

ON MONDAY, JUNE 5, 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 Scott Banfield, Ed Strong, Dennis Papler, Gail Burch, Elaine Skiles, Fred Avra, Jane & Gary Sanderson, Jack Lutz, Mickey Rubley, and Amos Barnett.

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 reported to add to the agenda under item J. Special Reports-add # 3 1/2- Cemeteries- Dallas Snyder and under H- New Business add- # 5 ½- Donnell Drive. Bill Avra motioned to approve the agenda with the additions. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- 1. 2nd 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. Supervisor Erica Ewers explained this public hearing was to know the final costs and how many years to spread the special assessment costs and to approve or reject the proposal. Supervisor Erica Ewers said this special assessment public hearing for lots # 1- 18 plus the non platted lots, 24 property owners, and this is to verify and approve or reject the bid per person per year for 6 years which equals \$123.95 + advertising = \$125.95 per person for 6 years figuring on 24 property owners. Supervisor Erica Ewers asked if everyone that is here for this special assessment public hearing could give their name and address, it would be appreciated...Darla Pohl- 1051 Wilmen Road, Tom Hartman- 102 Wright Road, William Pruitt- 933 Lukesport Road, Elaine Skiles- 122 Wright Road, Gale Burch- 122 Wright Road, Ed Strong- 954 Wilmen Drive, and Dennis Papler- 960 Wilmen Drive. Supervisor Erica Ewers asked if anyone had any questions for Scott Banfield from Aquatic Weed Control. Scott Banfield said he has been spraying the channel for aquatic weed control for the past 7 or 8 years. He answered a couple questions and said he will send out a postcard a week in advance of the spraying to let all property owners know when he would be spraying. Scott said right now he is waiting for the permit to spray from the DNR. Ed Strong motioned to proceed with the contract for the aquatic weed control with Scott Banfield's company Aquatic Enhancement. Support by Tom Hartman. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to proceed with the aquatic weed control special assessment for Sunset Heights #2 Channel. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to close the Public Hearing for the special assessment request for aquatic weed control for Sunset Heights #2 Channel Lots 1-18 plus non platted property. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

C. 2. 2nd Public Hearing Special Assessment Request for the Channel between Whistler and Riley Drives- Supervisor Erica Ewers called to order at 7:55 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. Supervisor Erica Ewers explained this public hearing was to know the final costs and how many years to spread the special assessment costs and to approve or reject the final proposal. Supervisor Erica Ewers said the bid was for 5 years- 2006 to 2010 totaling \$5,293.57 + advertising of \$289.00= \$5,582.57, by dividing by 7 property owners equals \$159.50 per person per year for 5 years. Supervisor Erica Ewers asked if everyone here tonight, for this special assessment hearing could give their name and address...Rick Nickerson- 825 Whistler Drive, Laura Hoopes- 823 Whistler Drive, and Fred Culy- 833 Whistler Drive. Supervisor Erica Ewers asked if anyone had any questions for Scott Banfield. Scott said he would send out postcards a week ahead of when he would be spraying to let everyone know ahead of time when he would be spraying. Rick Nickerson motioned to go ahead with the special assessment for the aquatic weed control. Support by Laura Hoopes. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to proceed with the aquatic weed control special assessment for the channel between Whistler and Riley Drives. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to close the public hearing for the special assessment request for the aquatic weed control for the channel between Riley and Whistler Drives. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

C. 3. General Public Comment- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported she got a phone call from a resident of the township who was wondering if the township was going to accept grass clippings anywhere now that Coldwater City is no longer accepting them. Algansee Township does not handle grass clippings.

D. MINUTES- Ann Strong motioned to accept the May 1, 2006 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

E. 1. June Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the township balance as of the last meeting, May 1, 2006, was \$534,436.54, the township had income of \$37,444.10 and the township had expenses of \$34,037.02 giving the township a balance of \$537,843.62. The Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept the May 1, 2006 Treasurer's report. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to have these budget items changed- Board of Review- mileage add \$25.00, Cemetery Supplies add \$50.00, and Planning and Zoning Training add \$100.00. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried. John Shilling motioned to keep the administration fee the same which is 3/4's of 1%. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried. Suzanne Preston motioned to pay the Treasurer Ann Strong \$585.00 for the postage she needs to buy to be able to send out the summer taxes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the Quincy Fire Association didn't meet this last month. The Amish held a benefit auction for the Quincy Fire Association which raised over \$24,000.

F. 2. Planning and Zoning Commission Report- John Shilling reported the Planning and Zoning Commission met and discussed several things and also about the zoning permit fee receipts need to identify and designate which request the public hearing is for and follow its trail, because the Amish want to use that same \$1,000- 2 or 3 times.. The public hearing payment fee of \$1,000 is for one zoning permit only, which includes, but not limited to special use, rezoning and board of appeals and the money is used for the hearings.

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

F. 4. Building Committee- John Shilling said he had visited the 8 township halls in the bottom half of the county this past month to see what size their halls are. Of the 8 townships John visited about 3 are still in their original buildings, Noble, Bethel and us. He will get to the other township halls in the county this month.

F. 5. Website (www.alganseetownship.com)- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported she has an email account and the rest of the board should get their accounts soon. The Zoning Fee Schedule, Algansee Township Board minutes and Planning and Zoning Commission minutes are now on the website.

F. 6. Marble-Coldwater Lake Board Meeting- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported on the meeting and the filters and retention basins need to be cleaned out about every 4 years and this is the year and there will be a \$21.00 special assessment fee assessed on about 2,859 parcels in which it encompasses. Billie Stebbins is the president of the Marble-Coldwater Lake Board.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G. 1. Ordinance Violations- Junk & Zoning- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported she sent out letters on the fallen down barns and junk violations. On the barn letters, she has gotten 1 call back and they reported that they will get it cleaned up later on this summer. The junk violations are as follows- **Mark Paradine** has until June 11th to get the trailer removed & he is working on it. **Denver Nutt** has until June 12th to get his junk cleaned up, **Dan Posanti** has until June 17th to get his cleaned up, **John Dzienny** has until June 30th to get his cleaned up, **Jim Straus** has until June 30th to get his cleaned up, **McConnell Estate** has until July 1st to clean up, and **Mr. Reigle** is still working on getting his cleaned up and she has 3 or 4 more letters to send out.

G.2. Headley Millage Approval- Supervisor Erica Ewers explained that the township board approved the Headley amendment at the March 6, 2006 Algansee Township Board meeting and at that time we didn't know exactly what the rate would be, only that it would be lower than last year's rate which was 0.83210. She reported that this year's rate is 0.8263.

G. 3. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS

H. 1. Planning & Zoning Commission Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the May 30, 2006 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

H. 2. Michigan Zoning Enabling Act- Supervisor Erica Ewers said the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act takes effect July 1st. We are all still learning about the new zoning act.

H. 3. Community Action Agency- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported she received a proposal from the Community Action Agency for a grant for low income housing of about \$125,900 to come back to Branch County and the entire grant would encompass several townships and counties and Calhoun County Commissioners would oversee the entire grant. Bill Avra motioned to put it on hold until we learn more about the proposal. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

H. 4. Newsletter- Ann Strong motioned to accept the newsletter as presented. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

H. 5. Election Update- the Clerk reported she will be going to two training sessions, in Kalamazoo, this month to learn the new voter handicap ballot marker machine. The Clerk asked if anyone had any suggestions on who could be an election inspector.

H. 5 ½ -Donnell Drive- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported it was brought to her attention that the plat needs to be cleaned up before the owner dies, to make the legal changes to the access lots. Also one of the residents on Donnell Drive said he bought his place after the aquatic weed special assessment was passed and he doesn't have any lake frontage and he doesn't think he should have to pay the special assessment. We decided that he bought the lot knowing about the special assessment cost, it can't be changed now, perhaps when the special assessment comes up for renewal that is when he should say something.

H. 6. Any Other New Business- none

I. Payment of Bills- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$12,591.64. Ann Strong motioned to pay the bills. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report- Russ Jennings was absent.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Mickey Rubley gave us an update on the Branch County Board of Commissioners.

J. 3. Algansee Library Report- Janice Clark is at Library training in Petoskey at this time. Supervisor Erica Ewers read the library report- 357 were in attendance, opened 94 hours and 607 items were checked out, internet 163 for the month of May and the summer reading program has started and the book sale is the last Saturday in June.

J. 3 ½ - Cemeteries- Dallas Snyder reported that the headstones need repairing in both cemeteries and the cedar tree needs to be cut down in Lester Cemetery.

J. 4. Assessor's Report- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported she is getting ready for July Board of Review.

K. Correspondences- MTA Summer Zoning Workshop. John Shilling motioned to approve money for anyone who wants to go. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

L. Public Comment- Gary Sanderson introduced himself and said he is running for the County Commissioner's 4th District seat.

M. Next Meeting- next meeting will be Monday, July 3, 2006 at the Algansee Township Hall at 7:30 p.m.

N. Adjournment- Bill Avra motioned to adjourn. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk