

ON MONDAY, March 6, 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. Visitors present that signed in were Dallas Snyder, Richard and Cindy Austin, Diane Pish, William Jones and Susan Shilling.

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 1.5 under new business-lawn care bids. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the agenda these additions. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

D. BUDGET HEARING- Supervisor Erica Ewers called the Budget Hearing to order. The Board went over the 2006-2007 Budget and income and expenses were discussed. John Shilling motioned to close the Public Hearing. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Budget Hearing was closed at 7:40 pm. Bill Avra motioned to accept the 2006-2007 Budget. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

E. TRUTH AND TAXATION HEARING- Supervisor Erica Ewers called the Truth and Taxation Hearing to order at 7:41 pm. Supervisor Erica Ewers explained that according to the Headley Amendment this tax reduces each year. Last year it was .83210 and we don't know exactly what the rate will be this year because the state hasn't released the figures yet. Bill Avra motioned to close the Truth and Taxation Hearing. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to allow the maximum allowable millage tax not to exceed the .83210 mil levy tax. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

F. MINUTES- John Shilling motioned to accept the February 6, 2006 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

G. TREASURER'S REPORT

G. 1. March Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the township balance as of the last meeting, February 6, 2006 was \$497,232.30 the township had income of \$694.08 and the township had expenses of \$20,485.43 giving the township a balance of 477,440.95. The Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept the March 6, 2006 Treasurer's report. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

G. 2. IRS Update- Treasurer Ann Strong said she would check with our auditor.

G. 3. Tax Collection Update- summer tax collection update- 1279 parcels paid and collected \$401,652.09 and winter tax collection update- 1291 parcels paid and collected \$1,212,219.05.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

H. 1. Quincy Fire Association- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the new fire truck is here.

H. 2. Planning and Zoning Commission Report- John Shilling reported they have met once this last month.

H. 3. Zoning Board of Appeals- Bill Avra reported they met once last month and tabled the request.

H. 4. Building Committee- Supervisor Erica Ewers said she is working on it.

I. OLD BUSINESS

I. 1. Ordinance Violations- Junk & Zoning- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that she is working on a zoning ordinance violation. She said she has a couple junk ordinance violations pending. Fred Avra said he would get his cleaned up, but it might or might not be by March 15th. Supervisor Erica Ewers also reported there are about 10 barns that have fallen down this last year and wondered if she should send them a letter. The board agreed that she should send the property owners of the fallen down barns, a letter.

I. 2. Planning Commission Positions- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported there are 2 positions up on the Planning Commission. Glenn Preston and Rodney Carpenter said they would be interested in being reappointed to the Planning Commission. We also got a letter from Ed Strong saying he was interested in

the position. John Shilling motioned to reappoint Glenn Preston and Rodney Carpenter to the Planning Commission. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

I. 3. ZBA Position- Supervisor Erica Ewers said she noticed that Bill McCann's position on the Zoning Board of Appeals is up this month also. She said she called him and he is not interested in being reappointed. She said we do hire Diane Beckman to take minutes, so Supervisor Erica Ewers said she called Diane to see if she would be interested in the position. Diane said she would. Bill Avra motioned to appoint Diane Beckman to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

I. 4. Any Other Old Business- none

J. NEW BUSINESS

J. 1. Planning Commission Minutes- John Shilling motioned to accept the February 27, 2006 Planning and Zoning Commission minutes. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

J. 1.5. Lawn Care Bids- Supervisor Erica Ewers opened the proposed township lawn care bids. Dallas Snyder from Alganssee Twp. bid \$7,900. Hall's Tree Service from Tekonsha bid \$9,360. Perfection Lawn Care from Union City bid \$11,156.25. Otis Snow Removal and Lawn Care from Coldwater bid \$8,000. Best Lawn Care from Alganssee Twp. bid \$7,500. John Shilling motioned to accept Dallas Snyder's bid and keep him on as taking care of the township's lawn care. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

J. 2. Zoning Fees- Supervisor Erica Ewers presented the new Zoning Fees, which are Residential-\$25, Agricultural-\$25, Commercial-\$1,000*, Industrial-\$1,000*, Subdivision-\$1,000*, Camper Permit-\$10, Zoning Certificate-\$100, Public Hearing-\$1,000*(includes, but not limited to- special use, rezoning, board of appeals) If permits purchased after construction starts: Permit fees increase to four times the amount listed above if purchased after the start of construction. This increase cost is the result of increased paper work by the zoning administrator, including mileage and increased labor costs relating to setbacks, inspections and paper work. * A \$1,000 deposit will be required for these items, of which the basic cost is \$250. The remaining fees will be used to cover cost of planners and attorneys, if needed. Any unused funds will be reimbursed upon approval or denial of either the hearing or the permit. If additional funds are needed contact will be made to the requester and such payment will be due before completion of request. Land Splits- price per split- \$25. John Shilling motioned to accept the new Zoning Fees as presented. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

J. 3. Resolution Regarding 2006 March Board of Review- WHERAS, Public Act 194, 2003 allows the township board by resolution to select an alternative starting date in March when the Board of Review shall initially meet, WHERAS, MCL 211.30 provides the alternative starting dates shall be Tuesday or Wednesday following the second Monday of March, Whereas the Alganssee Township Board wants to make Board of Review convenient for both the assessor and the Board of Review work schedules, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Alganssee Township Board of Review will meet on Wednesday, March 15, 2006 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Thursday March 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member Erica Ewers. Second offered by Board Member Bill Avra. Upon Roll call vote the following voted: Aye: John Shilling, Bill Avra, Ann Strong, Suzanne Preston and Erica Ewers. Nay: no one. The Supervisor declared the resolution passes. Signed Suzanne Preston.

J.4.Road Commission Proposals- Hammon Rd- 2.0 miles with 3,200 yards of process gravel- \$15,500, Phillip Rd- 1.0 mile with 1,600 yards of process gravel- \$6,500, seal coating \$15,250 and dust control- \$14,094. Total cost for road projects is \$41,344.

J.5.Annual Meeting Date- is March 25, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

J. 6. Any Other New Business- Dave Gilbert wondered about more road construction on Briggs Rd. to get it paved.

K. Payment of Bills- Bills were presented in the amount of \$8,391.73. Ann Strong motioned to pay the bills. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

L. SPECIAL REPORTS

L. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report- Russ Jennings was on vacation. Supervisor Erica Ewers said he had issued 2 permits- one to John Schwartz for a pole barn and one Martin Schmucker for a porch.

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

L. 3. Alganssee Library Report- January's report- 263 were in attendance, opened 83 hours and 83 used the computer and 548 items were checked out.

L. 4. Assessor's Report- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported Board of Review is next week, on 3-15-06 at 1:00 p.m. to 4:00p.m.& 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and 3-16-06 at 9:00 a.m. to noon & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

M. Correspondences- County Drain Commissioner Mike Hard sent his report, Kirk Kashian sent a report, and the Library sent a letter stating March is Reading month.

N. Public Comment- Dave Gilbert wondered about the high cost of the Fire Department, Suzanne Preston wondered if the Quincy Fire Department has thought anymore about putting dry fire hydrants in our township and Susie Shilling wondered about the cost of the Amish legal case. Treasurer Ann Strong said it cost the township \$12,098.38 in 2005 and \$7,000.00 in 2004 for legal cases with the Amish.

O. Next Meeting- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the next meeting will be Monday, April 3,, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the Alganssee Township Hall.

P. Adjournment- Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk