

**ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. the ALGANSEE TOWNSHIP BOARD** met at the Algansee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy, Michigan. Members present were Supervisor Erica Ewers, Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee Bill Avra, Trustee John Shilling and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors that signed in were Dallas Snyder, John Siefken, and Diane Pish.

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** Supervisor Erica Ewers called the meeting to order and Suzanne Preston led us in the pledge to the American flag.

**B. AGENDA- additions & deletions-** Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the agenda with the addition of 3.5- newsletter under new business. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT-** none

**D. MINUTES-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the September 6, 2005 township board minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

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

**E. 1. October Report-** Treasurer Ann Strong reported the township balance as of last meeting, October 3, 2005 was \$520,036.53, the township had expenses of \$30,057.91 and the township had income of \$605.09, giving the township a balance of \$490,583.71. The Clerk agrees. John Shilling motioned to accept the November 7, 2005 Treasurer's report. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

**E. 2. IRS Update-** Treasurer Ann Strong reported that our bill with the IRS should be settled soon.

**E. 3. Tax Collection Update-** Treasurer Ann Strong reported the county is printing the tax notices now and if anyone wants to help stuff envelopes soon they are welcome to come over. Treasurer Ann Strong reported we need to make some budget changes. Bill Avra motioned to change the Clerk's equipment maintenance to \$200.00. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried. Suzanne Preston motioned to change the Professional Services- Accounting to \$7,000.00. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. John Shilling motioned to change the Professional Services- Legal Fees to \$15,000.00. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

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

**F. 1. Quincy Fire Association- a. Grass Rig Replacement-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported they are taking bids for a new fire truck to replace the #25 Grass Truck, all the equipment from the old truck is transferable. Our township's share would be \$30,000.00. John Shilling motioned to pay our share up front and use our share of the fund balance to pay for the truck. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

**F. 1. b. Grass Rig Motor-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that the engine in the other grass truck went out and it is repairable for about \$3,000.00.

**F. 1. c. Preliminary Budget-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that the preliminary budget has come out of committee at \$137,523.00 with our share will be \$35,756.00.

**F. 1. d. Fire Association Agreement-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that all entities approved the Quincy Fire Association Agreement.

**F. 2. Planning and Zoning Commission Report-** John Shilling reported they have met once and approved the Mike Waterbury special use request.

**F. 3. Zoning Board of Appeals-** Bill Avra reported they met once and tabled the request.

**F. 4. Building Committee-** Supervisor Erica Ewers said she hasn't gotten back to it.

## **G. OLD BUSINESS**

**G. 1. Ordinance and Junk Violations- a. Mr. Reigle** has sent the township a letter and pictures to show us his progress and will keep us informed of the progress. **Amish case-** the township received a McKenna fee update.

**G. 2. Litigation Update-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported on

**G. 3. Website-** Ann Strong motioned to have the township have a website and to have the Solomon Group create the website site and we update it for \$1,875.00. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

**G. 4. Library-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that the contract is in the mail to Ken Wood. Joy wood wondered who was responsible for the ramp. Supervisor Erica Ewers reported it would be the Library Board.

**G. 5. Any Other Old Business -** none

## **H. NEW BUSINESS**

**H. 1. Planning Commission Minutes-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the October 31, 2005 Algansee Township Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes as presented. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. John Shilling motioned to approve the Algansee Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation to allow Mike Waterbury to remove his trailer and put a new double wide in its place. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**H. 2. Hazmat-** Supervisor reported that on November 1, 2005 the Branch County 911 office called her and wondered what she was planning on doing with this barrel of unknown substance that was in the road on Legg Road. After \$400.00 work of lab work it was found to have used fuel oil in it. There will also be a cost of \$1,200.00 to \$2,500.00 for clean up. Supervisor Erica Ewers left a message with our MCM Insurance agent Kevin Decker and has not heard back from him.

**H. 3. Cemetery-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that there were ashes buried without the sexton involved, which is not legal. Supervisor Erica Ewers wondered if we needed to change the Cemetery Guidelines to a Cemetery Ordinance so it would be a misdemeanor if someone did something they shouldn't have done in the cemeteries. Supervisor Erica Ewers requested that we send the family a letter notifying them that they need to give the burial permit to the sexton, Bill James, and to pay him the \$100.00 burial fee.

**H.3.5- Newsletter-** Supervisor Erica Ewers wondered if everyone had read the newsletter that will be going out with the tax notices and if they had anything to add. Suzanne Preston suggested that we need to have the Treasurer Ann Strong's name, address and phone number in larger and bolder print so everyone can see it. Ann Strong motioned to accept the newsletter with the changes. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

**H. 4. Any Other New Business-** Suzanne Preston motioned to pay Treasurer Ann Strong \$555.00 for the postage for the '05 Winter Tax Notices. Support by John Shilling. Motion

carried. Treasurer Ann Strong reported her fax machine died. Suzanne Preston motioned to buy a new fax machine for the Treasurer. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**I. Payment of Bills-** Bills were presented in the amount of 9,222.50. Ann Strong motioned to pay the bills. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**J. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report-** Russ Jennings reported he had issued 8 permits in the month of September, 1 of them being a new home.

**J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report-** no report.

**J. 3. Algansee Library Report-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that Lynnell gave her the report which said there were 404 books in circulation, 311 attended the Library and it was opened 81 hours for the month

**J. 4. Assessor's Report-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported she is working on December Board of Review.

**K. Correspondences-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the township received correspondence from State Representative Bruce Caswell, MDOT, Par Plan update, Voter Registration Website and MTA- workshop on planning your capitol improvements.

**L. Public Comment-** none

**M. Next Meeting-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the next meeting will be on Monday, December 5, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the Algansee Township Hall.

**N. Adjourn-** Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk