

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** on Monday, December 7, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. Supervisor Tom Morgan called the Algansee Township Board meeting to order at the Algansee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy, Michigan. All the board members present were as follows Supervisor Tom Morgan, Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee Bill Avra, Trustee Mick Belcher, and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors that signed in were Paul & Julie Costa- Bennett Drive Coldwater, John Shilling- South Ray Quincy Road, Harold Sneath- 251 Donnell Drive, Don Vrablic and Ken Kurtz.

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

**B. AGENDA-** Bill Avra motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of our state representative Ken Kurtz. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT-** Paul Costa objects to the decision made at the November 2, 2009 township meeting of agreeing to a compromise with Chris Donato. Paul said they were told that this topic wouldn't be discussed at the meeting and they wouldn't need to attend. Supervisor Tom Morgan said that when he had talked to them last month he hadn't heard from the township attorney. The afternoon before the last month's meeting Supervisor Tom Morgan received a letter from our township attorney advising us to compromise. Paul Costa said he didn't feel it was right that they had to build their house further back than their neighbor's shed. Supervisor Tom Morgan said that when they get ready to build to bring their plans to the Zoning Board of Appeals and we will work out an agreement with them.

#### **D. MINUTES-**

**Algansee Township Board Minutes-** Ann Strong motioned to accept the November 2, 2009 Algansee Township Board Meeting minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**Algansee Planning Commission Minutes-** Ann Strong motioned to accept the November 30, 2009 Algansee Planning Commission minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

#### **E. TREASURER'S REPORT**

**E. 1. Monthly Report-** Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance as of the last township meeting was \$334,051.01. The township had income this past month of \$22,513.79 and expenses this past month of \$22,513.79 giving the township a balance for this December meeting of \$331,688.36. The Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried. David Locey submitted a bid to audit the township books as follows 2010 for \$4,300 and 2011 for \$4,400 and 2012 for \$4500. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept David Locey's bid. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

#### **F. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**F. 1. Quincy Fire Association** – Trustee Bill Avra reported the next meeting will be tomorrow December 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30p.m.

**F. 2. Report from Algansee Township Planning Commission** – Mick Belcher reported the township planner, Greg Milliken helped them start reviewing the Master Plan. The Planning Commission will be asking the residents of Algansee Township for input into the Master Plan. They will put an ad in the paper stating they would like input from the agricultural community at their January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Amish community at their February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, and general business at their March 29<sup>th</sup> meeting, and the lake residents at their April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mick asked for township board approval to enlarge the township zoning map. Suzanne Preston motioned to fund the enlargement of the township zoning map. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**F. 3. Report from Algansee Township Zoning Board of Appeals-** Bill Avra reported ZBA didn't meet.

**F.5. Ordinance Violations- Junk-** 1025 Grove Road, owner Marsha Benedict, was sent a junk violation letter and hasn't responded. 291 Winhoven, owner Sandra Ely, she is working on cleaning up. Chris Donato, 788 Bennett Drive, has a zoning violation of an accessory building in setback- already discussed tonight.

**F. 6. Website ([www.alganseetownship.com](http://www.alganseetownship.com))** – Supervisor Tom Morgan reported Fred Morgan rehosed it and the website is working well.

## **G. OLD BUSINESS**

**G. 1. FEMA Flood Plain Maps-** Supervisor Tom Morgan reported they are still on hold.

**G. 2. Marble Lake Chain Sewer Committee-** Supervisor Tom Morgan said committee is looking into how to take a poll by all lake property owners to see how much support there is for a sewer before they proceed any further.

**G. 3. Any Other Old Business-** none

## **H. NEW BUSINESS-**

**H. 1. Contract from CSZ Appraisal & Assessing-** has agreed to assess all buildings in the township within the year for \$39/parcel for a total of \$55,653 to be billed monthly. Assessor Erica Ewers explained it shouldn't affect anybody's tax bill unless someone built something without getting a zoning permit. Ann Strong motioned to accept the CSZ Appraisal & Assessing contract. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

**H. 2. Resolution for Esther Cook who lives at 106 Wilmin Road, She turns 100 on 1-5-2010-** Mick Belcher motioned to have the Supervisor Tom Morgan write up the resolution

honoring Esther Cook for turning 100 years old on January 5, 2010. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**H. 3. Any Other New Business-** none

**State Representative Ken Kurtz-** he said things aren't progressing as well in Lansing as he had hoped. He said the state has a spending problem. He is looking forward to diversifying jobs in the state. Ken said his top priorities are for the safety and protection of its people as well as education and to cut state governmental spending.

**Branch County Commissioner's Report-** Don Vrablic gave us an update on the County Commissioners.

**I. PAYMENT OF BILLS-** Expenses were presented in the amount of \$10,926.87. Bill Avra motioned to pay the bills. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

**J. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report-** Russ Jennings reported he issued 6 zoning permits for November- Michael Yeager, Louis Wortz, Simon Eicher, Everett Wineland, Henry Eicher, and Emanuel Schwartz

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

**J. 3. Algansee Library Report-** Librarian Janice Clark emailed her November Algansee Library Report as follows- Circulation-509, Attendance-327, Hours-76, and Internet Use-142 Not as many hours because of the Thanksgiving holiday, lots of patrons using internet for resumes still looking for employment, finishing up year end book buying, lots of crafts and stories for the children, come see your library.

**J. 4. Assessor's Report** – Assessor Erica Ewers reported the State Tax Commission has accepted our final plan for the 14 point review. December Board of Review will be on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. Residential sales study is coming in at 56.84% which will result in an assessed value reduction for 2010. No word on agricultural values yet.

**K. CORRESPONDENCES** – MTA BOR training program with reservations due on January 19<sup>th</sup>, we should know by then if there will be any other training offered for the BOR.

**L. PUBLIC COMMENT-** John Shilling wondered what has been going on with the internet tower. Assessor Erica Ewers said she talked with Dave Cleveland and they are adding more equipment to the tower. Supervisor Tom Morgan said he will review our contract and call Dave at DMCI.

**M. NEXT MEETING-** will be on Monday, January 4, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Algansee Township Hall.

**N. ADJOURNMENT-** Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk