

## May 5, 2014 Algansee Township Board Minutes

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER-** on Monday, May 5, 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.

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

**B. AGENDA-** Bill Avra motioned to approve agenda with addition of Eric Leutheuser. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT-** none

**D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes-** Ann Strong motioned to accept the April 7, 2014 Algansee Township Board minutes with corrections. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**Algansee Planning Commission Minutes-** Bill Avra motioned to accept April 28, 2014 Planning Commission minutes as presented. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

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

**E. 1. Monthly Report-** Treasurer Ann Strong reported balance at last township meeting, April 7, 2014 of \$459,559.54. We had expenses this month of \$55,386.29, income of \$200.00 in April giving Algansee Township a balance of \$404,373.29. The Clerk agrees. John Shilling motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

### **F. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**F. 1. Quincy Fire Association-** Trustee Bill Avra reported Quincy Fire Department had storm drain problems at Fire Station. Parrish Excavating repaired it. Next month they'll hold a planning meeting.

**F. 2. Report from Zoning Board of Appeals-** Bill Avra reported they didn't meet.

**F. 3. Report from Planning Commission-** John Shilling reported approving Pricilla Dodd's special use request for land split.

**F. 4. Website- [www.alganseetownship.com](http://www.alganseetownship.com)-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported it is working, now has updated zoning amendments on it.

**F. 5. Ordinance Violations-** 1025 Grove Rd- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported received court petition to allow township to clean up and add expenses to property owner's tax bill. We've received quotes to clean up property- Longardner \$2,500, Neuenschwander \$3,500, Lukazcek \$3,000. Bill Avra motioned to accept Kaye Longardner's bid of \$2,500 to clean up 1025 Grove Road. Erica Ewers suggested checking with Branch County Treasurer's Office to make sure we can put expenses on taxes.

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

**G. 1. Planning Committee to Review Feasibility to Move Library to Twp. Hall-** committee of Russ Jennings, John Shilling and Bill Avra will meet to review the move of Library. Supervisor Russ Jennings reported he talked with Branch County District Library Board and they thought it was a good idea. There will be a millage vote in August for the Library, we should wait to see if millage passes.

**G. 2. Planning Committee to Review Feasibility to Move Lights at Twp. Hall-** committee of Russ Jennings, John Shilling and Bill Avra will meet to review moving lights to keep bugs off township hall. Bill Avra said he would get a couple bids.

**G. 3. Gravel Road Dust Control-** John Shilling reported he called S & M Liquid Tire Fill and they put us on their schedule.

**G. 4. Mister Settlement-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported they have reached a settlement.

**G. 5. Any Other Old Business-** none

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

**H. 1. Mute Swan Removal from Lakes-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported there will be a public meeting on June 14, 2014 at 10:00am at Quincy Middle School and on Saturday June 21, 2014 the Marble Lake Association will hold its meeting at Sunset Cove at 10:00am. If Marble Lake Association approves then they'll ask all township boards for approval.

**H. 2. Update on Asian Milfoil Weed Control-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported letters were sent to all lake residents with a projected 3 applications this year.

**Public Comment-** Eric Leutheuser spoke on his qualifications to run for Ken Kurtz's state house seat. He is one of 7 candidates running for Michigan's 58<sup>th</sup> District Representative.

**H. 3. May 6, 2014 Quincy School Millage Election-** Supervisor Russ Jennings urged everyone in the Quincy School District to come and vote tomorrow. The polls are open from 7:00am to 8:00pm. Ann Strong motioned to pay the May 6, 2014 Election workers. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**H. 4. Any Other New Business-** Pricilla Dodd reported Zoning Board of Appeals tabled Henry Schwartz appeals application for variance and was wondering if they could hold meeting to close issue. Ann Strong motioned to allow ZBA to hold meeting to close issue. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**I. PAYMENT OF BILLS-** The township expenses were presented in the amount of \$24,861.58. Bill Avra motioned to pay bills. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

## **J. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report-** Zoning Administrator Amos Barnett reported he issued 4 permits last month.

**J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report-** Don Vrablic gave his Top 5 Report- Expansion of Natural Gas Service, COA millage renewal on the November ballot, I-69 Weigh Station Update, Road Funding Solutions and it is Older Americans Month.

**J. 3. Algansee Library Report-** Librarian Jan Clark emailed her April report as follows- Circulation-572, Attendance-367, Hours-86, Young Adult Programs-3 Attendance-9, Juvenile Programs-1 Attendance-5, Books loaned to other Michigan Libraries-50, Our patrons borrowed 24 Books from out of Branch County(MEL). Computer use in Library 117. Wireless use 267. We have Craft time on Wednesdays, works out better to have craft or movie ready when children come any day any time. April was a better month for Library. Weather is getting better, hope trend keeps going. Branch District Library Director Evette Atkin came to Algansee Library to check out our fire escape plans. She suggested a window ladder and a step ladder. I requested money from Capital Funds and bought window ladder and step ladder. She said all exits to get out of building were good. In case of fire we will all meet at garage, about 80 feet south of Library. I also requested a new mailbox old one rusted and handle broke. Menno Girod took old mail box down and put new one up at no charge how nice of him! Total money for all materials about \$100.00. We can now fax. Curtis, from Branch District Library hooked fax up this week. We have lots of books, DVDs, magazines for all ages. Please come in and check out your Library. Any questions or suggestions come and talk to us or call 639-9830. We are open 21 hours a week. Respectfully Algansee Branch Manager Janice Clark and Algansee Library Clerk Jessica Clark

**J. 4. Assessor's Report** – Algansee Assessor Erica Ewers reported- Chris Girod Tax Tribunal hearing officially withdrawn by Chris, database rolled over to 2015 and sent report to State, quarterly Principal Residence exemptions have been submitted to State, updated mailing list was sent to Progressive Engineering for Asian Milfoil mailing, lots of calls with questions about land splits, building, valuations, sales of homes and possible purchases and income tax calls, worked with Amos to finish up land split and mailing for special use hearing, filing and cleanup of office, 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.

**K. CORRESPONDENCE-** received from MTA district meetings, Parking Conference, Surveying & Engineers Seminar, MTA workshop- Vision for Townships, Michigan Public Service Commission Public Hearing for Michigan Gas Utilities and on for Consumers Energy.

**L. PUBLIC COMMENT-** none

**M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING** Monday, June 2, 2014 at 7:30pm,

**N. Adjourn-** Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Russ Jennings. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:30pm.  
Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk