

# December 3, 2012 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** on Monday, December 3, 2012 at 7:30pm Supervisor Russ Jennings called the Alganssee Township Board meeting to order at the Alganssee Township Hall, 378 S. Ray Quincy Rd., Quincy, Michigan. All Alganssee Township Board members were present- Supervisor Russ Jennings, Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee Bill Avra, Trustee John Shilling, and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors that signed in were – Tom Morgan- 233 Dons Drive, Glenn Preston- 1097 E. Central Road, Tim Gajewski- 769 Lake Shore Pt., Dave Cleveland- DMCIBB, Walter & Marge Inde- 761 Lake Shore Point, Peg Edwards- 185 Lake Shore Point, Don Vrablic- Branch County Commissioner, Dennis & Joyce Hook- California twp residents.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** Supervisor Russ Jennings led us in the pledge to the American Flag.

**B. AGENDA-** Trustee Bill Avra motioned to approve agenda. Support by Trustee John Shilling. Motion carried.

Supervisor Russ Jennings introduced himself and Trustee John Shilling as the newly elected Alganssee Township Board members. Then Supervisor Russ Jennings read the certified election results of the November 6, 2012 from the Branch County Board of Canvassers for the Alganssee Township Board.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT-** Dave Cleveland from DMCIBB gave us an update about the Alganssee township internet tower. He also said they do web hosting for \$215 per year and \$25 annual fee for web name.

**Any Other Public Comment-** none

**D. MINUTES- Alganssee Township Board Minutes-** Treasurer Ann Strong motioned to accept November 5, 2012 Alganssee Township Board minutes. Support by Trustee Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**Alganssee Planning Commission Minutes-** did not meet last month.

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

**E. 1. Monthly Report-** Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the last township meeting, November 5, 2012, was \$311,282.84. We had expenses this past month of \$25,275.80 and income of \$28,058.44 giving Alganssee Township a balance for this December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of \$314,065.48. The Clerk agrees. Trustee Bill Avra motioned to accept Treasurer's report. Support by Clerk Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

## **F. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**F. 1. Quincy Fire Association-** next meeting will be on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**F. 2. Report from Alganssee Township Planning Commission-** they did not meet last month.

**F. 3. Report from Alganssee Township Zoning Board of Appeals-** they didn't meet last month.

**F. 4. Alganssee Township Ordinance Violations-** 1025 Grove Road- is a mess, Trustee Bill Avra suggested send an official letter. Old Church next to Fisher Cemetery- neighbors are interested in buying. 244 Crockett Drive-abandon cars do have licenses plates on now, need to send letter. 246 Bickford Drive-requesting Health Department to condemn, Supervisor Russ Jennings said he left a message with Tony Headley of the Health Department.

Joyce and Dennis Hook from California Township wondered about our township Junk Ordinance.

**F. 5. Website- [www.algansseetownship.com](http://www.algansseetownship.com)-** Supervisor Russ Jennings said he is trying to get in touch with the township's web host Fred Morgan.

## **G. OLD BUSINESS-**

**G. 1. Asian Milfoil Weed Problem in Lake Chain-** It is in most lakes in the county, the next meeting will be December 10, 2012, at noon at Sunset Cove, a letter will be sent out.

**G. 2. Website-** Problem with website additions unresolved- quote from local company Creative Web Design for \$1,020.00- Dave Cleveland gave us a quote earlier in the meeting. Supervisor Russ Jennings said he would talk to Fred Morgan our twp web host to see what can be done.

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

## **H. NEW BUSINESS-**

**H. 1. 2012 Br. Co. Drains at Large Special Assessment to Twp-** due March 1, 2013 \$9,614.01. Treasurer Ann Strong motioned to pay the Drains at Large bill by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Support by Trustee Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**H. 2. Br. Co. Sheriff Patrol Millage Proposal for May 2013-** the County needs feed back from the townships.

**H. 3. Branch County District Library Service Agreement Proposal-** the township board looked over the proposal.

**H. 4. Report from Dave Cleveland from DMCIBB-** already gave his report.

**H. 5. Any Other New Business-** Supervisor Russ Jennings said he would like to appoint Amos Barnett as the Algansee Township Zoning Administrator. He couldn't find anything saying we could not appoint someone to that position. Trustee John Shilling motioned to appoint Amos Barnett as Algansee Township Zoning Administrator. Support by Trustee Bill Avra. Motion carried. Also the township needs to be looking for two Board of Review members.

**I. PAYMENT OF BILLS-** Expenses were presented in the amount of \$9,531.15. Trustee John Shilling motioned to pay the bills. Support by Trustee Bill Avra. Motion carried.

## **J. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**J. 1. Branch County Commissioner's Report-** Don Vrablic reported the Branch County Commissioner's Top 5 Monthly Report- K-9 retired, Deputy of the Year, Apportionment Report, Foster Care Costs to County, and 2013 Budget Issues.

**J. 2. Algansee Library Report-** Algansee Librarian Jan Clark emailed her November report as follows: Hello, Circulation-515 Attendance-352 Hours-84 Computer use-188 Wireless-287

Juvenile programs-1 Attendance-5 Mel-Loans from our Library-65, Mel-Loans to our patrons-49 Russ Jennings came to Algansee Library to introduce himself and to check out the Library and I Thank You Mr. Jennings! Every month Evette Atkin, John Rucker or Curtis Odom come out to Algansee to make sure all is going well with computers and any questions I might have and I do. I appreciate this service also. We only had one program in November, but planning several more before Christmas. Geek Program is going good in all the Libraries. We have all kinds of information on The Geek your Library on our websites and at all the Libraries. Any questions please call. Looking forward to a good 2013 year at Algansee Library! Happy Holidays Jan and Jess

**J. 3. Zoning Administrator's Report-** Russ Jennings said he issued 4 permits for the month of November- Rod Bassage, Jason Shilling, Joel Schwartz and Preston Farms

**J. 4. Assessor's Report** – Algansee Assessor Erica Ewers reported December Board of Review with members Harold Sneath, John Shilling and Amos Barnett on December 11, at 2:00pm with discussion about Poverty Exemptions. Department of Treasury sent out list of Principal Residence Exemption Denials. There are two parcels on this list for Algansee changing both for all 4 years. Ann will need to re-issue 2012 winter tax bills removing the exemption for both. Two more splits approved with Russ this past month based on planning commission approval. Working with the Register of Deeds office, Equalization, GIS, and Building Inspection to obtain all the documents needed to continue to keep the files up to date.

**K. CORRESPONDENCE-** Michigan Gas Utilities is holding a public hearing, Charter, MTA new township officials training. Trustee Bill Avra motioned to send Supervisor Russ Jennings and Trustee John Shilling to the MTA new member training. Support by Treasurer Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**L. PUBLIC COMMENT-** none

**M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING-** will be held on Monday, January 7, 2013, 7:30 pm.

**N. Adjourn-** Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk