

August 4, 2014 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER- on Monday, August 4, 2014 at 7:30pm Supervisor Russ Jennings called the Alganssee Township Board meeting to order at the Alganssee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy, Michigan. Alganssee Township Board members present were- Supervisor Russ Jennings, Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee John Shilling and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Trustee Bill Avra was absent. Visitors present that signed in were Stacy Winter, Don Vrablic, Greg Parker, Tim Gajewski and Mike Brewer.

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

B. AGENDA- Supervisor Russ Jennings asked us to add under first public comment Mark Knack, 833 Teal Dr, petition for Teal Drive renewal of road maintenance special assessment and Stacy Winter, 208 S. Fremont Rd, request for hidden driveway sign. Ann Strong motioned to approve agenda. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Teal Drive Petition- Mark Knaack, 833 Teal Drive, presented a petition with 8 of the 11 property owners' signatures requesting a renewal of the road maintenance fund. That is more than the 51% required by law. Mark Knaack said they are requesting \$200 assessed the first year and subsequent year would be assessed at \$100 per year indefinitely to be used for snow removal and asphalt maintenance. The Public Hearings will be at out next meeting on Tuesday September 2, 2014. The first public hearing will begin at 7:15pm and if there is support, the second public hearing will be at 7:20pm.

Request for Hidden Driveway Sign- Stacy Winter, 208 South Fremont Road, says there have been several accidents at their driveway on the curve S. Fremont Rd. She has talked to the Branch County Road Commission. It would cost \$180.00 for the sign and they don't have funds to pay for a sign. She was wondering if the township would pay for the sign. Ann Strong motioned to have the township pay for one hidden driveway sign at 208 S. Fremont Rd. Suzanne Preston supported the motion. Motion carried.

D. MINUTES- Alganssee Township Board Minutes- Ann Strong motioned to accept the July 7, 2014 Alganssee Township Board minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

Alganssee Planning Commission Minutes- John Shilling motioned to accept July 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 of \$389,548.20 at the last meeting. We had expenses this month of \$20,360.04 and income of 25,830.00 giving Alganssee Township a balance of \$395018.16. Clerk agrees. John Shilling motioned to accept Treasurer's report. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported he and John Shilling attended the July 16th Quincy Fire Department meeting, the consultant spoke.

F. 2. Report from Zoning Board of Appeals- they didn't meet.

F. 3. Report from Planning Commission- John Shilling reported the Planning Commission approved all 3 special use requests. Ann Strong motioned to approve all 3 requests. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

1. Special use request for an Amish school on John Shilling's property - 373 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy Michigan, property code #120-022-200-005-00.

2. Special use request for Samuel Girod 582 Colvin Road, Reading Michigan, property code # 120-029-400-005-98 to split 5 acres off of 40.01 acres to build a house with the application amended.

3. Special use request for Tyler Longstreet, 720 E. Chicago Street, Coldwater Michigan, property code # 120-019-300-005-99 to build a house on his property on Fremont Road, which is less than 40 acres.

F. 4. Website- www.algansseetownship.com- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported up and running. The clerk reported the phone and internet at the township hall are working again.

F. 5. Ordinance Violations- 1025 Grove Rd-Mr. Kipfer bought the property then sold it to Martin Schmucker on land contract. Nothing has been cleaned up. **1273 Burlew Road-** the property is owned by Ken Keeton and he has hired someone to clean up the property. It hasn't been cleaned up yet.

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 to township hall. Supervisor Russ Jennings reported it is on hold until after the August primary to see if the library 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. Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the lights are moved. Now there are complaints the lights are bothering motorists, light over the east door needs to be turned off.

G. 3. Roof over South Door at Township Hall- John Shilling said eave trough should help, he would contact someone to fix this.

G. 4. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. Hidden Driveway- already discussed.

H. 2. Update on Asian Milfoil Weed Control- Supervisor reported 3rd application was done last week.

H. 3. Amish School House- the Amish have moved a building on to Henry Schwartz's property for a schoolhouse, a review by Judge Coyle on Friday, September 5th at 4:00pm. Supervisor Russ Jennings said Judge Coyle said it should be in writing they can't start construction unless they are following Alganssee Township's Zoning Ordinance.

H. 4. Tuesday August 5, 2014 Primary Election- Supervisor Russ Jennings encouraged everyone to come back tomorrow and vote. The polls will be open from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

H. 5. Any Other New Business- none

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Township expenses were presented in the amount of \$22,728.23 in the general fund. John Shilling motioned to pay bills including election workers and supper. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report- Zoning Administrator Amos Barnett reported he issued 4 permits for the month of July- Rodney Carpenter, Lavina Eicher, James Wieteki and DKM Investments.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic gave his top 5 report as follows- SB 789/790, COA Millage, Scrap tire Recycling Event, Personal Property Tax, and Grand Bargain for Detroit.

J. 3. Alganssee Library Report- Librarian Jan Clark emailed her August 4, 2014 report as follows- Circulation 562, attendance 470, Hours 92, Young Adult Programs 1, Attendance 6, Juvenile Programs 4, Attendance 19, Summer Reading Programs in July 3, attendance for all summer reading 121, Library computer use 144, Wireless use 303. We had 56 sign up for the summer reading program "Fizz, Boom, Read" Librarian Jan Clark emailed her August 4, 2014 report as follows- Circulation 562, Attendance 470, Hours 92, Young Adult Programs 1, Attendance 6, Juvenile Programs 4, Attendance 19, Summer Reading Programs in July 3, and Attendance for all Summer Reading Programs 121. Library computer use 144, Wireless use 303. We had 56 sign-up for Summer Reading Program " FIZZ, BOOM, READ" 44 finished. All patrons that turned reading lists received book bags with lots of goodies, tablets, pencils, crayons, monies donated by Alganssee Friends and Branch District Friends for gift bags. Alganssee Friends gave a grand prize to one family which was a giant popcorn bowl filled to the top with family DVD, soda pop, popcorn, candies put together by our Erica Ewers. Winner and her children were very excited when they came to pick up gift. Everyone that participates in the Summer Reading Program are winners, nobody is left out! We also received coupons from McDonald's and coupons from Branch County Fair for all patrons, which we appreciate. Our last program for this year was our most attended presented by Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary from Athens Michigan. He brought alligators, snakes, turtles, frogs and many other amphibians. All enjoyed program. Pictures are on Facebook Alganssee Branch. We had 46 at this program; weather was wonderful here at our Library. I wouldn't have had such good attendance for programs without the help from our Alganssee Friends Group. I appreciate all the help, couldn't do it by myself. Any questions or suggestions please stop by your Library or call 639-9830.

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Alganssee Assessor Erica Ewers reported- GIS Pictometry (aerial mapping) – Spoke to Chad after the board meeting and he is updating the GIS files but not the Pictometry software, as it is only licensed to 911. They are trying to work out a deal to either transfer the software or new software will need to be purchased. I'm not clear on this part. Therefore I went ahead and e-mailed all the splits and combinations to Chad in order to keep the files up to date. It is still not clear what the township may/may not have to do or pay for. Register of Deeds Office – I have been printing deeds since the first of July and so far things are working out. July Board of Review was held July 22, 2014 at 2 pm. The board approved 16 petitions which included 9 poverty exemptions. In the process of prepping permits to go out for a summer review of construction and follow-ups of permits that were started last year. Data entry is currently caught up for this year. I'm still working on cleaning up files. I'm continuing to pick up data at Equalization, Building Inspection, and Branch County Abstract & Title Office.

K. CORRESPONDENCE- DEQ approved permit for dredging Fisher Creek.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 7:15pm,

N. Adjourn- Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:30pm. Suzanne Preston, Alganssee Township Clerk