

## January 6, 2014 Algansee Township Board Minutes

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** on Monday, January 6, 2014 at 7:30pm 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 present were Pricilla Dodd, James Wieteki and Don Vrablic.

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

**B. AGENDA-** Ann Strong motioned to approve the agenda with the following additions under H. New Business- Budget Workshop, Trees in Fisher Cemetery and ZBA Organizational meeting. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT-** none

**D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes-** Bill Avra motioned to accept December 2, 2013 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**Algansee Planning Commission Minutes-** They didn't meet last month.

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

**E. 1. Monthly Report-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the balance at the last township meeting, December meeting of \$341,980.79. We had expenses this month of \$9,146.01 and no income in the month of December giving Algansee Township a balance for this January 6, 2014 meeting of \$322,834.78. 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-** Supervisor Russ Jennings presented the 2014 Quincy Fire Association budget. Trustee Bill Avra motioned to table the Fire Association budget until the township's next meeting. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**F. 2. Report from Algansee Township Zoning Board of Appeals-** They didn't meet last month.

**F. 3. Report from Algansee Township Planning Commission-** They didn't meet last month.

Reminder their next meeting will be Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> with a public hearing to amend the Zoning Ordinance.

**F. 4. Website- [www.alganseetownship.com](http://www.alganseetownship.com)-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported website working.

**F. 5. Ordinance Violations-** 1025 Grove Rd.- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported judge approved township to clean up mess and pass on expenses to property owner in the tax bill. We will need a couple quotes to clean up the property.

### **G. OLD BUSINESS-**

**G. 1. Township Hall phone-** the township phone and fax machine are now working.

**G. 2. Letter from State of Michigan Dept. of Treasury-** David Locey's office said everything is ok and they have put the file away.

**G. 3. Branch County Road Commission Annual Meeting with Algansee Township-** Supervisor Russ Jennings and Trustee John Shilling attended and reported on the roads in the township.

**G. 4. Any Other Old Business-** James Wieteki wondered about the township proceeding with the adoption of a noise ordinance. Supervisor Russ Jennings said he would have it put on the January 27, 2014 Planning Commission agenda.

### **H. NEW BUSINESS-**

**H. 1. 2013 Drain Special Assessment-** amount due \$6,008.16, payment is due end of March. Bill Avra motioned to table this until the March township meeting. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**H. 2. Budget Workshop-** the township will hold the 2014-2015 Budget Workshop before our next meeting, February 3, 2014 at 6:30.

**H. 3. Trees in Road Right of Way in Fisher Cemetery-** John Shilling motioned to allow trees in road right of way in Fisher Cemetery to be removed. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**H. 4. Approval of ZBA Organizational Meeting-** Ann Strong motioned to approve the Zoning Board of Appeals to meet for an organizational meeting in January. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**H. 5. Any Other New Business-** none

**I. PAYMENT OF BILLS-** The township expenses were presented in the amount of \$22,083.99 plus the Zoning Board of Appeals meetings that weren't credited in the 2013 calendar year totaling \$1,827.94 for a corrected total of \$23,911.93. 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- absent

**J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report-** Don Vrablic gave the Top 5 Report- Organizational Meeting, Winter Storm, 2014 Budget, Pension transition to MERS and Wishing you the best for 2014.

**J. 3. Algansee Library Report-** Algansee Librarian Jan Clark emailed her January report as follows- November- Circulation 491, Hours 84, December Stats- Circulation 361, Attendance 290, Hours 74, Computer use 119, Wireless use 183, (Young Adult program 2, Attendance 12), (Juvenile programs 4, Attendance 90), Books loaned to Mel from our Library 48, Books our patrons borrowed from Mel 54. A refresher, Mel is books we borrow or lend to Libraries outside of Branch County. The reason for such a jump in Juvenile attendance, Branch District Libraries with other sponsors had a Christmas Express Train for all patrons who signed up, so we added 1 program and 80 in attendance for our Library. All Libraries added 1 program with 80 in attendance. The Christmas train was a big success. Next year we will be helping with the program again. Our first Teen Movie night went pretty good for a first time, we had two Teens and four Adults, all of us had a good time with a movie and pizza. Erica went for pizza for us. All was sponsored by Algansee Friends. We will keep trying to get more teens, but even with a few, they have a good time. We have shelled black walnuts, English walnuts in 1/2 pound and 1 pound bags for sale here at Library or call Erica Ewers if you are interested. They are new crop from fall 2013. The price is \$ 5.00 for small bag and \$10.00 for 1 pound bag. We are looking forward to a good year at all our Branch District Libraries. Come and visit your Algansee Library. Any questions, please call 639-9830. Always glad to help, Jan and Jessica Clark

**J. 4. Assessor's Report** – Algansee Assessor Erica Ewers reported- approximately 2/3 of the township has had new construction measured by the end of the December. Hoping things will clear up by end of week or first of next week so can wrap it up. Personal Property statements were prepared and mailed out the end of December. Those completing the affidavit under \$80,000 are due by Feb. 10 and those filing the regular statement are due by Feb. 20. Review of Equalization Studies continues for Agricultural, Commercial, and Industrial classes. Chris Girod Tax Tribunal hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28 at 2:30 pm at Hillsdale County Courthouse. December Board of Review met on December 10, 2013 at 2 pm. Petitions were approved and forwarded. I'm continuing to pick up data twice a month at Equalization, Building Inspection, and Register of Deeds office. I am also picking up Property Transfer Affidavits and Principal Residence Exemptions at Branch County Abstract & Title Office about once a month.

**K. CORRESPONDENCE-** received from Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (used to be called South Central Transportation council) and Liquor Control Commission.

**L. PUBLIC COMMENT-**none

**M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING-** will be on Monday, February 3, 2014 at 7:30pm, with the budget workshop at 6:30pm.

**N. Adjourn-** Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm. Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk