

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- the ALGANSEE TOWNSHIP BOARD met at the Algansee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy, Michigan on Monday, May 7, 2007. Supervisor Erica Ewers called the May 7, 2007 meeting to order at 7:30p.m. Board members were present- Supervisor Erica Ewers, Trustee Bill Avra, Trustee John Shilling and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Absent Treasurer Ann Strong. Visitors present that signed in were Susan Shilling, Tom Morgan, Fred Avra, Mick Belcher, Sam & Joyce Clark. Erica Ewers led us in the pledge to the American Flag.

B. AGENDA- ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS- Bill Avra motioned to approve the agenda. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

D. MINUTES- Bill Avra motioned to accept the April 2, 2007 Algansee Township Meeting minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT- the Treasurer Ann Strong was absent, but she left us her report as follows the balance at last township meeting, April 2, 2007, was \$501,141.23, the township had income this past month of \$81,728.79 and the township had expenses this past month of \$41,383.70 giving the township a balance of \$541,486.32 for this month. The Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept the May 7, 2007 Treasurer's report. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association – Supervisor Erica Ewers reported they applied for a grant to redo the exhaust system in the Fire House at a cost of \$96,000.

F. Branch County Sheriff's Department- Deputy Rose said he didn't have anything to report and wondered if anyone had any questions for him.

F. 2. Report from the Algansee Township Planning Commission - John Shilling reported they met twice- one workshop and one meeting. They got a lot of work done.

F. 3. Report from Algansee Township Zoning Board of Appeals- Bill Avra reported they met once and granted a variance.

F. 4. Report from Algansee Township Building Committee- Bill Avra said he met with Nick Michaels and will contact 2 other guys to get estimates. We discussed leaving the north tree and cutting down the tree by the outhouse.

F. 5. Website (www.alganseetownship.com) - Supervisor Erica Ewers reported she contacted Sue Morgan and she can come out the end of this week or the beginning of next week to set up the township board's email on the township website. Bill Avra said that May 15th would be best for him. The rest of us said that would work out fine.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G. 1. Ordinance Violations & Barn Letters- Patti Knirk- Potter Rd, just south of Central Rd., Carmen Stout- 880 Hall Rd.- barn down, Dennis Stout- 920 Hall Rd.- barn down, Roger Van Lieu- 481 Philip Rd. main farm- working on it.

Junk Violations (New Guidelines in effect 12-15-06) - Civil Infractions- McConnell Estate/ William McCafferty- 837 Crauns Lane is now the Avra estate.

Zoning Violations- Civil Infractions- Jim Burk- 195 S. Ray Quincy Rd. - obtained zoning permit.

Injunctive Orders- Jacob Eicher- 507 Hammon Rd., Sam Girod Jr. - 671 S. Ray Quincy Rd. - court date May 10th.

Filed Appeals to Circuit Court against Alganssee Township- Harold Sneath- 251 Donnell Dr. - The Judge ruled in favor of the township. The ZBA decision stood.

G. 2. Branch County Road Commission- Dust Control- Bill Avra motioned to have the dust control on 30.32 miles at \$250/mile which equals \$7,580.00. Support by John Shilling. Roll call vote- John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, Erica Ewers- yes. Ann Strong absent. Motion carried. **Sealcoating-** Bill Avra motioned to go ahead with the sealcoating of Lester Road- 3.0 miles (Kelly Road to Ray Quincy Road) and Brocklebank Road- 1.6 miles (Fisher Road to Central Road) at \$3,000/mile for \$13,800. Support by John Shilling. Roll call vote John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes Erica Ewers- yes. Absent Ann Strong. Motion carried. John Shilling motioned to table the Briggs Road work until next month. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

G. 3. Subdivision Ordinance- John Shilling motioned to accept the subdivision ordinance. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

G. 4. Library- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that last month we approved the Library contract and now we know that the monthly amount will be \$620.65 to have the Librarian at the Alganssee Library 12 additional hours per week.

G. 5. Any Other Old Business- no

H. NEW BUSINESS- H. 1. Planning Commission – Bill Avra motioned to accept the 4-30-07 Planning Commission minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

H. 2. Branch County Land Use Ordinance- Supervisor Erica Ewers said that after reading the ordinance, she has several questions about the ordinance.

H. 3. Elections- The Clerk said everything was ready for the school election tomorrow, Quincy and Coldwater school districts will vote here and Reading school district will vote at the Reading township hall. Erica Ewers motioned to pay the election workers and their supper for tomorrow. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

H.4. Newsletter- Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the township newsletter and to print it. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

H. 5. Any Other Business- none

I. Payment of Bills- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$39,628.83. Bill Avra motioned to pay the bills. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1. Zoning Administrators Report- Russ reported he issued eight zoning permits this last month- 1 renewal for Bruce McDonald and 7 new permits- Clifford Gary, Paul Swift, Michael Schwartz, Steve Widlitzki, Sam Girod Sr., Corey & Angel Sheppard and Jim Burk.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Mickey Rubley absent.

J. 3. Alganssee Library Report- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the Alganssee Librarian, Jan, gave her the library report for April which is as follows- circulation was 715, attendance was 306, hours open was 79 and internet use was 161. Supervisor Erica Ewers wondered if it would be ok to get a bid to put up a tower for wireless internet for the

Algansee Library. Suzanne Preston motioned to go ahead and get the bid. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

J. 4. Assessor's Report - Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that everything is roll over and ready to start this years.

K. Correspondences- Branch County Road Commission, MTA, Marble Chain of Lakes Improvement Association, and the Hospice Duck Race.

L. Public Comment- Fred Avra wondered what the black patches at each end of the gravel part Campbell Road were for. Supervisor Erica Ewers said she was told they were some type of counters.

M. Next Meeting- will be on Monday, June 4, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Algansee Township Hall.

N. Adjournment- Bill Avra motioned to adjourn. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Suzanne Preston, Clerk