

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- on Monday, March 3, 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 Tom Morgan-233 Dons Drive, Ed Reed- 129 Crauns Beach, Susan Shilling, John Pollack from the Sheriff's Department and Linda & Mick Belcher.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Suzanne Preston led us in the pledge to the American Flag.

B. AGENDA- ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS- Suzanne Preston motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Fremont Fire Department under new business. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

C.1. Budget Hearing- Supervisor Erica Ewers called the budget hearing to order and asked if anyone had any questions. No one had any questions. Bill Avra motioned to close the public hearing of the Budget hearing. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to accept the 2008-2009 fiscal year Budget. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

C.2. Truth and Taxation Hearing- Supervisor Erica Ewers called the Truth and Taxation Hearing to order. She asked if there were any questions. There wasn't any questions. Supervisor Erica Ewers had a list of the millage reductions from 1999 to 2007 for Algansee Township which are as follows- 1999- 0.9150, 2000- 0.9057, 2001- 0.8881, 2002- 0.8668, 2003- 0.8550, 2004- 0.8492, 2005- 0.8321, 2006- 0.8263, 2007- 0.8191. According to the Headley amendment the amount will go down each year. She said we don't know the exact amount for this year yet except that it will be less than last year's amount. We usually get notified around September what the township's amount will be. Bill Avra motioned to close the Truth and Taxation hearing. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried. John Shilling motioned to approve the truth and taxation in the maximum property tax millage rate allowed not to exceed last year's amount of .8191 in support of the proposed budget. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

C.3. Crauns Beach Comments Regarding Jack Lutz's proposal- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported she sent a letter to the residents on Crauns Beach regarding Jack Lutz's proposal. She sent 14 letters. Seven letters have been returned stating they are against the proposal. Ed Reed said he was speaking for himself and Joyce Brooks and wondered how the township could close public water as per Jack Lutz's request. Jack Lutz sent a letter requesting the township board not to act on his proposal for 90 days. Bill Avra said that since more than 50% of the residents on Crauns Beach are against the proposal, he motioned to deny the request. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

D. MINUTES- John Shilling motioned to accept the February 4, 2008 Algansee Township Meeting minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT- the Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the last township meeting, February 4, 2008 was \$493,291.14, the township had income this past month of \$4,030.90 and the township had expenses this past month of \$42,106.57 giving the township a balance of \$453,21.47 for this month. The Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept the February 4, 2008 Treasurer's report. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

Taxes- the Treasurer said the tax paper work has been turned in and she has balanced with the Branch County Treasurer's office.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association – Supervisor Erica Ewers reported they met and approved the budget.

F. 2. Report from the Alganssee Township Planning Commission - John Shilling reported the Planning Commission is getting closer to finalizing the revised zoning ordinance. Hopefully everything will be ready by the end of the month.

F. 3. Report from Alganssee Township Zoning Board of Appeals- Bill Avra reported they didn't meet.

F. 4. Building Update - Bill Avra reported that as soon as the weather breaks construction will begin. Bill Avra said he will check into renting a port-a-john for Board of Review.

F. 5. Website ([www. algansseetownship.com](http://www.algansseetownship.com)) – Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the website is up to date.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G. 1. Ordinance Violations- Junk & Zoning- Barn letters- Carmen Stout- 880 Hall Rd. - barn down. **Dennis Stout**- 920 Hall Rd. - barn down. **Roger VanLieu**- main farm- 481 Phillip Rd. - working on

Junk Violations- (New Guidelines in effect 12-15-06) Civil Infractions- John Dzienny- 232 Bickford Dr- All cleaned up.

Zoning Violations- Walrack property- Mr. Ron Stender (occupant) – keep trying to get a hold of him. **Injunctive Orders:** Jacob Eicher of 507 Hammon Rd. and Sam Girod Jr. of 671 S. Ray Quincy Rd. have a court date of May 7th at 11:00 a.m. Haz-Mat Ordinance- second letter sent 1-28-08 to Ms. Glendeen Candee of Southern Pines Trucking about the incident on Grove road in Oct of 2007. Payment has been received on February 14, 2008.

G. 2. Wireless Internet Tower Contract- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the concrete has been poured and the tower will go up this week. There have been more than 90 requests for hook up.

G.3. Road Commission- has a proposal to gravel Brocklebank Road at \$40,000 for 5,000.00 yard. John Shilling said he thinks that bid is a little excessive and he will go and talk to Richard Losinski at the Branch County Road Commission.

G.4. Alganssee Library- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported she had met with the Branch District Library Director and he thought her proposal of the township paying for the tower and the Library would pay for a part time library clerk for the Alganssee Library Branch was good.

G.5. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS- H. 1. Planning Commission – John Shilling motioned to accept the February 7, 2008 minutes with the change to Campbell Road in the second paragraph Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. John Shilling motioned to approve the Tom and Margaret Schroeder request for the Special Use permit. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to accept the February 25, 2008 Planning Commission minutes with the date changed to February. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Pricilla Dodd's position is up this month. Ann Strong motioned to advertise the opening on the Planning Commission. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

H. 2. Any Other New Business- Branch County Sheriff's Department was represented by John Pollock- he said things are going well and wondered if anyone had any questions.

Fremont Fire Department- California Township is putting in a dry hydrant on Browns Lake for the Fremont, Montgomery, Lakeland and Quincy Fire Departments use. The cost is \$500.00 and they were wondering if Alganssee Township would share the cost. John Shilling motioned to pay ½ (\$250.00) the cost of the dry fire hydrant. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$18,394.00. Bill Avra motioned to pay the bills. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report- Zoning Administrator Russ Jennings reported he didn't issue any permits for the month of February. There were a couple land splits and he has had a lot of inquiries about when the revised zoning ordinance will be adopted.

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

J. 3. Alganssee Library Report- Supervisor Erica Ewers gave Jan's report as follows: February Report- circulation 551, attendance 307, Internet Use 89, Hours open 89.

J. 4. Assessor's Report - Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the assessing notices were mailed on Friday and she is getting ready for Board of Review.

K. CORRESPONDENCES – Update on the Branch County Drains at Large.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- Mick Belcher wondered if there would be any millage increases this year. We told him Quincy Schools were having a bond proposal on the May ballot.

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

N. ADJOURNMENT- Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk