

**ON MONDAY, May 1, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. the ALGANSEE TOWNSHIP BOARD** met at the Alganssee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy, Michigan. Board 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 & Bev Snyder, Jan Clark, Faye & Jack Lutz, Effie & Edward Reed, Arnie & Darlene Duseberg, Joseph Wolniak, Elaine Skiles, Gail Burch, William Truitt, Dennis Papler, Charles Kacines, Shawn Fredericks, Clarence Strong, Tom Hartman, Roy Pohl, Sam C. Markwood, Fred Avra, June Misener, Susan Shilling, Amos Barnett, Dave Stempien (letter per agent Dennis Papler), Loren Ausderau, Gary & Jane Sanderson.

**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 mileage rate review under new business. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT- 1. Public Hearing Special Assessment Request for Aquatic Weed Control for Sunset Heights #2 Channel Lots 1- 18 plus non platted property-** Supervisor Erica Ewers called the public hearing for a special assessment request for aquatic weed control for Sunset Heights #2 channel, section 4, Alganssee Township to order pursuant to Michigan Public Act 188 of 1954 as amended. She said she has received a petition signed by 18 of the 24 property owners which is more than 51% of the property owner's signatures in favor of creating a special assessment district for aquatic weed control for the Sunset Heights #2 channel, at a total cost of \$17,842 which is \$743.00 per property owner for 5 years which works out to \$148.68 per year per property owner. Dennis Papler spoke about the difficulty of trying to collect the money for the aquatic weed control of the channel each year and then he heard about getting a special assessment for the aquatic weed control and he was able to get 18 out of 24 property owners to sign it. Sam Markwood of 106 Wright Road said he is supporting the special assessment. Ed Strong of 954 Wilmin Road said he is in favor of the special assessment. Shawn Fredericks of 956 Wilmin Road said he is favor of the special assessment. Dennis Papler of 960 Wilmin Road said he is in favor of the special assessment. Tom Hartman of 102 Wright Road said he is in favor of the special assessment. William Truitt of 933 Lukesport Road said he is in favor of the special assessment. Elaine Skiles of 122 Wright Road said she is in favor of the special assessment. Roy Pohl of 105 Wright Road said he is in favor of the special assessment. Chuck Kacines of 110 Wright Road said he is favor of the special assessment. Loren Ausderau of 952 Wilmin Road said he is in favor of the special assessment. Loren Ausderau motioned to hold the next public hearing for the special assessment request for aquatic weed control for the Sunset Height #2 channel on Monday June 5, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. Support by Ed Strong. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to close the public hearing for the special assessment request for aquatic weed control for Sunset Heights #2 channel. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to proceed with the second hearing on Monday June 5, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

**C. 2. Public Hearing Special Assessment Request for Channel between Whistler and Riley Drives-** Supervisor Erica Ewers called to order at 7:45 p.m. the public hearing for the special assessment request for aquatic weed control for the channel between Whistler and Riley Drives, section 5, Alganssee Township, pursuant to Michigan Public Act 188 of 1954 as amended. She said she has received a petition, with more than 51% of the property owner's signatures to create a special assessment district for aquatic weed control on the channel between Whistler and Riley Drives. She said there are 9 parcels and 7 property owners. Janice Clark of 832 Riley Drive said she would like it divided fairly. Don Hoopes said it could be divided per property owner. He has a quote of \$908 for one year. Rick Nickerson of 825 said he is in favor of the special assessment for aquatic weed control of the channel. Don Hoopes made a motion to hold the next public hearing for the special assessment request for aquatic weed control for the channel between Riley and Whistler Drives on June 5, 2006 at 7:45 p.m. Support by Janice Clark. Motion carried. Bill Avra motion to close the public hearing for the special request for aquatic weed control for the channel between Whistler and Riley Drives. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Bill Avra motion to proceed with the second public hearing for the channel between Riley and Whistler Drives. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**C. 3. General Public Comment-** Gary Sanderson introduced himself and said he was running for the 4<sup>th</sup> County Commissioners seat.

**D. MINUTES-** John Shilling motioned to accept the April 3, 2006 Alganssee Township Board minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

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

**E. 1. May Report-** Treasurer Ann Strong reported the township balance as of the last meeting, April 3, 2006, was \$495,642.51, the township had income of \$84,684.34 and the township had expenses of \$45,890.31 giving the township a balance of. \$534,436.54. The Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept the May 1, 2006 Treasurer's report. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried. Treasurer reported a CD was due today at Flagstar Bank so she rolled it over for a rate of 5.43%. Suzanne Preston motioned to keep David F. Locey as the township auditor. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. Treasurer Ann Strong said she would contact David Locey to set up an appointment to get the books audited.

## **F. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**F. 1. Quincy Fire Association-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the Quincy Fire Association elected officers at their Annual meeting last month with Kurt Spalding as president, Reggie Ivy as vice president and Karen Hargrave as secretary/treasurer.

**F. 2. Planning and Zoning Commission Report-** John Shilling reported they didn't meet last month.

**F. 3. Zoning Board of Appeals-** Bill Avra reported they didn't meet last month.

**F. 4. Building Committee-** John Shilling said he would check with other townships to see if they are planning on expanding or what size their halls are.

**F. 5. Website ([www.alganseetownship.com](http://www.alganseetownship.com))** - Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that minutes have been updated and she needs to check and see why the zoning ordinance is not on the website.

## **G. OLD BUSINESS**

**G. 1. Ordinance Violations- Junk & Zoning-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that she is working on some zoning ordinance violations and junk ordinance complaints. Faye Lutz of 127 Crauns Beach Drive said she lives in a neat and tidy neighborhood and has a complaint about a trailer at 835 or 837 Crauns Lane and something needs to be done to take this eye sore away from the neighborhood. She said they circulated a petition with the neighbors requesting to get this eye sore out of the neighborhood. Fred Avra spoke on behalf of the owner of the trailer, and no one has come to him about a complaint and he has the lawn mowed. Jack Lutz of 127 Crauns Beach Drive said it has been 5 and 3/4's months since the township board had asked that the junk trailer be cleaned up and still no action has been taken. He has a petition of 24 neighbors signing asking that this junk trailer be removed. Fred Avra said if the neighbors had talked to him the trailer would have been removed and as soon as he legally gets ownership he will have the trailer removed. Faye Lutz wondered how they could get the township board to take action to get this junk trailer removed. She is asking the township board to take action. At this time Bill Avra stepped down from the township board. John Shilling asked Fred Avra what the estimated time of removal would be. Fred Avra said 60 days. Darlene Duseburg asked if the trailer could be removed by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Suzanne Preston asked that when the township board requested that Fred Avra clean up the property by March 15<sup>th</sup> what was done to say he had cleaned up the property. Fred Avra said he had picked up some of the trash and tidied it up by the March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline and there are more issues involved. Supervisor Erica Ewers asked if Fred Avra could have it cleaned up in 45 days. Fred said he would have it cleaned up in 60 days or get a ticket. Then he said that legally he probably couldn't do it in 60 days, there are some legal things that need to be cleared up first. Erica Ewers motioned to send a certified letter to the owner of the trailer and also to Fred Avra to have the trailer removed by July 1, 2006. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried. Bill Avra back to township board.

**G.2. Branch County Road Commission Proposals-** Supervisor Erica Ewers said that at last months meeting we approved the dust control contract with the Branch County Road Commission and this month we received the bill for the dust control contract of \$225.00 per mile and the township has 27.32 miles of gravel roads, with 2 applications at \$6,147.00 each. Briggs Road Proposal- \$40,000 for processed gravel. Bill Avra motioned to proceed with the Briggs Road project of 4,500 yards of processed gravel to Briggs Road from Fisher Road to Lukesport Road, \$16,000 due with contract. Support by Ann Strong. Roll call vote John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes and Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried. Supervisor Erica Ewers said the chip and seal should last 25 years if seal coated every 4 years.

**G. 3. Register of Deeds-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the Register of Deeds contract of \$.35 per image. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**G. 4. Branch District Library Contract-** Supervisor Erica Ewers said the Branch District Library System has accepted the library contract that the township had agreed to last month. We need to get a ramp installed at the Algansee Library entrance. The library will pay for anything that can be picked up and moved, so they will pay for the ramp. Suzanne Preston said she contacted Alumi Ramp Inc. in Quincy and they usually don't come out and measure but since we are neighbors they will come out and measure it for us and give us a quote.

**G. 5. Land Division Response-** Supervisor Erica Ewers said that the property in question (Amos Barnett) did not meet the local zoning requirements for a land division split, because in the Ag district it must be 40 acres according to the zoning ordinance. John Shilling motioned that no ones goes to the township attorney or planner without township board approval. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

**G. 6. Any Other Old Business-** none

## **H. NEW BUSINESS**

**H. 1. McKenna Associates-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported she had received notification from McKenna Associates that Catherine Kaufman has resigned and we are now assigned a new township planner whose name is Greg Milliken. McKenna Associates have emailed an update of the subdivision ordinance. The new consolidated Zoning Law, P.A. 110 of 2006, will take effect July 1, 2006.

**H. 2. MTA Training-** MTA is holding workshops about the new zoning laws around the state. Russ Jennings said he could go to the one in Kalamazoo location on May 16, Dave Gilbert, Bill Avra, John Shilling, Rodney Carpenter and Pricilla Dodd can go on June 13 to the East Lansing location, will check with Glenn Preston to see when he can go.

John Shilling motioned to pay for those who want to go to the Zoning Training. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**H. 3. Mileage-** Supervisor Erica Ewers said we are currently paying \$.40 per mile and the current rate is \$0.44.5 per mile. Suzanne Preston motioned to change the mileage rate for the township to \$0.44.5 per mile. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

H. 4. **Any Other New Business-** none

**I. Payment of Bills-** Bills were presented in the amount of \$33,496.62 including election workers and supper plus the MTA workshop. Ann Strong motioned to pay the bills. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

#### **J. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report-** Russ Jennings issued 7 permits- Sam Girod Jr., Aaron Schwartz, Simon W. Schwartz, Mark & Kim Scott, Lance Harmon, Michael Brewer and Dan and Salome.

**J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report-** Mickey Rubley reported she is running for reelection and gave us an update on the Branch County Board of Commissioners.

**J. 3. Alganssee Library Report-** Janice Clark reported- 332 were in attendance, opened 85 hours and 150 used the computer and 561 items were checked out that April was a good month and there is story hour every Wednesday afternoon.

**J. 4. Assessor's Report-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the assessing report was approved by the Equalization Department, and in the process of updating new software.

**K. Correspondences-** Branch County Building Inspector wrote a letter introducing himself as Scott Winter and the Branch County Road Commission sent their Annual Report.

**L. Public Comment-** Suzanne Preston motioned we pay the May 2, 2006 election workers and supper tomorrow night. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

**M. Next Meeting-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the next meeting will be at the Alganssee Township Hall Monday, June 5, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. with 2 public hearings.

**N. Adjournment-** Bill Avra motioned to adjourn. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk