

January 4, 2011 Algansee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 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 Laura Allen- 113 Back Bay Pt., Brad Smith- 177 Lakeshore Dr., John Shilling, Ann Ewers, Don Vrablic, Amos Barnett, Linda Belcher and Erica Ewers.

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

B. AGENDA- Ann Strong motioned to approve the agenda. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Dave McDonald and Bonnie Sherman from the Branch County Genealogical Society and the Branch County Historical Society gave a presentation on writing your own story for the new Branch County History Book. They urged everyone to write their story preserving the past for the future.

D. MINUTES-

Algansee Township Board November 1, 2010 Minutes - Bill Avra motioned to accept the November 1, 2010 minutes with Laura Allen's corrections paragraph L. Public Comment "*Take a straw poll vote of property owners in proposed sewer district by effected parcels*". Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

Algansee Township Board December 6, 2010 Minutes Bill Avra motioned to accept the December 6, 2010 Township Board Meeting minutes as presented. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

Algansee Planning Commission Minutes- the Planning Commission didn't meet in December.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT-

E. 1. Monthly Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the last month's township meeting was \$271,559.42. The township had income this past month of \$3,895.01 and expenses this past month of \$7,239.50 giving the township a balance for this January meeting of \$266,641.49. The Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported he and Bill Avra attended the Fire meeting, but there wasn't enough in attendance for a quorum. Bill said he would ask about what happens to the extra money that is paid in the assessments from the 4 entities when the Fire Association is under budget.

F. 2. Report from Algansee Township Planning Commission- Trustee Mick Belcher reported they didn't meet in the month of December and will hold the public hearing for these zoning updates on January 31, 2011 at 7:30 pm.

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

F. 4. Ordinance Violations- 264 Donnell Drive – Krasula – pole barn in built in setback area with no permit – warning letter issued to remove building from setback area and obtain permit to build within 30 days. **1025**

Grove Road – Certified Letter Sent – some progress but very slow, **788 Bennett Drive (Chris Donato)** – accessory building setback violation – Pre-trial hearing scheduled for Wednesday January 5th 11:30 a.m., **300 Winhoven** – trailer being torn down – almost completed

F. 5. Website (www.alganseetownship.com) – Supervisor Tom Morgan reported he needs to call the website host.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G. 1. Sewer Study Committee- nothing new to report.

G. 2. Receipt of partial payment for Lester Cemetery damage (\$3,872) - How to handle damage repair- Supervisor Tom Morgan said he will send the insurance company the headstone repair estimates to file a claim.

G. 3. Library Heat Payment for Winter Months- last year the heat payment for February was \$435.33 and the May payment was \$136.51. Ann Strong motioned to table the discussion until we find out if the District Library will accept our proposal of them paying the 12 additional hours per week for Librarian at Algansee Branch. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

G. 4. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS-

- H. 1. Presentation of Planning Commission changes to the Master Plan & Zoning Ordinance-** Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the Planning Commission's changes and additions to the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance with the public hearing set for January 31, 2011 at 7:30p.m. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.
- H. 2. Reappraisal Project Preliminary Results-** Assessor Erica Ewers said she is not satisfied with preliminary results from the reappraisal firm, there are several items missing.
- H. 3. Any Other New Business-** none

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$7,633.32. Mick Belcher 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 1 zoning permit for the month of December to Charles Gordon. He said there is a zoning violation at 264 Donnell Dr. and at 556 S. Ray Quincy Rd David Snyder has an unrecorded contract with 3 small buildings to house a horse.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Branch County Commission Don Vrablic said they held their reorganization meeting today.

J. 3. Algansee Library Report- Algansee Librarian Jan Clark emailed her December report as follows: Circ.- 650, Attn.- 348, Internet- 201, Hrs.-76, Wireless- 120, Juvenile programs- 5, Attn. for programs- 25. We had lots of Christmas crafts and stories, which the Friends of the Library purchased. We had another Cinema drawing for December, and the recipient was extremely thrilled with the prize. We also pulled 4 more names for some small Santa bears. We did not have a party, but we provided candy and snacks through the month. Starting 1-15-2011, a patron of Algansee has volunteered to give lessons on loom beading for the adults. Friends of Library bought the supplies, and we already have a full house, it should be fun! Our summer reading program is One World, Many Stories. Ordering of our supplies for summer reading program is provided by Coldwater Friends and the Algansee Friends. Thank You, Jan Clark

J. 4. Assessor's Report – The Reappraisal Firm, CSZ Services and Assessing, came to my office on December 27 to discuss the Land Tables and Economic Condition Factor Tables as they wanted to consolidate some of these and wanted to make sure they were correct on locations for the various plats. They also dropped off a preliminary copy of the reappraisal to review and look over. I have done so this past week and met with Tom this morning to discuss my concerns. We agreed to send the concerns to the reappraisal company and to Lewis Rogers. I sent the attached report to both of them this afternoon. Due to the current items that have been found with the reappraisal and missing data I will not be entering anymore items until after the reappraisal is finalized, to eliminate the need of having to enter it twice. December Board of Review was held December 14, 2010. All petitions were approved and have been copied and forwarded to the appropriate agencies and individuals. There have been no Tribunal updates on the pending cases. 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.

K. CORRESPONDENCES – MTA Annual meeting coming up this month.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- will be Monday, February 7, 2011 at 7:30pm at the Algansee Township Hall, with the budget workshop starting at 6:30p.m.

N. ADJOURNMENT- Mick Belcher motioned to adjourn. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk