

ON MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2006 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.

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- Supervisor Erica Ewers said to add 2.5 under new business for Branch County Road Commission and Federal Poverty Guidelines. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept these additions. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

D. MINUTES- Supervisor Erica Ewers had one correction for the December 5, 2005 minutes and that is under F.1. Quincy Fire Association- need to add motion carried, because the motion was carried at last month's meeting. John Shilling motioned to accept the December 5, 2005 Algansee Township Board minutes with the change of adding the motion carried under F.1. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

E. 1. January Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the township balance as of the last meeting, December 5, 2005 was \$500,633.41, the township had income of \$224.68, and the township had expenses of \$16,396.46 giving the township a balance of \$484,461.63. The Clerk agrees. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the January 2, 2006 Treasurer's report. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

E. 2. IRS Update- Treasurer Ann Strong reported that right now we have no penalties and the IRS has to close their end of it.

E. 3. Tax Collection Update- so far summer tax collection update- \$380,333.35 on 1371 parcels and winter taxes collected \$574,876.91 on 590 parcels.

E. 4. Budget Update- Treasurer Ann Strong reported that she and Supervisor Erica Ewers worked on updating the current budget. We need to adjust the equalization contract budget which is under assessing, also drains at large which is under public works, and the Treasurer's equipment maintenance. Suzanne Preston motioned to adjust the equalization contract budget to \$1,925. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Suzanne Preston motioned to adjust the public works- Drains at large budget to \$5,600. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Suzanne Preston motioned to adjust the Treasurer Equipment maintenance to \$500. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Supervisor Erica Ewers said we will work on next year's budget at next month's meeting.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that they haven't met since our last meeting

F. 2. Planning and Zoning Commission Report- John Shilling reported they haven't met since our last meeting.

F. 3. Zoning Board of Appeals- Bill Avra reported they haven't met since our last meeting.

F. 4. Building Committee- Supervisor Erica Ewers said they don't have a report.

F. 5. Supervisor's Meeting- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that Branch County Road Commission talked about the County Bridge Projects 2006-2010 proposal.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G. 1. Ordinance and Junk Violations- Junk- Mr. Reigle is status quo. **Michael Dodd's** is all cleaned up and **Freddie Avra's**- Crauns Beach deadline is March 15, 2006.

G. 2. Litigation Update- Consent judgment was approved by the judge. Noah and John Schwartz are working on their land splits and Martin Schmucker has his zoning permit.

G. 3. Website- Erica Ewers reported the she and the clerk will meet with Fred Morgan from the Solomon group tomorrow morning.

G. 4. HAZMAT Update- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that Young's Environmental did submit a bill for \$3,183.84 and she forwarded it on to our insurance company.

G. 5. Library- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that the Branch County District Library has hired Janice Clark for the Librarian for the Alganssee Library Branch; our share of her wages will be \$6,598.24 at \$549.85 per month except next month will be \$550.85. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept Janice Clark as the new Librarian for the Alganssee Library Branch and our share of her wages will be \$6,598.24 at 549.85 per month except next month will be \$550.85. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Joy Wood is requesting the township help pay for the fuel for either the months of February or March for her store where the Alganssee Township is renting space for the Alganssee Library. John Shilling motioned to not pay the fuel bill for the store where the township is renting space for the Alganssee Library; this request was not mentioned in the contract. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H. 1. Social Security Privacy Act- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that the State Government is mandating all governmental entities to have a Social Security Privacy Act- ensuring the confidentiality of social security numbers. Ann Strong motioned to adopt the social security privacy act. Support by Suzanne Preston. Roll call vote- John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried.

H. 2. B S & A Cemetery Management Software Proposal- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that this is something our township should consider this to tie into our web page. The cost is \$1495.00 based on approximate 5, 330 plot count in our cemeteries.

H. 2.5- Branch County Road Commission- Road Commission Annual meeting with our township board is Thursday, February 9 at 1:45. Proposed seal coating for \$2,500.00 per mile 6.1 miles- Brown Road from Ray Quincy to Kelly, Alexis Drive, Crockett Drive, Kelly Rd, Wilmen Rd and Wright Rd. Dust control- \$450 per mile for 2 applications equaling \$14,094.00 and \$650 per mile for one application equaling \$10,962.00.

H. 2.75 Federal Poverty Guidelines- Supervisor Erica Ewers handed out the Federal poverty guidelines as of December 31, 2005. Bill Avra motioned to accept the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

H.3. Any Other New Business- none

I. Payment of Bills- Bills were presented in the amount of \$11,364.91. Ann Strong motioned to pay the bills. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report- Russ Jennings reported he had issued 1 zoning permit in the month of December to Martin Schmucker on South Ray Quincy Road.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Mickey Rubley was absent.

J. 3. Alganssee Library Report- December's report- 303 books were checked out, 223 were in attendance, opened 90 hours and 55 used the computer.

J. 4. Assessor's Report- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported she is entering data.

K. Correspondences- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the township received correspondence about State Senate Bill 252 which says it is required to put the street address on all material to be

involved with rezoning, special use and such, which we have already been doing, MTA-workshop on 2006 Board of Review Training.

L. Public Comment- Susie Shilling asked what the total bill is from this Amish case. Supervisor Erica Ewers told her we don't have all the bills in yet, next meeting we should have it totaled. The clerk pointed out the township's new voting tabulator which we got under HAVA (Help America Vote Act). Bill Jones wondered if the Branch County Road Commission could remove some trees on the corner of Hall and Fremont roads.

M. Next Meeting- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the next meeting will be Monday, February 6, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the Algansee Township Hall.

N. Adjournment- Suzanne Preston motioned to adjourn. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk