reported the Planning Commission approved a land split for Menno Girod. Nadine Noblit has a lot of ideas for the Elephant Walk on Central Road and was told needs a more detailed plan to present to the Planning Commission. Bill Avra motioned for the expenditure of Planning Administrator Russ Jennings to print more zoning applications. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried. Mick Belcher motioned to approve land split for Menno Girod. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

F. 3. Report from Algansee Township Zoning Board of Appeals- Bill Avra reported they approved a variance for John Girod to put a porch on his house.

F. 4. Ordinance Violations- 1025 Grove Road- progress is being made, old Church next to Fisher Cemetery- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported he received a phone call from Jim Fougrouse, owner of the old church, 244 Crockett Drive-citation requested.

F. 5. Website- www.alganseetownship.com- Supervisor Tom Morgan said he will contact the web host about changes to website.

G. OLD BUSINESS-

G. 1. Asian Milfoil Weed Problem in Lake Chain- It is in most lakes in the county, the next meeting will be December 10, 2012, a letter will be sent out.

G. 2. West Channel Drive- chip and seal- received a revised estimate for the 1/6 of a mile that is in Algansee Township of \$8,000 to \$10,000.

G. 3. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. Library Plan of Service Agreement/Capital Plan Preparation- Ann Strong motioned to accept the proposed plan for the fiscal year 2013. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

H. 2. Any Other New Business- Ann Strong motioned to pay and feed the election Inspectors. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$28,571.66. Bill Avra motioned to pay the bills. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic reported the Branch County Commissioner's Top 5 Monthly Report- Indiana Northeastern Railroad, 2113 Budget & Millage Proposal, Shake Your Mailbox, Veteran's Memorial ceremony Nov. 8, 2012 & Tire Collection Oct. 27, 2012.

J. 2. Algansee Library Report- Algansee Librarian Jan Clark emailed her August report as follows: Circulation-588, Attendance-382, Hours-87, Inside Internet-203, Wireless- 159, Juvenile Programs-1, Attendance at programs-11, Young Adult programs-2, Attendance 11, Loans to Mel patrons-64, Loans to our patrons from Melcat -52. The Branch District Library held their September meeting at the Algansee Library. Craft time is now every other Friday at 4:30pm. Come in and visit.

J. 3. Assessor's Report – Algansee Assessor Erica Ewers reported Special Assessments submitted to County Treasurer's Office. Still awaiting word on Classification Appeals from State Tax Commission. Continuing to receive land split and combination requests. Work will be beginning in October with regard to sales studies and reviewing new construction. Data entry continues. 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.

K. CORRESPONDENCE- MI Dept of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs is holding a public hearing. MTA is having a workshop on Hot Topics in the Fire Dept.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- will be held on Monday, November 5, 2012, 7:30 pm.

N. Adjourn- Bill Avra motioned to adjourn. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk