

## February 7, 2005

On **Monday February 7, 2005 at 7:00pm the Alganssee Township Board** met for its Budget workshop at the Alganssee 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 Mike Nowicki and Dallas and Beverly Snyder. The budget was discussed.

**A. Call Meeting to order / Pledge of Allegiance-** Supervisor Erica Ewers called the meeting to order at 8:00pm and Ann Strong lead us in the pledge to the American flag.

**B. Agenda-** Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the agenda with the deletion C & D, the Budget and Truth in Taxation hearing. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**E. Public Comment-** none.

**F. Minutes-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the February 7, 2005 Alganssee Township Board minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**G. Treasurer's Report- 1.** Treasurer Ann Strong reported the township had a balance last month of \$493,430.15 and this month the township had income totaling \$4,134.51, expenses totaling \$10,475.91 for a balance of \$479,278.75. The Clerk agrees. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**G. 2. Summer Tax Collection Update-** Ann said she collected \$4,113.81 this last month. We have 1,279 parcels paid, and 187 parcels not paid.

**G. 3. Winter Tax Collection Update-** Ann said she collected 1,268 parcels for winter taxes and 198 still outstanding, total collected \$1,389,788.62.

**G. 4. Tax Payments paid Out-** Ann reported all tax payments are current.

### **H. COMMITTEE REPORTS-**

**H. 1. Fire Association-** Supervisor Ewers reported the Fire Association has approved their budget.

**H. 2. Planning & Zoning Commission Report-** John Shillings reported on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

**H. 3. Zoning Board of Appeals-** Bill Avra reported they had 2 requests and both were denied..

**H. 4. Building Committee-** Supervisor Ewers reported they hadn't met.

### **I. Old Business-**

#### **I. 1. Ordinance Violations- Junk and Zoning-**

**I. 1. a. Davis-** Supervisor Ewers reported that David has 90 days to respond. **Tom-** plan approved by Judge; **Girod, Girod, Schwartz and Schmucker** have a court date of March 3, 2005 at 1:30pm; **Schmucker** (on the corner of Colvin and Warren Roads) and **Dzienny** on Bickford Drive are still working on cleaning up their junk.

**I. Bickford Drive-** Supervisor Ewers reported that the check in the amount of \$8,277.28 owed to the State of Michigan from the sale of the land on Bickford Drive needs to be made out to the Branch County Treasurer.

**I. 2. Election Update-** the Clerk said the May election will be a paper ballot.

**I. 3. Road Commission Proposals-** Wolf Road- reditch and regravell with 1,700 yards of processed gravel from Phillip Road to Stringtown Road, a distance of 1.5miles for an estimated cost of \$35,000.00, with the township's share being \$17,500.00. Campbell Road- reditch and apply 12,000 yards of processed gravel from Ray Quincy Road to Stringtown Road, a distance of 2.5 miles, for an estimated cost of \$112,000.00, with the township's share being \$96,500.00 plus \$7,500.00 to curb intersection of Campbell and Ray Quincy on the east side with the township's share of the curbs of \$3,750.00. Supervisor Ewers reported there will be a public hearing about Campbell road at the April meeting.

**I.4. Board of Review-** Supervisor Ewers reported that Board of Review will meet next month.

**I. 5. Any Other Old Business-** There wasn't any.

### **J. New Business-**

#### **J. 1. Planning Commission-**

**H. 1. a. Minutes-** John Shilling motioned to accept the January 31, 2005 Planning and Zoning Commission minutes as presented. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**H. 1. b. County Planning Commission-** Supervisor Ewers said we need to send the January 31, 2005 Planning and Zoning minutes to the County Planning Commission.

**H. 1. c. McKenna Proposal-** Bill Avra motioned for the Township Planner, McKenna, to prepare a written proposal for the Dodd special use public hearing for the next Alganssee Township Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. Suzanne Preston supported the motion. Motion carried.

**H. 1. d. Special Use Form Changes-** Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the new changes in the special use forms effective immediately. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**H. 1. c. Planning Commission Appointment-** Supervisor Ewers reported that Pricilla Dodd's term is up at the end of March and if anyone is interested to submit a resume to her before the next meeting.

**H. 1. f. Correspondences-** Supervisor Ewers read letters from Norm Knisely.

**H. 2. March Board of Review-**

**H. 2. a. Poverty Standards-** Supervisor Ewers read the Poverty Guidelines for the Federal poverty income standards which the United States Office of Management and Budget recommends that Federal departments and agencies use. John Shilling motioned to approve the poverty guidelines. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**H. 2. b. Resolution Regarding 2005 March Board of Review-** WHEREAS, Public Act 194, 2003 allows the township board by resolution to select an alternative starting date in March when the Board of Review shall initially meet, WHEREAS, MCL 211.30 provides the alternative starting dates shall be the Tuesday or Wednesday following the second Monday of March, WHEREAS, the Algonsee Township Board wants to make Board of Review convenient for both the assessor and the Board of Review members work schedules, NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Algonsee Township Board of Review will meet on Wednesday, March 16, 2005 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Thursday March 17, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The following resolution was offered by Erica Ewers. Second offered by John Shilling. Upon roll call vote John Shilling- aye, Bill Avra- aye, Ann Strong- aye, Suzanne Preston- aye, Erica Ewers- aye. There were no nay votes. The Supervisor Erica Ewers declared the resolution passed.

**H. 2. c. Board of Review Training Update-** Supervisor Ewers reported there is a Board a Board of Review Training in Hillsdale on March 10 the BOR members will be attending.

**H. 2. d. Appointments-** Bill Avra motioned to appoint Charlotte Dubay, Denny Higbee and Jeanette Demski to the Algonsee Township Board of Review. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**H. 3. Cemetery/ Sexton bids-** Supervisor Ewers opened the Cemetery Lawn Care bids- Dallas Snyder- \$7,800.00/year, Vandy Bogart- \$7,200.00/year, Kevin Stempien- \$6,500.00/year, Tyson Kirk \$385.00/mowing, Upston-\$10,000.00/year, Area 1 Lawn Care- \$7,680/year. Suzanne Preston motioned to have Dallas Snyder do the Algonsee Township lawn care for \$7,800.00. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Supervisor Ewers opened the one Sexton bid for Bill James- burial fees are as follows- Cremation- \$100.00, Infant- \$125.00, Full Burial- \$300.00, Burials on Sunday's and Holidays- \$500.00, winter opening (between November 1 and April 1) additional \$50.00 to above rates, foundation work will be done for \$.22 per square inch up to 24 inches deep- add 4 inch margin to all sides, deeper than 24 inches- contact the sexton for a quote. Bill Avra motioned to accept Bill James' bid. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**H. 4. Media Policy-** The board agreed to have the media contact the Supervisor with any questions.

**H. 5. Salary Resolutions-** John Shilling motioned to keep the salaries the same except for the Zoning Administrator and the salaries are as follows; Supervisor- \$ 8, 000.00, Assessor- \$10,950.00, Clerk and Treasurer- \$9,000.00, Zoning Administrator- \$500.00/month and \$.40/mile, Planning and Zoning Board Chairman- \$100.00, Secretary- \$82.00, Members- \$80.00, Appeals Board Chairman- \$100.00, Secretary, \$85.00, member- \$80.00, Board of Review- \$70.00/day & \$40.00/ ½ day, Election Chairman \$ 10.00/hour, Elections Inspectors \$9.00. Support by Ann Strong. Roll call vote Suzanne Preston- yes, Ann Strong- yes, Bill Avra- yes, John Shilling- yes, and Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried.

**H. 6. Any Other New Business-** none

**H. 7. Attorney-** Discussion about township attorneys and we will keep as is for now.

**I. Payment of Bills-** Expenses in the amount of \$10,475.91 were presented. Ann Strong motioned to pay the bills. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**J. Correspondences-** Supervisor Ewers reported Cameron Brown sent a letter to the township and MTA had sent a couple letters about workshops.

**K. Special Reports-**

**K. 1. Zoning Administrator-** Russ Jennings reported he hadn't issued any permits last month.

**K. 2. Branch County Commissioners Report-** Mickey Rubley gave us an update on the Commissioners.

**K. 3. Algonsee Township Library-** Circulation for last month was 589 and number of patrons for last month was 217. The Algonsee Library would like to use the Algonsee Township Hall on April 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to noon. Suzanne Preston motioned to let the Library use the township Hall. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**K. 4. Assessor's Report-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported she is working on data entry.

**L. Public Comment-** there wasn't any.

**M. Announcements-**

**N. Next Meeting-** will be March 7, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

**O. Adjourn-** Bill Avra motioned adjourned. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Adjourned at 9:45p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk

