

# June 3, 2013 Algansee Township Board Minutes

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** on Monday, June 3, 2013 at 7:30pm Supervisor Russ Jennings called the Algansee Township Board meeting to order at the Algansee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy, Michigan. Algansee Township Board members present were - 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, Joe & Lena Donato- 810 Bennett Dr, Rick & Kathy Penn- 141 South Marble Lake Lane and Don Vrablic- Branch County Commissioner.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** Clerk Suzanne Preston led us in the pledge to the American Flag.

**B. AGENDA-** John Shilling motioned to approve agenda with additions under New Business of Truth & Taxation, Lawn Agreement, small refrigerator & microwave for township hall and new printer for township Clerk. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT-** There wasn't any public comment.

**D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes-** John Shilling motioned to accept May 6, 2013 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**Algansee Planning Commission Minutes-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the May 28, 2013 Algansee Township Planning Commission minutes. 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, May 6A, 2013, was \$371,925.03. We had expenses this month of \$16,622.01 and income of \$32,715.24 giving Algansee Township a balance for this June 3, 2013 meeting of \$388,018.26. The Clerk agrees. Trustee Bill Avra motioned to accept Treasurer's report. Support by Trustee John Shilling. Motion carried.

## **F. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**F. 1. Quincy Fire Association-** Trustee Bill Avra reported they will meet next Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**F. 2. Report from Algansee Township Planning Commission-** Trustee John Shilling reported they held a Special Use Public Hearing for Mark Hildebrand property code #120-007-400-005-99, to allow Marine Storage on 3.5 acres on Bickford Drive in R-2 Urban Residential zoning district. It met the setbacks and was approved. John Shilling motioned to approve the Algansee Planning Commission approval of Mark Hildebrand's request for a Special Use Permit to allow Marine Storage on 3.5 acres on Bickford Drive in the R-2 Urban Residential zoning district with the stipulation he will have evergreen trees and shrubs on the west and north side of the perimeter. Support by Ann Strong. Supervisor Russ Jennings had a roll call vote- Bill Avra- yes, John Shilling- yes, Ann Strong- yes, Russ Jennings- yes and Suzanne Preston- yes. Motion carried.

**F. 3. Report from Algansee Township Zoning Board of Appeals-** meet next week- 227 Lakeshore Drive.

**F. 4. 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.

**F.5. Algansee Township Ordinance Violations-** 1025 Grove Road- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported next court date is June 6<sup>th</sup>, Old Fisher Church next to Fisher Cemetery- Supervisor Russ Jennings said property auctioned for back taxes and we should receive paper work soon, 244 Crockett Drive- owner Denny Wolf civil infraction mailed by the Branch County Sheriff, Burlew Road- accumulation of junk, sent letter to property owner Parsons.

## **G. OLD BUSINESS-**

**G. 1. Asian Milfoil Weed Problem in Lake Chain-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the public hearing will be at 10:00am on July 20, 2013 at the Coldwater High School cafeteria. They are sending out notices to all lake properties involved.

**G. 2. Any Other Old Business-** there wasn't any other old business.

## **H. NEW BUSINESS-**

**H. 1. Branch County Road Commission Contract for West Channel Drive-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the Branch County Road Commission will pave West Channel Drive in mid June, the property owners are responsible for their driveway connections to new road, letters were sent to property owners to call the Branch County Road Commission for quote to connect driveways to new paving. John Shilling motioned to pay \$9,800.00 to Branch County Road Commission, which is 40% of our total of \$24,500.00. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**H. 2. Letter Sent to State of Michigan Representatives-** requesting help to resolve DEQ authority to sue townships for sewage leakage into our lakes.

**H. 3. Township Newsletter-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the newsletter that will go in the Alganssee Township's summer tax bills. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

**H. 4. Truth and Taxation-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported we received the 2013 Tax Rate Request L-4029- Truth & Taxation amount from the Branch County Equalization Department. The rate is .8104 which is the same rate as the last couple years. Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the millage reductions from 1999 to 2012 for Alganssee Township were 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.

**H. 5. Alganssee Township Lawn Agreement-** the Alganssee Township Board signed the Lawn Care Agreement with Aaron Parys of Precision Lawn Care for \$7,300.00 for one year.

**H. 6. Township Hall Microwave and Refrigerator-** Suzanne Preston motioned to purchase a small microwave and a small refrigerator for the township hall. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**H. 7. Printer for Township Clerk-** Ann Strong motioned for clerk to purchase a laser printer. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

**H. 8. No Fireworks Permit needed-** Supervisor Russ Jennings said he received word from Kenny Malinowski that he appreciated our support in granting him a Fireworks permit in the years past and he wouldn't need one this year because of the change in the Michigan law.

**H. 9. Any Other New Business-** none

**I. PAYMENT OF BILLS-** Expenses were presented in the amount of \$39,215.83. John Shilling motioned to pay the bills. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

## **J. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report-** Zoning Administrator Amos Barnett reported he issued 6 zoning permits in May- James Miller, Noah Girod, Larry & Linda Kriser, Samuel V. Eicher, Mitch Miller and Richard McKnight.

**J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report-** Don Vrablic gave the Top 5 Monthly Report- Tire Collection- September 21 & 28 and October 4 with a 7 tire limit, Hazardous Waste Collection July 24, State Revenue sharing Increase, ORV Bills and Amish Buggy Registration- working on solution.

**J. 3. Alganssee Library Report-** Alganssee Librarian Jan Clark emailed her February report as follows- Circulation-625, Attendance-490, Hours-94, Computer use-205, Wireless-189, Adult program- 1 Attendance- 19, Young Adult Programs-1 Attendance-4, Juvenile Programs- 1, attendance- 4.

**J. 4. Assessor's Report** – Alganssee Assessor Erica Ewers reported data entry caught up so names, addresses and principal resident exemptions can be submitted to Equalization Department and County treasurer's Office, preliminary July Board of Review applications prepared & scheduled Tues. July 16 at 2:00pm, preparing mailing list for Asian Milfoil special assessment & W Channel Dr & Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals, and 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-** Supervisor Russ Jennings read the correspondence for the month- MI Gas Utilities public hearing, St of MI & Consumer Energy public hearing.

**L. PUBLIC COMMENT-** none

**M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING-** will be held on Monday, July 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, Alganssee Township Clerk