

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** on Monday, June 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 Shirley Tait, Tom Morgan-233 Dons Drive, Jack Lutz, Dave Cleveland- DMCIbb, Susan Shilling, Joyce Clark, Barb Lloyd, Frank Plodzick, Ted Stably, Don Shemel, Don Vrablic, Gerald & Sandra Rogers, and Terri Norris.

**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. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT-** Dave Cleveland from DMCI updated us on the wireless internet tower and said there have been 101 site surveys so far, 7 out of 10 site surveys were successful. He felt that was very good. He wondered if anyone had any questions or concerns. Brad from SB&A software talked about their software. Don Shemel gave us a Branch County Commissioners update. Terry Norris introduced herself and spoke on her qualifications for running for Prosecuting Attorney. Don Vrablic introduced himself and spoke on his qualifications for running for Branch County Commissioner for this district. Frank Plodzick II introduced himself and said he was running for the State House of Representatives in the 58<sup>th</sup> District. Don Shemel introduced himself again said he was running for the State House of Representatives in the 58<sup>th</sup> District. The August primary is 64 days from now. Supervisor Erica Ewers asked if there were any other public comments. There weren't any.

**D. MINUTES-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the May 5, 2008 Algansee Township Meeting minutes with a change that not all board members were present with the absence of the Treasurer Ann Strong. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**E. TREASURER'S REPORT- 1.**the Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the last township meeting, May 5, 2008 was \$470,794.08, the township had income this past month of \$22,630.85 and the township had expenses this past month of \$70,375.34 giving the township a balance of for this month \$423,049.59. The Clerk agrees. John Shilling motioned to accept the June 2, 2008 Treasurer's report. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Supervisor Erica Ewers said she received a letter from the State stating we had not timely filed the F65 report for the fiscal year ending in 2007. Joy at David Locey's office was going to make sure this got followed up on.

**E.2. Audit Update-** Treasurer Ann Strong reported the Auditors are coming here on June 24<sup>th</sup> to do the audit.

**E.3. Township Newsletter and Postage-** Supervisor Erica Ewers asked if anyone had any additions or corrections with the township newsletter that will be included with the summer taxes. No one did. Ann Strong motioned to print the newsletter. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried. Suzanne Preston motioned to buy 15 rolls of stamps for the summer taxes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

## **F. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**F. 1. Quincy Fire Association** – Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the next meeting will be on Tuesday June 10<sup>th</sup>.

**F. 2. Report from the Algansee Township Planning Commission** - John Shilling reported the Planning Commission met once in the month of May. Supervisor Erica Ewers read the letter received from the Branch County Planning Commission. They recommended a few changes as follows with our township Planner's opinion in italics. #1. Section 14.07- Manufactured Housing Development- If this section of the zoning ordinance has not been submitted to the manufactured Housing Commission it should be before adoption. *Since there were no changes he had not submitted it to them. But now that it was approved he would go ahead and do that just to verify everything was still okay.* #2 Section 14.09- Reference is made in this section to standards for unpaved local roads by the Branch County Road Commission. It should in regard to the road commission standards exist. This reference also appears in paragraph K. *We know that the Road Commission has these so it is a mute point.* #3 Section 14.11 C. indicates "All accessory dwellings shall be located entirely within the principal residential structure, although the definition of

“accessory dwelling unit” allows such a unit to be “an attached extension of the principal residential structure- a seeming inconsistency. Also, travel trailers and recreational vehicles can be approved as an accessory dwelling according to the definition of “dwelling.” #4: Section 21.01 Administration gives “exclusive authority” to the township board (A.7) “to institute legal proceedings...” and yet the identical authority is assigned to the zoning administrator in F.7- a seeming contradiction. *Both 3 & 4 were legitimate and we should consider these along with the update that Russ had for the accessory building setbacks and the changes to the zoning enabling act in 3 to 4 months after the planning commission had time to use the ordinance for a while.* #5 Zoning Map- The extension of the R-1 Lake Residential Zoning district to lands beyond the lake front parcels without regard to the carrying capacity of the lake is not recommended. The expansion of such areas to non-lakefront properties may perpetuate further rezoning beyond the carrying capacity of the lake. With the entire lakefront so zoned, no consideration is given to essential wildlife corridors. A spot of commercial zoning on the east side of Ray Quincy Road does not appear to be consistent with the future land use plan? *Unable to supply green space around the lake when the lake is already developed and no additional areas were zoned residential then what already has houses on them.* Linda Belcher said she went to the Branch County Planning Commission meeting. She was disappointed that only one person had read our Zoning Ordinance. They would have liked a copy of only the changes we made to our zoning ordinance. Supervisor Erica Ewers said since we made so many changes we are saying this is a new zoning ordinance. There are a few changes we will need to make with the new zoning law that is about to take effect. John Shilling motioned to accept the new zoning ordinance. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Supervisor Erica Ewers said the new zoning ordinance will become official 7 days after it is published in the newspaper.

**F. 3. Report from Alganssee Township Zoning Board of Appeals-** Bill Avra reported they did meet to approve the last month’s minutes.

**F. 4. Building Update** - Bill Avra reported they are painting the walls on the inside of the new addition. The plumbing is done. The contractor is working on the railing for the porch. Tomorrow he will cut the hole in the wall in the closet to connect the old and new building together. Shirley Tait wondered if anything will be done about the roof on the old building. Bill said he will ask the contractor to look at the roof on the old building. We received a bill of \$1,000 for the completion of the septic system. Is the septic system complete? Bill feels the septic system is complete and he will have the contractor finish the retaining wall.

**F. 5. Website ([www.algansseetownship.com](http://www.algansseetownship.com))** – Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the copy of the new zoning ordinance will be on the website as soon as she can get it put on.

## **G. OLD BUSINESS**

**G. 1. Ordinance Violations- Junk & Zoning- Barn letters- Carmen Stout-** 880 Hall Rd. - barn down. **Dennis Stout-** 920 Hall Rd. - barn burnt only foundation left. **Roger VanLieu-** main farm- 481 Phillip Rd. - working on **Zoning Violations- Injunctive Orders:** Jacob Eicher of 507 Hammon Rd. and Sam Girod Jr. of 671 S. Ray Quincy Rd. have a court date of August 6, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. **Junk Violations- (New Guidelines in effect 12-15-06) Civil Infractions-** Ted Stably from 234 Donnell Drive is complaining about his neighbor at 248 Donnell Drive and all the junk that is in the house and shed. He has called the health department and would the township board to take a look at the place because it isn’t safe and is in immediate danger. Supervisor Erica Ewers wonders if she should post it because she can’t get a hold of the owners. Don Vrablic said to find out who the asset manager is to find out who is responsible for it. Supervisor Erica Ewers said she will post it and find out who the asset manager is. November 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline of the redemption date.

**G. 2. BS&A Software-** Supervisor Erica Ewers suggested we think over the proposals given earlier in the meeting from BS&A. Treasurer Ann Strong wondered if we could find out the cost of the internet link.

**G.3. Village Planning and ZBA Training-** McKenna is holding a training session for Planning & ZBA members in Quincy and no date has been set.

**G.4. Any Other Old Business-** John Shilling attended a meeting at the Coldwater City Hall about roads put on by the State Transportation Department. He said it was very informative.

## **H. NEW BUSINESS-**

**H. 1. Planning Commission** –Bill Avra motioned to accept the May 27, 2008 Planning Commission minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Supervisor Erica Ewers said Tom Morgan is

attending the Zoning Planning Enabling Act Workshop on June 26<sup>th</sup> and was wondering if anyone else would like to attend. John said Tom could update us when he returns.

**H. 2. Assessment Record Policy & Minutes-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported as part of the 14 point review the township needs an assessment record and minutes Policy. She read the new **Assessment Record Availability Policy# 2008-** WHEREAS, Algansee township's assessing duties are handled by the Township Supervisor/Assessor: and

WHEREAS, MCL 211.10a requires that assessment records be available for public inspection and copying: and

WHEREAS the township records are in the possession of the Township Supervisor/Assessor at her office:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: - that the assessment records are available for review at the office of the township Supervisor/Assessor located at 1048 Campbell Road, Quincy, Michigan: - that normal business hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday by appointment, and accommodation are made for appointments after normal business by contacting 517-639-9074; - that the company may also be reached by fax at 517-639-9074 or by email at

[ericaewers@alganseetownship.com](mailto:ericaewers@alganseetownship.com) The foregoing policy was offered by Board member John Shilling. Second offered by Board member Ann Strong. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye, John Shilling, Bill Avra, Erica Ewers, Ann Strong and Suzanne Preston. 0 voted nay. The Supervisor declared the policy adopted on June 2, 2008. Suzanne Preston Clerk

**H.3. Bennett Drive Proposal-** Supervisor Erica Ewers wondered why she received this proposal on Bennett Drive. Linda Belcher said Joe Donato is collecting bids for paving Bennett Drive.

**H.4. Any Other New Business-** none

**I. PAYMENT OF BILLS-** Expenses were presented in the amount of \$21,197.58. John Shilling motioned to pay the bills. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

## **J. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report-** Zoning Administrator Russ Jennings reported he issued one permit for the month of May to Dean Moore on Teal Drive. Russ said he once the new zoning ordinance takes effect he will issue more permits.

**J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report-** Don Shemel already gave the Commissioner's report.

**J. 3. Algansee Library Report-** Supervisor Erica Ewers gave Algansee Librarian Jan Clark's monthly report as follows for the month of June: circulation 738, attendance 398, Internet Use 117, Hours open 95. 1.) The Librarian would like to thank the township board for the internet service, everything is working smoothly. 2.) She has 2 programs scheduled for this summer and would like to hold them at the library, but in case it rains she was wondering if they could hold the programs at the township hall. Program #1. June 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. with Pete Stobie from the Kalamazoo Nature Center with a program titled Professor Ants in Pants. Program #2. July 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Jim Merrill doing a Stacking Cups presentation. 3.) The Annual Book Sale and Community Wide Garage Sales is June 28, 2008 from 9-3 at the Algansee Library. 4.) The Summer Reading Program starts on June 12<sup>th</sup> and runs through July 23<sup>rd</sup> with a wrap up party on July 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the library.

**J. 4. Assessor's Report -** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported she already gave her report under new business.

**K. CORRESPONDENCES** – Hillsdale County is redoing their Master Plan and would like input and our sexton went to a cemetery workshop and found it to be very informative.

**L. PUBLIC COMMENT-** there wasn't any.

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

**N. ADJOURNMENT-** Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk