

# January 7, 2013 Algansee Township Board Minutes

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** on Monday, January 7, 2013 at 7:30pm Supervisor Russ Jennings called the Algansee Township Board meeting to order at the Algansee Township Hall, 378 S. Ray Quincy Rd., Quincy, Michigan. All Algansee 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 – Tim Gajewski- 769 Lake Shore Pt., Rick Coon- 162 Don's Drive, David Dryer- 680 Ray Quincy Road and Don Vrablic- County Commissioner.  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** Supervisor Russ Jennings led us in the pledge to the American Flag.

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

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT-** none

**D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes-** Bill Avra motioned to accept December 3, 2012 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.  
**Algansee 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, December 3, 2012, was \$314,065.48. We had expenses this month of \$9,531.15 and income of \$125.00 giving Algansee Township a balance for this January 7, 2012 meeting of \$304,659.33. The Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept Treasurer's report. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

## **F. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**F. 1. Quincy Fire Association-** met on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Quincy Fire Department reported they had 160 calls for the last couple years. They would like to have a meeting with all entities board members attending. Next meeting will be in February.

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

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

**F. 4. Algansee Township Ordinance Violations-** 1025 Grove Road- told Supervisor Russ Jennings he'll have it all cleaned by the end of January, Old Fisher Church next to Fisher Cemetery- in the paper about back taxes and neighbors are interested in buying. 244 Crockett Drive- sent certified letter, 246 Bickford Drive- is boarded up issue is closed.

## **G. OLD BUSINESS-**

**G. 1. Asian Milfoil Weed Problem in Lake Chain-** The County will hold a public hearing in July 2013.

**G. 2. Website- [www.alganseetownship.com](http://www.alganseetownship.com)-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported he talked with the web host and he was able to add things to the website. Bill Avra motioned to change the web host to DMCI- \$215 per year and \$25 annual fee for web name. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

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

## **H. NEW BUSINESS-**

**H. 1. Board of Review-** Bill Avra motioned to appoint David Dryer to the Algansee Township Board of Review. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Harold Sneath is stepping down as a Board of Review member. There will be a Board of Review workshop in Marshall on Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00pm.

**H. 2. Planning Commission-** John Shilling motioned to appoint Rick Coon to the Algansee Township Planning Commission. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**H. 3. Poverty Exemption Total Asset Test Amounts-** Ann Strong motioned to table Asset Value discussion until February. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**H. 4. Update on Library Contract-** Ann Strong motioned to pay the Library \$810.55 to finish the 2012 contract. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**H. 5. Branch County Road Commission Meeting-** will be Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 1:15pm.

**H.6. Any Other New Business-** none

**I. PAYMENT OF BILLS-** Expenses were presented in the amount of \$18,594.27. John Shilling motioned to pay the bills. Support by 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- New Board of Commissioners, New Officials- John Pollack as Sheriff and Ann Vrablic as County Treasurer, Budget Adjustments, 4-H Fair Board sent Resolution of support of the sheriff Posse and Reserves, Wishing You the Best in 2013.

**J. 2. Alganssee Library Report-** Alganssee Librarian Jan Clark emailed her December report as follows: Circulation-489 Attendance-346 Hours-82 Computer use-216 Wireless-206 Juvenile Program-1 Attendance-7 Young Adult Programs-2 Attendance-10 Mel Loans to our Library-34 Alganssee Loans to Mel-58. We had several craft times throughout the Holidays. There are always coloring pages for children for all seasons. Lots of new Picture Books are on display, along with Non-Fiction for children, new Non-Fiction and Novels for Adults and Young Adults. We are Working on events and programming for this year Summer Reading Program which is "Dig into Reading". We are looking forward to this year’s theme. There should be lots of fun with this program. We will update you when we get things going for the programs and activities. Any questions about your Library or activities, please call me at Alganssee Library 639-9830. Thank You, Jan Clark & Jessica Clark

**J. 3. Zoning Administrator’s Report-** Russ Jennings said he didn’t issue any permits in the month of December. Amos Barnett started as Zoning Administrator on January 1<sup>st</sup>. He said he has issued 3 so far this month- Paul Schmucker, Mickey Connin, & Brian Connin.

**J. 4. Assessor’s Report** – Alganssee Assessor Erica Ewers reported Consumer Price Index for 2013 is 1.024 or a 2.4% increase on Taxable value for 2013. December Board of Review was held on December 11, all petitions were approved and copies distributed. The new personal property legislation was signed by the Governor with an effective date of December 31, 2013. Therefore personal property statements were mailed out on Dec. 31. I’m in the process of measuring new construction for Alganssee Township. New Poverty Exemption Applications and asset tests and resolutions were sent to Township Board members for review and possible 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. New Poverty exemption guidelines are as follows

The following are the federal poverty income standards which the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recommends that federal departments and agencies use.

The governing body of the local assessing unit has the option of considering the age of the resident(s) when establishing their guidelines. This provision applies only when one or two persons reside in the homestead, because there are no age-related thresholds for three or more persons in the homestead.

The following are the poverty thresholds as of December 31, 2012 for use in setting poverty exemption guidelines for 2013 assessments:

<u>Number of Persons residing in homestead</u>	<u>Annual allowable Income</u>
1	\$ 11,170
2	\$ 15,130
3	\$ 19,090
4	\$ 23,050
5	\$ 27,010
6	\$ 30,970
7	\$ 34,930
8	\$ 38,890
For Each Additional Person Add \$ 3,960	

John Shilling motioned to accept the 2012 Poverty Guidelines. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**K. CORRESPONDENCE-** Board of Review training already discussed.

**L. PUBLIC COMMENT-** none

**M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING-** will be held on Monday, February 4, 2013 at 7:30 pm.

**N. Adjourn-** Bill Avra motioned to adjourn. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Suzanne Preston, Alganssee Township Clerk