

April 4, 2011 Algansee Township Board Minutes

CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- on Monday, April 4, 2011 at 7:00pm 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. Those that signed in were Jerry Hagerman and Paul Gencur.

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

FIRST SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PUBLIC HEARING FOR AQUATIC WEED CONTROL FOR THE CHANNEL BETWEEN WHISTLER AND RILEY DRIVES in Section 5, Algansee Township- Supervisor Tom Morgan called the Special Assessment Public Hearing to order at 7:00pm under P.A. 188 of 1954 as amended for the purpose of determining the validity of the petition and if the property owners are serious about creating a special assessment district for aquatic weed control. Rough costs can be discussed and if the property owners approve the second and final meeting is scheduled. Those present from the Channel between Whistler and Riley Drives Special Assessment District were Jerry Hagerman and Paul Gencur. Supervisor Tom Morgan reported the petition was valid with more than 51% of the 8 property owners' signatures. Jerry Hagerman motioned to hold the second special assessment public hearing. Paul Gencur supported the motion. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to close the public hearing. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to proceed with the second public hearing. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

SECOND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PUBLIC HEARING FOR AQUATIC WEED CONTROL FOR THE CHANNEL BETWEEN WHISTLER AND RILEY DRIVES in Section 5, Algansee Township- Supervisor Tom Morgan called the second Special Assessment Public Hearing to order at 7:15pm for aquatic weed control for the channel between Whistler and Riley Drives property owners, in Section 5, Algansee Township order under P.A. 188 of 1954 as amended. Jerry Hagerman motioned to have \$159.50 per parcel per year indefinitely and can change it any time the property owners would like to. Paul Gencur supported the motion. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to close the public hearing. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to approve the special assessment district for aquatic weed control for the channel between Whistler and Riley Drives' property owners, in Section 5, Algansee Township. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- on Monday, April 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. Those that signed in were Jerry Hagerman, Paul Gencur, Pete Inde, Brad and Patty Smith, Jim Stroock, Harold Sneath 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 Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board March 7, 2011 Minutes - Bill Avra motioned to accept the March 7, 2011 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

Algansee Township Annual Meeting, March 26, 2011 Minutes- Ann Strong motioned to accept the March 26, 2011 Algansee Annual Meeting minutes. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

Algansee Planning Commission Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the March 28, 2011 Algansee Planning Commission meeting minutes. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT-

E. 1. Monthly Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the last month's township meeting was \$278,945.85. The township had income this past month of \$117,946.92 and expenses this past month of \$8,653.36 giving the township a balance for this April meeting of \$388,239.41. 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- Bill Avra reported the Quincy Fire Association will meet next Tuesday, April 12th.

F. 2. Report from Algansee Township Planning Commission- Mick Belcher reported not much going on.

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

F. 4. Ordinance Violations- 1025 Grove Road – junk and weeds, letter sent to Marsha Benedict, property has been sold to son who says it will be cleaned up in 2 months.

788 Bennett Drive (Chris Donato) – accessory building setback violation – Court hearing set for May if Chris doesn't comply, attorneys setting up meeting to decide placement of building. Our attorney to set date with Chris to show us where he'll move the shed.

300 Winhoven – trailer being torn down, tree & junk yet to be removed.

F. 5. Website (www.alganseetownship.com) – Supervisor Tom Morgan reported the changes to the Special Use Permit Form have been updated on website.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G. 1. Sewer Study Committee- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported Wightman should have numbers by the beginning of May. Supervisor Tom Morgan said there will be a public hearing about the sewer project before any voting takes place.

G. 2. Any Other Old Business- Is the plan to have the sewer project go into the Ovid Kinderhook Treatment plant? Believe so. Will it take salt brine? Don Vrablic said no, but washing machine water and gray water aren't a problem.

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. Library Plan of Service Agreement Update for 2011- Ann Strong motioned to accept the Library Plan of Service Agreement. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

H. 2. Road Commission Contract for Sealcoating- Supervisor Tom Morgan reported the sealcoating contract for 2011 will be 2.98 miles on Lester Road between Ray Quincy and Kelley Road and 1.42 miles on Brocklebank Road between Central Road and Fisher Road. Bill Avra motioned to accept the 2011 Seal coating contract. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

H. 3. PA116 Request from John Shilling- 185 acres on Fremont Road. Bill Avra motioned to accept John Shilling's request for a PA116 contract. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

H. 4. Any Other New Business- none

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$50,184.66. Bill Avra motioned to pay the bills. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report- Zoning Administrator Russ Jennings reported he issued 4 zoning permits for March- Bowers, Fry, Noah Girod and Hal & Amy Jensen. There will be a special use public hearing for Jacob Schwartz at next Planning Commission meeting, April 25th. Zoning Administrator's Classes start April 19th.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Branch County Commissioner Don Vrablic gave his Commissioner's monthly report- Crane Prison closure, Dog licenses were \$10 before March 1, 2011 and now are \$40, Census Statistics Branch County has lost 533 people since the last census.

J. 3. Algansee Library Report- Algansee Librarian Jan Clark emailed her March report as follows- Circulation-757 Attendance-363 Hours-97 Internet-166 Adult Programs-2 Attendance-10 Juvenile Programs-3 Attendance-17. We finished our adult program, learning Hoop beading. Will try to have more adult programs this summer. We will continue story and craft time every Tuesday @ 4:30. Two programs scheduled for this summer, will update on programs, they sound like a lot of fun for children and adults. The Summer Reading Program for this summer is "One World Many Stories". We have lots of Great Patrons! All is good at the Library! Reading and craft fun for all! Thank You Jan

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Board of Review had a total of 120 petitions submitted, with 82 of those being valuation/class/qualified Ag appeals and 38 being hardship appeals. BOR reports were signed on March 30 and submitted on March 31. Getting items filed and working with Lewis Rogers to wrap of the 14 point review. Working with Register of Deeds Office, Equalization Department, GIS and Building Inspection to obtain all the documents needed to keep files up to date.

K. CORRESPONDENCES – MI Gas Utilities public hearing and Consumers Energy public hearing

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- will be Monday, May 2, 2011 at 7:30pm at the Algansee Township Hall.

N. ADJOURNMENT- Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk