

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 7:30pm 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 were present- Supervisor Tom Morgan, Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee Bill Avra, Trustee Mick Belcher, and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors attending that signed in were David Locey, John Shilling, Walter & Marjorie Inde, Peg Edwards, Judy Barley, Shila Boes, Art Simpson, Clayton & Verina Coward, Ellen Buermeister, Kathy Penn and Don Vrablic.

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

B. AGENDA- Bill Avra motioned to approve the agenda. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Shila Boes brought signed petitions to create a special assessment district for weed control for the channel and Donnell Drive. Bill Avra motioned to hold the first of 2 public hearings to create a special assessment district for weed control for the channel and Donnell Drive on October 4, 2010 at 7:00pm. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to hold the second public hearing to create a special assessment district for weed control for the channel and Donnell Drive on October 4, 2010 at 7:15 pm. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

Any Other Public Comment- none

D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the August 2, 2010 Township Board Meeting minutes as written. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

Algansee Planning Commission Minutes- Ann Strong motioned to accept August 30, 2010 Algansee Township Planning Commission minutes as written. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried

E. TREASURER'S REPORT-

E. 1. Monthly Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the last township meeting was \$360,092.81. The township had income this past month of \$1,663.97 and expenses this past month of \$29,231.18 giving the township a balance for this September meeting of \$332,287.15. The Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

E. 2. Audit Report- David Locey gave us the financial statement & independent auditor's report as of 3-31-10.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association – Bill Avra reported they met August 10th the ladder truck was painted with private donations and they are waiting on a grant for the air tanks.

F. 2. Report from Algansee Township Planning Commission – Trustee Mick Belcher reported they discussed 3 areas of conditional zoning- wind energy, accessory structures on the lake and animals in residential district.

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

F.4. Ordinance Violations - 1025 Grove Road – some progress being made in cleaning up

788 Bennett Drive (Chris Donato) – accessory building setback violation – judge has recommended/ordered a compromise – awaiting paperwork from court and agreement from Chris

Bickford Drive Complaints- about Hildebrandt Marine trailer storage

Bickford Drive Complaints- about camping on residential property

F. 5. Website (www. alganseeetownship.com) – Supervisor Tom Morgan reported website host Fred Morgan requested information change on taxes due.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G. 1. Marble Lake Chain Sewer Study Committee- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported the committee ran advertisements for two weeks in the Shoppers Guide two weeks apart with a cut out survey they could return. 23% of the lake residents have returned the survey. Now they will try a door to door campaign to contact the rest of lake residents to answer survey.

Flood Plain Survey- property owners need to have a certified surveyor survey their property to see if they are in the designated flood plain.

G. 2. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. Wheel Chair Ramp Modifications- we received 2 bids to bring the township hall wheel chair ramp up to code. One bid from AlumiRamp, Inc from Quincy for a new ramp for \$3,430.40 or a used ramp for \$3,130.40. The other bid was from T J Rampit USA, Inc. to remove inside hand rail and a threshold plate at base of ramp for \$253.00. Bill Avra motioned to accept T J Rampit USA, Inc. bid with a clarification of their bid. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

H. 2. Library Plan of Service Changes- There is a Public Hearing on September 23, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., 3rd floor meeting room at the Branch District Library, 10 E. Chicago Street, Coldwater, Michigan, for the purpose of considering a change to the Branch District Library's Plan of Service, originally adopted when the District Library was created in 1991. The change would grant the library branches the opportunity to expend funds currently set aside for capital improvements.

H. 3. Any Other New Business- none

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$79,673.17. 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 5 zoning permits for August (2 of those were issued in September) to Michael Schwartz, Kelly Edner, Walter Matas, another Amish School at 924 Warren Road, and Ben Eicher. Russ had one land split for the Franklin Beldock Trust.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic gave his County Commissioner's Top 5+1 Report as follows- installed jail new security, airport terminal & Union City Library projects progressing, decreased county expenditures, proclamation of National Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Month, Jail & Law Enforcement Facility Millage Renewal & Restoration on the November 2, 2010 ballot and the county was officially presented with the national NACo Security award.

J. 3. Algansee Library Report- Algansee Librarian Jan Clark emailed her report as follows: remind everyone that the Branch District Library Board will be at Algansee Library on September 20th at 6:00pm for their September open meeting. All are welcome to attend. Circulation-556, Attendance-403, Hours-89, Internet-197. Outside internet use from Library for July was 270 and August 193. Stats are lower for August because of the great turn out for summer reading in July. We had our end of Summer Reading picnic July 31 with 35 in attendance. Our gift bags included coupons from 4H Fair for free 1 day car pass, free entrance for children to amphitheater, and one free ride. The Branch District friends donated \$110.00 for prizes and posters, McDonald's gave free coupons for Happy Meals and desserts, Friends of Algansee Library bought \$10.00 gift certificates for teens, we drew names for adults for 3 canvas book bags and Algansee Friends furnished pizza and ice cream for all. We had a good time and all patrons enjoyed the picnic and gifts. Next year the name of the Summer Reading Program is World Culture/World Travel, which should be a lot of fun! Planning programs for September. Come and visit your Algansee Library!

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Data entry is continuing as usual. No value changes can be made until the reappraisal completed. The Michigan Tax Tribunal appeal for Neuendorf was withdrawn by the owner. Mr. Goehler's hearing is still on schedule for the end of the month. The preliminary residential sales study has come in from the county but I haven't had a chance to review it yet. Working with the Register of Deeds office, Equalization, GIS, and Building Inspection to obtain all the documents needed to continue to keep the files up to date. Three quotes for budgeted assessor computer- Jim Christy -- \$1,839 for computer/software; printer \$975, Zeta One -- \$1,563 for computer; printer \$799 (HPLaserjet P4014), Postula – \$1,161. Bids were based on the new .NET software requirements for BS&A Software that will be coming (it has been out for better than a year – the county has already switched). This is a software conversion to consider for next years budget. It will allow us to fully use the new GIS mapping the county is currently developing. Ann Strong motioned to accept Postula's bid after clarification of his bid on the printer. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

K. CORRESPONDENCES – GIS Conference at Boyne Mountain, MTA regional meeting, State of Michigan Public Service Commission hearing, 2010 Damage Prevention for Pipelines Hearing.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- will be Monday, October 4, 2010 at 7:00pm at the Algansee Township Hall.

N. ADJOURNMENT- Bill Avra motioned to adjourn. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk

