

# March 4, 2013 Algansee Township Board Minutes

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** on Monday, March 4, 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 –Aaron Parys, Tim Gajewski- 769 Lake Shore Point, Rick Coon, John & Billie Pollack- Sheriff's Office, Fred & Bobbie Avra, Ann and Don Vrablic- County Treasurer and Commissioner.

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

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

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT- 1. Township Lawn Care Bids-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported we have 3 bids for the township lawn care – Baker's Lawn Care at \$8,650, Precision Lawn Care at \$7,300, and Ron Rolland at \$16,000. Bill Avra motioned to have Precision Lawn Care take care of the township's lawns' this year. Support by John Shilling. Three board members were in favor of the motion and two against the motion. Motion carried.

**Sheriff's Department Report-** Branch County Sheriff John Pollack reported on the Sheriff's Department.

**C. 2. Fiscal Year Budget Hearing-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported on the request from West Channel Drive residents for Algansee Township to pave the township's share of the road. The bid from the Branch County road Commission to pave Algansee Township's portion is \$27,360.00 which includes the turn around at the end of the road and Ovid Township's portion of the road is \$18,640.00. Howard Haas was the only resident from West Channel Drive attending the meeting said there are 8 or 9 houses on the 900 feet of Algansee Township's portion of the road. John Shilling motioned to table the discussion for West Channel Drive. Support from Ann Strong. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to accept the budget as presented. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**C. 3. Truth and Taxation Hearing-** Supervisor Russ Jennings called the Truth and Taxation Hearing to order and reported the Millage reductions from 1999 to 2012 for Algansee Township are as follows- 1999- 0.9150, 2000- 0.9057, 2001- 0.8881, 2002- 0.8668, 2003- 0.8550, 2004- 0.8492, 2005- 0.8321, 2006- 0.8263, 2007- 0.8191, 2008- 0.8104, 2009- 0.8104, 2010- 0.8104, 2011- 0.8104 and 2012- 0.8104 according to the Headley amendment the amount will go down or stay the same each year. Supervisor Russ Jennings said we don't know the exact amount for this year yet, except that it should be less or stay the same as last year's amount. We usually get notified in the summer as to what the township's Millage reduction amount will be. John Shilling motioned to approve the Truth and Taxation with the maximum property tax Millage rate allowed not exceeding last year's amount of .8104 in support of the proposed budget. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes-** Ann Strong motioned to accept February 4, 2013 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**Algansee Planning Commission Minutes-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the February 25, 2013 Algansee Planning Commission minutes with a correction of paragraph #5- should read should read on Algansee Township Board of Appeals. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

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

**E. 1. Monthly Report-** Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the last township meeting, February 4, 2013, was \$309,793.55. We had expenses this month of \$16,836.49 and income of \$239.66 giving Algansee Township a balance for this February 4, 2013 meeting of \$293,196.72. 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-** Bill Avra and Russ Jennings reported the first fire truck out the door for calls is the pumper engine and Quincy Fire Department has obtained a free used Life Care Truck, there are 20 volunteer firemen in the Quincy Fire Department and they receive about 160 calls per year which is about 13 calls a month.

**F. 2. Report from Algansee Township Planning Commission-** John Shilling reported they discussed the special use request for a shared driveway it was tabled again for more clarification.

**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- Dan Benedict said he would have it cleaned up by the end of March, Old Fisher Church next to Fisher Cemetery- Supervisor Russ Jennings said he talked with Sandra Ely who said she was going to pay the back taxes owed on it, Bickford Drive- Hildebrandt's are storing trailers on property owned by Sandy Watson.

## **G. OLD BUSINESS-**

**G. 1. Asian Milfoil Weed Problem in Lake Chain-** Supervisor Russ Jennings said the Branch County Drain Commissioner said they are targeting 3 aquatic weeds, they are trying to contact all lake residents in the county and the next meeting will be in April.

**G. 2. Sunset Heights Special Assessment-** Supervisor Russ Jennings said he sent letters to all the residents of the Sunset Heights Special Assessment District informing them about their special assessment that was omitted from their tax bill and will have double assessment on their next year's tax bills.

**G. 3. Website- [www.alganseetownship.com](http://www.alganseetownship.com)-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the website is up and running with our new website host of DMCI.

**G. 4. Any Other Old Business-** none

## **H. NEW BUSINESS-**

**H. 1. Selection of Algansee Township Planning Commission Members-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the Planning Commission members of Chairman Rodney Carpenter, Vice Chairman Pricilla Dodd, Secretary Glenn Preston, Rick Coon and John Shilling from the township board. John Shilling supported motion. Motion carried.

**H. 2. March Board of Review Organizational Meeting-** tomorrow at 2:00pm.

**H. 3. March Board of Review Dates-** Wednesday March 13, 2013 9:00am to noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm and Thursday March 14, 2013 1:00pm to 4:00pm and 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

**H. 4. Bids for Gravel Dust Control-** Supervisor Russ Jennings said he would get a couple bids for dust control.

**H. 5. Branch County Road Commission Work for Algansee Township-** 4.01 miles of seal coat for \$49,505.00. John Shilling motioned to accept the seal coat bid. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**H. 6. Annual Meeting-** Algansee Township Annual meeting will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2013 at the Algansee Township Hall at 9:00am.

**H. 7. Any Other New Business-** none

**I. PAYMENT OF BILLS-** Expenses were presented in the amount of \$7,956.22. Bill Avra motioned to pay the bills. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

## **J. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report-** Zoning Administrator Amos Barnett said he didn't issue any permits this past month.

**J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report-** Don Vrablic reported the Branch County Commissioner's Top 5 Monthly Report- Legislative Issues, Fuel Contract, Assessment Districts, Severe Weather Training to be rescheduled, Life Care Ambulance Membership.

**J. 3. Algansee Library Report-** Algansee Librarian Jan Clark emailed her February report as follows- Circulation-520, Attendance-400, Hours-84, Computer use-211, Wireless-77, Young Adult programs-3, Attendance-13, Mel Loans to Algansee-79, Algansee loans to Mel-47, A few programs this month, I think because of weather. Lots going on for March, each day a patron checks out a book, their name will go in box, at end of March, we will draw a name for a family gift basket for movie night at home. The Algansee Friends will donate basket, put together by our Erica. One Book One County this year is "Thunder Dog" by Michael Hingson. All the Branch District Libraries have lots of copies of this book. I have read it, very good true story about a blind man, his guide dog and triumph of trust. All Libraries are having book discussions this month, ours at Algansee will be March 20th at 5:00. Everybody is welcome. March is reading month, come and support your Library. Thank You, Jan & Jessica Clark

**J. 4. Assessor's Report** - Algansee Assessor Erica Ewers reported Assessment notices were mailed out on February 25. Most of the personal property statements were returned. Board of Review: Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 5 at 2 pm, Day 1: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 from 9 am to Noon and 1 pm to 4 pm, Day 2: Thursday, March 14, 2013 from 1 to 4 pm and 6 to 9 pm. As a whole the Ag class went up because the tillable rate increased to \$2700 and the non-tillable rate of \$2600. Residential as a whole went down, however, certain areas of the lake seen significant increases - the largest increase in land value was the Crockett, Dons, Fisher area. 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-** Bureau of Construction Codes of the Department of Licensing will hold a public hearing on March 28, 2013 at 9:00am.

**L. PUBLIC COMMENT-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported on the Board of Review workshop.

**M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING-** will be held on Monday, April 1, 2013 at 7:30pm.

**N. Adjourn-** Bill Avra motioned to adjourn. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm. Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk