

February 3, 2014 Algansee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- on Monday, February 3, 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. Only visitor present that signed in was Hal Nottingham.

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

B. AGENDA- Ann Strong motioned to approve agenda with additions under H. New Business- move library and move night lights at township hall to eliminate bug residue. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Hal Nottingham introduced himself and explained why he is a good candidate for 58th District State Representative's Ken Kurtz's seat who is term limited out this year.

D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept January 6, 2014 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- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the last township meeting, January 6, 2014 of \$332,834.78. We had expenses this month of \$23,911.93 and \$26,469.00 income in the month of January giving Algansee Township a balance for this February 3, 2014 meeting of 335,391.85. 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 reported next Quincy Fire meeting is Feb. 11th 6:00pm.

F. 2. Report from Algansee Township Zoning Board of Appeals- had organizational meeting on Jan. 21, 2014.

F. 3. Report from Algansee Township Planning Commission- They didn't meet last month. Reminder their next meeting will be Monday, February 24th with public hearing to amend the Zoning Ordinance.

F. 4. Website- 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 add expenses to property owner's tax bill. We will need a couple quotes to clean up the property.

G. OLD BUSINESS-

G. 1. Trees in Road Right of Way at Fisher Cemetery- still in planning stage, Road Commission won't cut them.

G. 2. 2013 Drains at Large Special Assessment- payment of \$6,008.16 due end of March. Ann Strong motioned to table until the March township meeting. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

G. 3. Approval of Quincy Fire Department Budget- Algansee Township's share is up by \$3,000. Ann Strong motioned to table Quincy Fire Association Budget until next month. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

G. 4. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. Approval of Poverty Guidelines- 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, 2013 for use in setting poverty exemption guidelines for 2014 assessments:

Number of Persons residing in homestead	Annual allowable Income
1	\$ 11,490
2	\$ 15,510
3	\$ 19,530
4	\$ 23,550
5	\$ 27,570
6	\$ 31,590
7	\$ 35,610
8	\$ 39,630
For Each Additional Person Add	\$ 4,020

Ann Strong motioned to accept the 2014 Poverty Guidelines. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

H. 2. Resolution for 2014 Board of Review Hours- WHEREAS, Public Act 194, 2003 allows the township board by resolution to select an alternative starting date in March when the Board of Review shall initially meet, WHEREAS, MCL 211.30 provides the alternative starting dates shall be the Tuesday or Wednesday following the second Monday of March, WHEREAS, the Alganssee Township Board wants to make Board of Review convenient for both the Assessor and Board of Review members work schedules, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Alganssee Township Board of Review will meet on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 13, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member Bill Avra. Second offered by Board Member John Shilling. Upon Roll call vote the following voted: Aye: Bill Avra, John Shilling, Suzanne Preston, Ann Strong and Russ Jennings and Nay: 0. Supervisor declared resolution passed. Motion carried.

H. 3. Moving Library- Alganssee Township board discussed moving library to Township Hall, will need a committee.

H. 4. Moving Outdoor Lights Away from Township Hall building- need to look into building codes.

H. 5. Any Other New Business- Alganssee Township Board thanks John Shilling and family for clearing the snow from the Township Hall parking lot and walk ways.

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- The township expenses were presented in the amount of \$9,206.06. 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 one permit last month to Mike Bracy. He issued a total of 68 permits in 2013.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic gave the Top 5 Report-Propane Crisis, Snow emergency, State Surplus Funding, Employee Recognition, and House Bill HB5078.

J. 3. Alganssee Library Report- Alganssee Librarian Jan Clark emailed her February report as follows- Circulation 470, Attendance 332, Hours 87, Wireless use 301, (Young Adult programs 7, Attendance 23), (Juvenile programs 1, Attendance 2), (Books loaned to Mel 54), (Books from Mel 49). We have a new sign-in program for using the computers; I know the count is not right. I will check with Coldwater next week for correct count and send info next month. All Libraries were closed January 6th and 7th. Since I am not open on Monday, we just closed one day here. I have had a couple of days when I didn't think I would get here because of roads, but I know a lot of folks in this area that I know would help me on road. I Love our Township! On Thurs. January 6th, I went with other Library personal to a 2014 Performers Showcasing in Albion. Roads were bad then also, but we made it. There were several performers to help to decide on programs for Summer Reading. It was Very interesting and fun. I haven't decided on programs for Alganssee, we will let you know. We had lots of patrons during snow days from school. Several watched movies, visited and made crafts. I enjoyed having them here. 46 Days till spring! March 20, 2014! Respectfully Submitted Alganssee Branch Manager Jan Clark and Clerk Jessie Clark.

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Alganssee Assessor Erica Ewers reported- Due to all the snow the final portion of new construction was finished on January 23 with photos and notes only, unable to get to homes to measure. Measurements will be taken in this spring and adjustments made as needed. This is not ideal but is the best that can be done under the circumstances. Personal Property statements/affidavits are coming in slowly. Just a reminder, that in order to receive the exemption you must file the affidavit and be under \$80,000 true cash value. A business will not be exempt if they do not file the affidavit. The filing deadline for the affidavits is Feb. 10th and those filing the regular statement are due by Feb. 20th. Equalization Studies have been finalized and will be working on values this week. The Chris Girod Tax Tribunal hearing scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 28 was cancelled because of weather, new date hasn't been set. March Board of Review already voted on, 2014 Poverty Guidelines already voted on, Assessment notices scheduled to go out in mail on February 24th, continuing to pick up data twice a month at Equalization, Building Inspection and Register of Deeds Office, also picking up Property Transfer Affidavits and Principal residence Exemptions at Branch County Abstract & Title Office about once a month.

K. CORRESPONDENCE- received from Charter, MI Gas, DEQ- Pridgeon Farms irrigation permit, DEQ-Larry Rubrich seawall permit, MTA PAC, 2014 MI Storm Water Flood Plain Conf, Wightman newsletter, DEQ 2014 Campground License for Del Pay Retreat.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT-none

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- will be on Monday, March 3, 2014 at 7:30pm, starting with the Budget Hearing.

N. Adjourn- Bill Avra motioned to adjourn. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Suzanne Preston, Alganssee Township Clerk