

AUGUST 1, 2005 ALGANSEE TOWNSHIP

ON MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 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 John Shilling and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Absent Trustee Bill Avra. Visitors present that signed in were Dallas Snyder, Lena Donato & daughter and Susan Shilling.

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

B. AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS- Supervisor Erica Ewers asked us to add under New Business H. 1.5 McKenna. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the agenda with the addition. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Supervisor Erica Ewers said that someone from the lake area called her and wondered if the township could put up “slow children playing” sign. The township board agreed that if she wanted to put up and pay for the sign she could, but the township board wouldn’t.

D. MINUTES- John Shilling motioned to accept the July 5, 2005 township board minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER’S REPORT

E. 1. August Report- Ann Strong reported that last month’s township balance was \$507,912.00, township had expenses of \$31,710.86 and township had income of \$25,541.71, giving the township a balance of \$501,742.85. The clerk agrees. John Shilling motioned to accept the Treasurer’s report. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

E. 2. Audit/Quick Books Update- we haven’t heard anything from our auditor.

E. 3. IRS Update- Treasurer Ann Strong said the township received their second notice of money due, but we haven’t heard back from our auditor.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Fire Association- will meet this Wednesday, August 3, 2005.

F. 2. Planning and Zoning Commission Report- John Shilling reported they met twice in the month of July, and they are having a workshop with the Planner on Monday, August 15, 2005.

F. 3. Zoning Board of Appeals- they met once.

F. 4. Building Committee- nothing new.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G. 1. ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS- JUNK & ZONING- a. Girod, Girod, Schwartz & Schmucker- the pretrial hearing is this Thursday, August 4, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. Supervisor Erica Ewers reported there is a trailer violation letter going out.

G. 2. WEBSITE- Supervisor Erica Ewers said she hoped everyone had a chance to read the article in the MTA July 2005 magazine, page 10-16 “This Old Web Site: Is it Time for a Renovation”. Also she finally got a hold of Mark Knaack who recommended Fred Morgan with the Solomon Group to help us with a website.

G. 3. LIBRARY BUILDING SPACE CONTRACT- Supervisor Erica Ewers asked us to look over the Library Building Space Agreement before next month’s meeting.

G. 4. ANY OTHER OLD BUSINESS- none

H. NEW BUSINESS

H. 1. PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES- John Shilling motioned to accept the July 25, 2005 Algansee Township Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes as presented. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

H. 1.5 MCKENNA- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that she and Dave Gilbert interviewed our new planner from McKenna, Associates. Her name is Catherine Kaufman, who is a licensed attorney and has her Masters degree in Planning; she will be here on August 15, 2005 for the Planning and Zoning workshop.

H. 2. ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS- none.

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Bills were presented in the amount of \$24,832.71. Ann Strong motioned to pay the bills. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

BRANCH COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT- reported on the sheriff's dept.

J. 1. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT- Russ Jennings reported he had issued 4 permits this last month.

J. 2. BRANCH COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT- Mickey Rubley gave her report.

J. 3. ALGANSEE LIBRARY REPORT- no report.

J. 4. ASSESSOR'S REPORT- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported they had 30 changes at the July Board of Review.

K. CORRESPONDENCES- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported we had a letter from McKenna, and a flyer from MTA about the fall district meeting.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

NEXT MEETING- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 6, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the Algansee Township Hall. It's on Tuesday because of the Labor Day holiday on Monday.

ADJOURN- John Shilling made a motion to adjourn. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk