

October 7, 2013 Algansee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- on Monday, October 7, 2013 at 7:15pm Supervisor Russ Jennings called the Algansee Township Board meeting to order at the Algansee Township Hall, 378 South 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 James Wietecki, John Watson, Ron Boggia, Jim Hedges, Arlene & Greg Parker, Joyce Clark, Linda Belcher, John and Billie Pollack.

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

1st Public Hearing for Donnell and Bennett Drives for Road Maintenance was called to order by Supervisor Russ Jennings. The purpose of this meeting is to show the validity of the petition and if the property owners are serious about the road maintenance special assessment. Linda Belcher motioned to have \$60/year/property owner for indefinitely. Ron Boggia supported the motion. Motion carried. There were 7 property owners from Donnell and Bennett Drives in attendance at this public hearing.

2nd Public Hearing for Donnell and Bennett Drives for Road Maintenance was called to order by Supervisor Russ Jennings at 7:30pm. The purpose of this meeting is to have a final estimate of cost and how it will be assessed by property owners or front footage. James Wietecki motioned to accept the road maintenance of \$60/year/property owner for indefinitely. Joyce Clark supported the motion. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to close the public hearing. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

7:35pm Supervisor Russ Jennings called the regular meeting of the Algansee Township Board meeting to order.

B. AGENDA- John Shilling motioned to approve agenda with additions to Committee Reports 4.F. ZBA and Mistor's lawsuit under Old Business. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Craig Artist, Superintendent of Quincy Community Schools spoke to us about the needs in the school district.

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

Jim Wietecki presented a noise ordinance that he would like to township board to pursue.

Any other public comment- there wasn't any other public comment.

D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept September 3, 2013 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

Algansee Planning Commission Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the September 30, 2013 Algansee Township Planning Commission minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

E. 1. Monthly Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the last township meeting, September 3, 2013 meeting of \$346,297.05. We had expenses this month of \$32,088.35 and income of \$26,938.31 giving Algansee Township a balance for this October meeting of \$341,147.01. The Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association- Trustee Bill Avra reported Quincy Fire Chief Kurt Barve would like to hire Trainer, Joshua Englehart to help the fireman stay in shape. After discussion the Algansee Township Board felt that would not be a good use of township funds. Next meeting will be October 15, 2013.

F. 2. Report from Algansee Township Planning Commission- John Shilling reported the Algansee Planning Commission recommends the township planner comes to the next Planning Commission meeting. Suzanne Preston motioned to have the township planner come to the next Planning Commission meeting on October 28th and to have the township board and ZBA members attend also. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

F. 3. Report from Algansee Township Zoning Board of Appeals- Bill Avra reported the ZBA met once on October 4th for James Wietecki.

F. 4. Website- www.alganseetownship.com- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the website is running.

F.5. Ordinance Violations- 1025 Grove Rd. - Supervisor Russ Jennings reported still needs to clean up property, next Tuesday at 1:00 will be in court. Supervisor Russ Jennings said he talked to the new property owner of the Old Fisher Church and they are starting to clean up the property.

G. OLD BUSINESS-

G. 1. Township Hall phone- the phone service at the township hall has been switched to DMCI and can't seem to call into the township hall.

G. 2. West Channel Drive- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported second coat of the chip and seal on West Channel Drive and the cul-de-sac was widened to 100 feet is complete.

G. 3. Mistors' lawsuit- default request, Supervisor Russ Jennings said he would consult with our township attorney.

G. 4. Any Other Old Business- there wasn't any other old business.

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. Letter from State of Michigan Department of Treasury- they haven't received our audit report and our township auditor has died.

H. 2. Capital Improvement Plan for Library 2014 fiscal year- Ann Strong motioned to accept the Capital Improvement Plan for the Library 2014 fiscal year 2014. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

H. 3. Any Other New Business- none

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$20,177.13. 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 reported he issued 10 zoning permits in September- David Schwartz, Cherie Cochrane, Ronald Rowland, John Shilling, Scott Lewandowski, Gary Hemker, James Toth, Joel Schwartz, and Joel Schwartz.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic was absent so no report.

J. 3. Algansee Library Report- Algansee Librarian Jan Clark emailed her October report as follows- Circulation 490, Attendance 396, Hours 84, computer use 179, wireless, use 55, (Juvenile programs 1, attendance 3), Books loaned to melcat 67, Books our patrons borrowed from Melcat 30. We have been weeding books this month, cleaning, moving shelves around to make more room. We did make more room in Adult section, looks good! It's Walnut time again. Along with the 4H Algansee Farm Boosters we are collecting walnuts. There is a trailer parked at Library, loaned to us from Mike Avra, to load bagged walnuts. If anybody has loose walnuts please take to Erica's office parking lot to unload. All proceeds will go to Algansee Friends and 4H Algansee Farm Boosters for projects and programs. Thanks to all for your support! Erica is putting together our next Newsletter to inform all about our Library and programs, The Algansee Friends are having a Halloween Geek Fest on Saturday, October 26th from 10.00a.m. until 12:00p.m. Costumes welcome, prizes for best costumes, Hot dogs and treats provided, games for all, everybody is welcome. Please come and join us for some Halloween fun.

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Algansee Assessor Erica Ewers reported special assessment roll submitted to County Treasure's Office, no word yet on a hearing date for Chris Girod Michigan Tax Tribunal hearing, working with Amos on new land splits and requests for combinations as well, Data entry continues to be kept up to date, 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 and picking up items from Branch County Abstract & Title Office.

K. CORRESPONDENCE- State of Michigan Department of Licensing and Construction Codes Public hearing Oct. 24th, Michigan Housing Development Authority Community Action Agency, Donna Burns complaint about neighbor not mowing his lawn, November 5th there is an elections for Coldwater Schools millage renewal.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- John Shilling wondered if we had received any bids to cut down the tree in Fisher cemetery. We didn't receive any bids.

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

N. Adjourn- Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk