

May 2, 2005

On **Monday May 2, 2005 the Alganssee Township Board** met at the Alganssee 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.

**A. Call Meeting to order / Pledge of Allegiance-** Supervisor Erica Ewers called the meeting to order at 7:30pm and welcomed everyone. Suzanne Preston led us in the pledge to the American flag.

**B. Agenda-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**C. Public Comment-** Susie Shilling wondered why the township minutes couldn't be read. Supervisor Ewers explained that they are available for everyone to read. Pricilla Dodd said she would like to have the zoning minutes prior to their meeting

**D. Minutes-** John Shilling had a correction to take his name off the last line of paragraph G; it says he voted twice, which he didn't. Bill Avra motioned to accept the April 4, 2005 Alganssee Township Board minutes as corrected. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**E. Treasurer's Report- 1. May Report-** Treasurer Ann Strong reported the township had a balance at last month's meeting of \$495,496.80 and this month the township had income totaling \$65,997.80 with expenses totaling \$26,037.03 for a balance of \$535,457.57. The Clerk agrees. John Shilling motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**E.2.- Special Assessments-** Treasurer Ann Strong said she is working on them.

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

**F. 1. Fire Association-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported on the meeting.

**F. 2. Planning & Zoning Commission Report-** John Shilling reported on the Planning Commission.

**F. 3. Zoning Board of Appeals-** Bill Avra reported they met once.

**F. 4. Building Committee-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that next month we'll look at all the plans and also we need to remove some trees in the yard and she'll contact Terry's Tree service for a bid.

#### **G. Old Business-**

**G. 1. Ordinance Violations- Junk and Zoning- a. Davis-** has until May 29<sup>th</sup> to pay us the money that is due or the deed gets filed saying that the property reverts back to us **Girod, Girod, Schwartz and Schmucker-** the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting is set for May 12<sup>th</sup>. **Schwartz** (on the corner of Colvin and Warren Roads) and **Dzienny** on Bickford Drive still cleaning up junk.

**G. 2. Road Commission Proposals- Dust control** will cost \$850.00 per mile with the township contribution of \$400.00 per mile with 2 applications. Alganssee Township will have 29.82 miles of gravel roads treated for dust control and our cost will be \$11,928.00 for a double application, with \$5,964.00 due with contract. John Shilling motioned to accept the dust control application. Support by Ann Strong. Roll call vote- John Shilling- yes, Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Erica Ewers- yes, motion carried. **Wolf Road-** reditch and regravell with 1,700 yards of processed gravel from Phillip Road to Stringtown Road, a distance of 1.5 miles for an estimated cost of \$35,000.00, with the township's share being \$17,500.00, with \$14,000 due with contract. Bill Avra motioned to accept the Wolf Road proposal. Support by Suzanne Preston. Roll Call vote- John Shilling- yes, Ann Strong- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, Erica Ewers- yes; motion carried. **Campbell Road-** reditch and regravell with 1,800 yards of processed gravel from Ray Quincy to Wolf Road for a cost of \$20,000, with the township's share being \$10,000, with \$ 8,000 due with contract. John Shilling motioned to accept the Campbell Road proposal. Support by Ann Strong. Roll call vote- John Shilling- yes, Ann Strong- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, Erica Ewers- yes, motion carried. Total amount due for all 3 projects is \$27,964.00.

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

**H. New Business-**

**H.1. Planning Commission Minutes-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the 4-25-05 Planning and Zoning Commission minutes as presented. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Since it is a zoning amendment request we need to forward it on the County Planning Commission, they have 30 days to comment on it, and then we will act on it.

**H. 2. Subdivision Control Ordinance-** Supervisor Erica Ewers asked the board to look it over and if you have any comments, questions or concerns to let her know.

**H.3. Website-** Supervisor Ewers reported that at the township's annual meeting the public said they would like a township web page to get information on the township. The board discussed the web page and who should we contact. We didn't know of many people in this business- Creative Web Design and Steve Sweitzer, who designs websites. Pricilla Dodd suggested contacting Mark Knaack who is the tech guy at the Branch Area Career Center.

**H. 4. Library-** Supervisor Ewers explained the contract that we have with the Branch County District Library expired March 31, 2005 and they have increased their pay, so for the 12 additional hours for a librarian at the Alganssee Library Branch is \$548.86. This contract is annually. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept this contract. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. The contract to rent the space for the library with the Wood family it expires December 31, 2005, this contract was for 5 years. We rent about 500 square feet for \$450.00/month to have the Library opened for 21 hours per week. We will try to meet with Joy and Ken and/ or Jeff Wood at 7:00 p.m. before our next meeting.

**Any Other New Business-** Russ Jennings said that Dale Paul and Tina Klimmer have cleaned up the old house on their property and should get their deposit of \$4,000.00 back.

**I. Payment of Bills-** John Shilling motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$41,784.95 plus election expenses. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**J. Correspondences-** Supervisor Ewers reported receiving correspondences from Branch County Road Commission Annual Report, Letter from the Governor's Office, McKenna, Coldwater Land Survey, Branch County Drain Commissioner's Update, and MTA workshops on 101 accounting and one on ordinances.

**K. Special Reports-**

**K. 1. Zoning Administrator-** Russ Jennings reported he had issued 2 new permits last month.

**K. 2. Branch County Commissioners Report-** no report.

**K. 3. Alganssee Township Library-** Supervisor Ewers reported on the Library

**K. 4. Assessor's Report-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the County Equalization approved all the numbers for the whole county, we got the go ahead to roll things over to this year and start working on July BOR.

**L. Public Comment-** Bill Avra said he talked to someone about the Amish in Wisconsin and their zoning.

**M. Announcements-**

**N. Next Meeting-** will be June 6, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

**O. Adjourn-** Ann Strong motioned adjourned. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk

May expenses- \$41,784.95 + 5-3-05 election expenses \$509.47 = \$42,294.42