

September 2, 2008 ALGANSEE TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- on Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. Supervisor Erica Ewers called the Algansee Township Board meeting to order at the Algansee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy, Michigan. All board members were present- Supervisor Erica Ewers, Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee Bill Avra, Trustee John Shilling and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors that signed in were Gary Fawling, Susan Shilling, Tom Morgan, Robert Beckmann, Tom & Mary Alice Schomaeker, James A. Hedges, Shirley Tait, Sue Mistor, Mike Watson, Bill & Shila Boes, Cheryl S. Cline, Joe & Lena Donato, Joyce Clark and Linda Belcher.

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

B. AGENDA- Suzanne Preston motioned to approve the agenda. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- 1. A. Donnell and Bennett Drives Maintenance Special Assessment Public Hearing- Supervisor Erica Ewers called the Special Assessment public hearing to order under P.A. 188 of 1954 as amended for the purpose of determining the validity of the petition to continue a road maintenance special assessment for Donnell and Bennett Drives at a new rate of \$75.00 per person for 5 years. There are 70 property owners. Public Comment- Cheryl Cline of 738 Bennett Drive, said she lives right on the corner and they don't do a good job of snow plowing. Patrick Klerner of 760 Bennett Drive lives at the end of the road and when they are snowplowing, they plow the snow right onto their property. Joe Donato motioned to proceed with the second public hearing. Supported by Lena Donato. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to close the public hearing. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried. John Shilling motioned to proceed with the second public hearing. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

1. B. Donnell and Bennett Drives Maintenance Special Assessment Second Public Hearing- Supervisor Erica Ewers called the Maintenance Special Assessment Second Public Hearing to order under P.A. 188 of 1954 as amended to verify bids and price per person to be billed at \$75.00 per person for 5 years with a total of 70 property owners equals \$5,250.00 to be collected each year starting in 2009. Public Comment-none. Lena Donato motioned to proceed with the road maintenance. Support by Sue Mistor. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to close the public hearing. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to proceed with the special assessment for road maintenance for Donnell and Bennett Drives at \$75.00 per person for 5 years starting in 2009. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried

2.A. Bennett Drive Road Construction Special Assessment Public Hearing- Supervisor Erica Ewers called the Bennett Drive Road Construction Special Assessment Public Hearing to order under P.A. 188 of 1954 as amended for the purpose of determining the validity of the petition to repair Bennett Drive at a cost of \$35,300.00 to be spread over 5 years with 27 property owners at \$255.00 per year for 5 years. Public Comment- Cheryl Cline of 738 Bennett Drive said she was concerned about where the road construction would begin on the road. Bob Beckmann of 808 Bennett Drive said they did meet with the contractor and he will only repair the road where it is needed and then he will put an inch and half asphalt layer over the entire road. Mary Schomaeker said that last time they were assessed twice and wondered if they would be assessed twice this time. Supervisor Erica Ewers said they would only be assessed once. Jim Hedges of 778 Bennett Drive asked if this amount would include maintenance on the asphalt. Patrick Klerner of 760 Bennett Drive said the road is on their property and will they pave to the channel? Bill Boes asked if anyone has checked out asphalt. Kathleen Klerner of 760 Bennett Drive asked when this project would start. Joe Donato said this fall. Cheryl Cline asked if we needed to start on the roads so soon can't we postpone the project, she has got quite a bump at the end of her driveway. Bob Beckman said they would grind the road down where it needs it. Linda Belcher said that everyone should help over see the project. Bill Avra said to proceed with caution. Cheryl Cline said she would like it done right so it would last. Linda Belcher asked if all property owners could write down their concerns and she would like to nominate Bob Beckmann to over see the project. Bob Beckmann said we need to do the project soon before winter sets in it won't have the freezing and thawing effect. Kaye Longardner said they do need to appoint and over see and to have it in writing, somebody needs to be in charge. Joe Donato motioned to proceed with the second public hearing. Bob Beckmann supported the motion. Motion carried. John Shilling motioned to close the first public hearing for road construction of Bennett Drive. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to proceed with the second public hearing for road construction of Bennett Drive. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

B.2.Bennett Drive Road Construction Special Assessment Public Hearing- Supervisor Erica Ewers called the Bennett Drive Road construction special assessment public hearing to order under P.A.188 of 1954 as amended to verify the bid and price person. The bid is \$35,300.00 plus the cost of postage and advertising for approximately \$270.00 per person for 5 years beginning in 2008. There are 27 individuals in the special assessment district. Public Comment- Bob Beckmann motioned to go ahead with the special assessment for road construction for Bennett Drive. Support by Mary Alice Schomaeker. Hand vote- 8 yes and 1 no vote, motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to close the public hearing. John Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to approve Bennett Drive road construction in the amount of \$35,300 plus costs to be divided by 27 residents for 5 years beginning in 2008. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Lena Donato said she and Joe are giving up being the spokes person for Donnell and Bennett Drives and they suggest Linda Belcher be the spokes person. Supervisor Erica Ewers asked if the Donnell Bennett Drive residents would ok the reimbursement of \$100 that Joe & Lena Donato used as a down payment for a snowplowing truck and then realized liability would be too high, but the owner of the truck wouldn't give them their \$100 back. Hand vote- 10 hands voted to reimburse Donato's their \$100.

Any Other Public Comment- Joyce Clark wondered if anything has been decided about snowplowing for Donnell and Bennett Drives. Joe Donato said they are working on it. Supervisor Erica Ewers said anyone is welcome to leave now or they are welcome to stay for the rest of the meeting.

D. MINUTES- Bill Avra motioned to accept the August 4, 2008 Algansee Township Meeting minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. John Shilling motioned to accept the August 11 special meeting minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT- 1.the Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the last township meeting, August 4, 2008 was \$492,887.15, the township had income this past month of \$541.76 and the township had expenses this past month of \$10,603.90 giving the township a balance of \$482.825.01 for this month. The Clerk agrees. John Shilling motioned to accept the September 2, 2008 Treasurer's report. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Suzanne Preston to make budget changes as follows- Capital Outlay change to \$70,000.00, Clerk's maintenance change to \$750.00, Election Services change to \$10,000.00, Election Salaries change to \$3,000.00, McKenna change to 7,000.00, township board dues change to \$1,550.00. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

E.2. Taxes Notices- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the taxes are coming in.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association – Supervisor Erica Ewers reported their next meeting will be September 4th at the Quincy Village Office at 6:00pm. The 1984 GMC engine is dying, have discussed costs and leasing options with a company out of Grand Rapids for \$300,000.00, with our share being 26% of that cost. The truck didn't pass the pump test and the brakes are bad. Kaye Longardner asked if it could be repaired.

F. 2. Report from the Algansee Township Planning Commission - John Shilling reported the Planning Commission met once in the month of August and discussed decks with railings near the lake and tree houses. The Planning Commission asked if we could talk to the Planner. Is this a structure or playground equipment? Can playground equipment and tree houses be placed in the setbacks? Suzanne Preston motioned to talk to the Planner. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Joyce Clark wondered if we could place sheds in the right of way. Supervisor Erica Ewers said the township can't allow sheds in the right of way. Ann Strong motioned to approve the August 25th planning minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

F. 3. Report from Algansee Township Zoning Board of Appeals- they will meet on 9-18-08 at 7:00p.m.

F. 4. Ordinance Violations- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported she received the official court document dismissing the case against Jacob Eicher of 507 Hammon Rd. and Sam Girod Jr. of 671 S. Ray Quincy Rd.

F. 5. Building Update – Supervisor Erica Ewers reported we got notification we need to start over on the water test- the 2 samples need to be taken 8 hours apart. There needs to be a few things done to complete the building project such as baseboards in hallway need to be finished, trim around door, show case box replaced, put screens on, 2nd coat of paint in hallway, need to have smooth finish on trim and doors, need to finish west door way of old building and miter trim to match rest of room.

Parking Lot- Road Commission bid- \$19,000.00, Mike Burns- \$3,900.00 grade & stone or \$4,900.00 pre asphalt, Neuenschwander- \$8,000.00 grade and crushed concrete, Kaye Longardner- prep & crushed stone \$6,500.00. John shilling motioned to table parking lot until next month. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. We need to get more accurate measurements of the driveway.

F. 6. Website (www.alganseetownship.com) – Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the copy of the new zoning ordinance is on the website.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G. 1. BS&A Software Company/Pontom Software- Supervisor Erica Ewers asked what the board thought about either software.

G. 2. Village Planning and ZBA Training- McKenna is holding a training session for Planning & ZBA members in Quincy on either September 22, 24, 29, or 30th. Tom said the only date that would work for him would be the 30th.

G.3. Any Other Old Business- Kaye Longardner wondered if Quincy Fire Department would supply mutual aid to all neighboring Fire Departments? He wondered if the situation had been straightened out between Quincy and Montgomery Fire Departments.

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. Any New Business- There wasn't any.

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$15,638.20. Bill Avra motioned to pay the bills. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS 1. Zoning Administrator's Report- Zoning Administrator Russ Jennings said he issued 4 permits for August- Chris Burk, Jake Girod, Chris Eicher, and Dennis Higbee.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- no report

J. 3. Algansee Library Report- no report.

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the millage rate is 0.8104 down from .8191 in 2007.

K. CORRESPONDENCES – Ringo Associates are looking for business, MTA workshop on twp of excellence, community Action Agency now is called Community Action,

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- there wasn't any.

M. NEXT MEETING- will be on Monday, October 6, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Algansee Township Hall.

N. ADJOURNMENT- Bill Avra motioned to adjourn. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:55p.m. Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk