

July 5, 2005 Algansee Township Board Minutes

A. Call Meeting to Order- July 5, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. Supervisor Erica Ewers called the regular Algansee Township Board meeting to order at the Algansee 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. Visitors who signed in were Steven Twining, Robin & Cheryl Cline, Diane Pish, Kaye Longardner, Marsha Swain, Joan Mason, Charlotte Stork, Joan Oldham, William Sackett, Bill & Shila Boes, Joe & Lena Donato, Gerald J. Rogers, Dallas & Bev Snyder, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Schomaker, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Boggia, Ted Stabley and Ed Michel.
Pledge of Allegiance- clerk Suzanne Preston led us in the pledge to the American flag.

B. Agenda Additions/Deletions- Bill Avra motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

C. Public Hearing for Donnell/Bennett Drive Road Construction Special Assessment- Supervisor Erica Ewers called the public hearing to order. She explained that there are 70 parcels total with 43 parcels on Donnell Drive and 27 parcels on Bennett Drive. Joe Donato explained that he had 2 people asked him when he was going to get the Donnell/Bennett Drive fixed. One guy was from the Branch County Road Commission and the other guy was retired from the Calhoun County Road Commission. Joe Donato also explained the plan is to remove one inch of the asphalt and to add 2 inches of asphalt. Supervisor Erica Ewers opened the public hearing for discussion.
Steven Twining, 226 Donnell Drive, said the people were misled; they all need to meet as a group to decide what is best.
Ted Stabley, 234 Donnell Drive, said he was against the proposal.
Bill Sackett, 223 Donnell Drive, said he was against the proposal, also he felt people were getting misleading information, he was told he was the only one not to sign the first petition and wondered if any other funding was explored, he has a petition of more than ½ the property owners, 37 signatures, that are against the proposal.
Bill Boes, 746 Bennett Drive, wondered if anyone has checked into seal coating.
Robin Cline, 738 Bennett Drive, felt he was lied to in the original petition, against the petition, needs a better base.
Charlotte Stork, 229 Donnell Drive, would like her name taken off the original petition.
Gerald Rogers, 233 Donnell Drive, would like his name taken off the original petition.
Joan Alden, 227 Donnell Drive, said she is against the original petition.
Joan Mason, 225 Donnell Drive, said she is against the original petition.
Marsha Swain, 221 Donnell Drive, against the original petition, was told everyone was signing the petition.
Steven Twining, 226 Donnell Drive, the property owners on both roads needs to form a committee.
Lena Donato, 810 Bennett Drive, Bennett Drive has wetlands on the other side of the road.
Ed Michel, 749 Bennett Drive, against the chip and seal and he did sign the petition.
Bill Sackett, 223 Donnell Drive, motioned to not proceed with the project. Support by Steven Twining. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to close the public hearing. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Supervisor Erica Ewers closed the public hearing by saying we will not proceed with the public hearing and not proceed with the special assessment and hopes that everyone gets together to have a meeting. She told everyone they were welcome to stay for the rest of the meeting or they were free to go.

D. Public Comment- none

E. Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the June 6, 2005 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

F. Treasurer's Report- 1. July Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance for last month was \$523, 048.58, expenses were \$16,346.20 and income was \$1,022.62, leaving a balance of \$507,725.00. The clerk agrees. John Shilling motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

F. 2. Audit Update- both attorneys have submitted their reports to our auditor, now only need to get a CD update.

F. 3. Quick Books Proposal- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the township auditor said he would train Ann on Quick Books for \$75/hour and \$50/round trip to get it set up correctly. Ann Strong motioned to hire David Loccy to come over and train her on Quick Books. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

F. 4. I.R.S. Update- David Loccy the township auditor took the I.R.S. letter to look into.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS- 1.Fire Association Report- the Amish north of Quincy held a benefit for the Quincy Fire Department and raised \$25,108.00. Quincy Fire Dept. kept \$5,108.00 for uniforms & thermal imaging camera and donated \$20,000.00 for the county wide smoke training trailer. The Quincy Fire Dept. is working on a golf tournament. The Quincy Fire Association Agreement has 3 items that need to be changed and hopefully next month we will see a copy. Kaye

Longardner said he didn't feel it was the Quincy Fire Chief's responsibility to tell the Montgomery Fire Dept. that they wouldn't help in mutual aid anymore. It is important in these rural communities to help in mutual aid.

G. 2. Planning Commission Report- John Shilling reported they met once this last month.

G. 3. Zoning Board of Appeals- Bill Avra reported they met once this last month.

G. 4. Building Committee- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported she received a bid from Terry's Tree Service for \$850 for a tree and \$100 to take out the stump. Kaye Longardner said he could take both trees out and the stump for \$500, he knew of some people that would like the wood and he would need someone to take the power line down and someone to take out the tree roots so the outhouse wouldn't upset when the tree roots were pulled out.

H. OLD BUSINESS- 1. Ordinance Violations- Junk and Zoning- the pre trial for Girod, Girod, Schwartz & Schmucker is scheduled for August 4th. Supervisor Erica Ewers reported a couple people have 30 days to clean up junk.

H. 2. Website- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported she has tried twice to contact Mark Knaack about the BIRD website. Ann Strong said she has talked to Dennis Moore, the Girard Township treasurer and they have 4 pages on their website, with all taxes being on one page. It costs Girard \$600.00 to maintain their website and \$1,200.00 for the initial set up from Creative Web Design; they also try to update it once a week.

H. 3. Library- Supervisor Erica Ewers asked for the board's input and said she will have the township attorney rewrite the termination part of the contract with the Woods Family and hopefully get it to us next month.

H. 4. Computer Installation- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that her Supervisor/Assessor computer and the Treasurer's computer are up and running.

H. 5. Any Other Old Business- none

I. NEW BUSINESS- 1. Algansee Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes- Supervisor Erica Ewers asked if any one had heard from the County Planning Commission about the April 25, 2005 Algansee Township Planning and Zoning minutes. No one had. Bill Avra motioned to go along with the April 25, 2005 Algansee Township Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation to deny Mike and Kelly Dodd's request to amend the Algansee Township Zoning Ordinance. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to accept the June 27, 2005 Algansee Planning and Zoning Commission minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

I. 2. Any Other New Business- none

J. Payment of Bills- Bills were presented in the amount of 31,710.86. Ann Strong motioned to pay the bills. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

K. Special Reports- 1. Zoning Administrator's Report- Russ Jennings reported he had issued 3 zoning permits and had a lot of phone calls about possible building and variances.

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

K. 3. Algansee Township Library Branch Report- Lynnell Eash emailed her monthly report to Supervisor Erica Ewers, with books checked out- 974; attendance- 509, bake sale and book sale earned \$305.85 going towards buying more books and the summer reading program.

K. 4. Assessor's Report- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the Board of Review is July 19th, the time isn't set yet.

L. Correspondences- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported we had received letters from our State Rep. Bruce Caswell about revenue sharing; American Red Cross is looking for volunteers, Branch County Road Commission newsletter, and the Coldwater Community Schools about the millage rate.

M. Public Comment- none

N. Announcements / O. Next Meeting- will be Monday August 1, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

P. Adjourn- Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. John Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:45p.m.

July 13, 2005 Special Meeting- Supervisor Erica Ewers called the July 13, 2005 Special Meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. to adopt a resolution to have Suzanne Preston authorized to submit the grant to the State of Michigan for the grant to purchase an optical scan voting equipment. Bill Avra made the motion. Support by John Shilling. Roll call vote- John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, and Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk