

**ON MONDAY, April 3, 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, Duane Barnett, Susan Shilling, Gerald and Janice Clark.

**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 these additions. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT-1.** Special Assessment Request Sunset Heights #2 Channel- Supervisor Erica Ewers said she has received a petition with more than 51% of the property owner's signatures for a special assessment district for aquatic weed control for the Sunset Heights #2 channel. Suzanne Preston motioned to hold 2 public hearings for the special assessment district request starting at 7:30 p.m. at our township board meetings for the month of May and June. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

2. Special Assessment Request for Channel between Whistler and Riley Drives- Supervisor Erica Ewers 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. Suzanne Preston motioned to hold 2 public hearing for the special assessment request starting at 7:45 p.m. at our next 2 township board meetings. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

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

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

**E. 1. April Report-** Treasurer Ann Strong reported the township balance as of last meeting, March 6, 2006 was \$477,440.95 the township had income of \$26,593.29 and the township had expenses of \$8,391.73 giving the township a balance of 495,642.51. The Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept the April 3, 2006 Treasurer's report. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

**E. 2. IRS Update-** Treasurer Ann Strong reported it is finally settled and we received a refund of \$348.72

#### **F. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**F. 1. Quincy Fire Association-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the Quincy Fire Association Annual meeting is next Wednesday.

**F. 2. Planning and Zoning Commission Report-** John Shilling reported they have met once this last month. Concerned about sending letters to the property owners that have falling down buildings.

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

**F. 4. Building Committee-** Supervisor Erica Ewers handed out plans for the board to study and discussion followed.

**F. 5. Website ([www.alganseetownship.com](http://www.alganseetownship.com))** - Supervisor Erica Ewers gave us an update.

#### **G. OLD BUSINESS**

**G. 1. Ordinance Violations- Junk & Zoning-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that she is working on some zoning ordinance violations.

**G.2. Road Commission Proposals- Seal coating-** Bill Avra motioned to have the following roads sealcoated \$2,500/mile with 6.1 miles = \$15,250- Brown Road (Ray Quincy Road to Kelly Road) 3.0 miles \$7,500, Alexis Drive to Dons Dr.- .5 mile \$1,250, Crockett Drive ( Bennett Road to end)- .8 mile \$2,000, Kelly (Brown Road to Grove Road)- 1.5 mile \$3,750, Wilmen (Lukesport Road to bridge)- .1 mile \$250, Wright ( Lukesport to end)- .2 mile \$500. Support by John Shilling. Roll call vote- Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried.

**Dust Control-** \$450/mile for 2 applications and \$650/mile for 1 application. John Shilling motioned to go with the 2 applications at \$450/mile for the townships 31.32 miles of gravel roads for a cost of \$14,094. Support by Bill Avra. Roll call vote- Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried.

**Hamman Road-** John Shilling motioned to regravel Hamman Road from Brown Road to Warren Road, a distance of 2.0 miles with 3,200 yards of processed gravel for a cost to the township of \$15,500. Support by Suzanne Preston. Roll Call vote- Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried.

**Phillip Road-** Ann Strong motioned to regravel Phillip Road from Brown Road to Lester Road, a distance of 1.0 mile with 1,600 yards of processed gravel, for a cost to the township of \$6,500. Support by Suzanne Preston. Roll call vote-Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes, John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Erica Ewers- yes. Motion carried.

**Brocklebank and Briggs-** the Branch County Road Commission sent out 3 different proposals for both Brocklebank and Briggs Road. Brocklebank from Campbell to Central a distance of one mile- blacktop \$35,000, paving \$60,000, chip and seal- \$30,000. Briggs from Fisher Road to township line a distance of 1 mile- 4,500 yards of processed gravel \$40,000, coarse stone \$30,000, asphalt \$60,000, chip and seal \$70,000, gravel and hot asphalt \$100,000. We wondered how long the chip and seal would hold up? Agreed to wait on these roads.

**G. 3. Any Other Old Business-** none

## **H. NEW BUSINESS**

**H. 1. Planning Commission Minutes-** John Shilling motioned to accept the March 27, 2006 Algansee Planning and Zoning Commission March 27, 2006 minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**H. 2. Register of Deeds-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported that the County Register of Deeds Office is proposing to charge \$.35 per copy of each deed they send to the townships. Last year 218 deeds in the township would have been \$67.35.

**J.3. Zoning Administrators Contract-** John Shilling motioned to accept the annual renewal with Russ Jennings as our Zoning Administrator, with the contract from April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

**H. 4. Library Contract-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the annual renewal of the Algansee Library contract with the Branch County District Library for 12 additional hours/week for \$549.85. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**H. 6. Any Other New Business-** Duane Barnett wondered why his land split was turned down. Supervisor Erica Ewers said she has been talking to the attorney and will have an answer by Friday afternoon. Pricilla Dodd said we might need to look into the township's Land splitting Ordinance. Any Other Old Business- none

**I. Payment of Bills-** Bills were presented in the amount of \$45,890.31. Ann Strong motioned to pay the bills. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

## **J. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report-** Russ Jennings was on vacation, 5 permits- Denny Reigle, Cousino, John Schwartz, Jerry Eicher, and Dale Waligora

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

**J. 3. Algansee Library Report-** March's report- 321 were in attendance, opened 97 hours and 75 used the computer and 662 items were checked out and 67,500 pages were read. Fire Truck coming tomorrow for National Library Week.

**J. 4. Assessor's Report-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported she survived Board of Review, 45 petitions were turned in

**K. Correspondences-** Dog Warden report and Quincy Fire Department Benefit Auction and Bake Sale- June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Stuary residence. MTA workshop and election information set for May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**L. Public Comment-** Susie Shilling wondered about camping permits.

**M. Next Meeting-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the next meeting will be at the Algansee Township Hall Monday, May 1, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. with 2 public hearings.

**N. Adjournment-** Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk