

September 2, 2014 Algansee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER- on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 7:15pm Supervisor Russ Jennings called the Algansee Township Board meeting to order at the Algansee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy, Michigan. Algansee Township Board members were all present - Supervisor Russ Jennings, Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee John Shilling, Trustee Bill Avra and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors present that signed in were Jason Wittenmyer, Melissa Radzi, Greg Parker, Mark & Shawn Knaack, Joanne Longhini, John & Billie Pollack, Don Reed from the Reporter and Don Vrablic.

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

B. AGENDA- Supervisor Russ Jennings asked us to move resolution for Teal Drive up to the first Public Comment. Ann Strong motioned to accept the agenda with the changes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- 1st Public Hearing for the Renewal of the Road Maintenance Special Assessment District for Teal Drive in Section 5, Algansee Township. Supervisor Russ Jennings called the 1st public hearing to order. Public Act 188 of 1954 as amended stated that there could be special assessment districts to collect funds for road maintenance, snow removal etc. There was a petition presented to the Algansee Township Board requesting a special assessment district renewal of road maintenance of \$200 the first year/parcel for Teal Drive, then \$100/year/parcel for indefinitely for all 11 property owners. Those present from Teal Drive were Jason Wittenmyer, Melissa Radzi, Joanne Longhini, Mark & Shawn Knaack. Mark Knaack motioned to renew the road maintenance special assessment for road maintenance and snow removal. Joanne Longhini supported the motion. Motion carried.

2nd Public Hearing for the Renewal of the Road Maintenance Special Assessment District for Teal Drive in Section 5, Algansee Township. Supervisor Russ Jennings called the 2nd public hearing to order. Public Act 188 of 1954 as amended stated that there could be special assessment districts to collect funds for road maintenance, snow removal etc. There was a petition presented to the Algansee Township Board requesting a special assessment district renewal of road maintenance of \$200 the first year/parcel for Teal Drive, then \$100/year/parcel for indefinitely for all 11 property owners. Those present from Teal Drive were Jason Wittenmyer, Melissa Radzi, Joanne Longhini, Mark & Shawn Knaack. Mark Knaack motioned to establish and confirm the road maintenance special assessment for road maintenance and snow removal. Joanne Longhini supported the motion. Motion carried. Supervisor Russ Jennings asked for resolution from the township board approving the special assessment district for Teal Drive. John Shilling motioned to allow the Road Maintenance Special Assessment District for Teal Drive of \$200 this year per parcel and \$100 per year per parcel indefinitely. Support by Bill Avra. Roll call vote John Shilling- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes and Russ Jennings- yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Report- Sheriff John Pollack gave us an update on what has been going on at the Branch County Sheriff's Department. Any Other Public Comment- none

D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes- John Shilling motioned to accept the August 4, 2014 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

Algansee Planning Commission Minutes- Ann Strong motioned to accept August 25, 2014 Planning Commission minutes as presented. John Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

E. 1. Monthly Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported balance of \$395,018.16 at the September meeting. We had expenses this month of \$22,728.23 and income of 228.21 giving Algansee Township a balance of \$372,518.14. Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept Treasurer's report. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association- met the 2nd Tuesday in August and discussed Strategic Planner's report.

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

F. 3. Report from Planning Commission- John Shilling reported they discussed land splits.

F. 4. Website- www.alganseetownship.com- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported up and running.

F. 5. Ordinance Violations- 1025 Grove Rd- Mr. Kipfer bought the property then sold it to Martin Schmucker on land contract. They are working on cleaning it up. Zoning administrator Amos Barnett gave them 2 weeks to move the livestock. **1273 Burlew Road-** is cleaned up and cleaned pit out and filled pit in with sand, case closed.

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 feasibility of moving the Library to township hall.

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, check to see if lights could be dimmed.

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. Township to Place Hidden Driveway sign on Fremont Road- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the Branch County Road Commission will put the sign up.

G.5. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. 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. 2. Any Other New Business- none

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Township expenses were presented in the amount of \$8,383.91 in the general fund. John Shilling motioned to pay bills including election workers and supper. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report- Zoning Administrator Amos Barnett reported he issued 14 permits for the month of August- Kenneth Watters, Keith Wilkinson, Mickey Connin, Larry Parks, Matthew Ashenfelter, James Bowers, Jacob Schwartz, Simon Eicher, David Monroe, John Girod, Del Ray Retreat Co., Del Ray Retreat Co., Joseph Girod and Reuben Girod.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic gave his top 5 report as follows- 2015 Budget Planning Continues, 2014 Mid-Year Review, Resolution- Fort Custer Training for GBI Mission, Scrap tire Event and Resolutions.

J. 3. Alganssee Library Report- Librarian Jan Clark emailed her September 2, 2014 report as follows- Circulation 413, Attendance 360, Hours 89, Wireless 283, Library computer use 106, Juvenile programs 4, Attendance 17. Young Adult Programs 5, Attendance 12. The family that won the Grand Prize for Summer Reading made a big sign to say Thank You for the nice prize and everybody signed. I was very happy to see that, which helps us to know that patrons do appreciate the time we put in for gifts and prizes. The sign is hanging up in our Library. Our craft times were spent crafting, reading books and spending time just talking. Children do like to talk, which is great. We are planning crafts and going through books for the fall programs I have bought lots of new books for all ages, come and check out your Library. Everybody Welcome!
Respectfully Submitted, Alganssee Library Branch Manager Janice and Jessica Clark.

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Alganssee Assessor Erica Ewers reported- State Treasury denied 3 Principal Residence Exemptions this month, paper work came through and entered on computer and forwarded to County Treasurer. All were denied for lack of occupancy. GIS Pictometry aerial mapping- nothing new. Erica said she has been working with Amos Barnett on several land splits and how they relate to zoning. Met with Planning Commission last week to go over these and make sure we were all on the same page. 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- Consumers Energy public hearing 9-3-14, Michigan Gas Utilities public hearing on 9-9-14, letter from Michigan Public Service Commission & Wisconsin Public Service Commission.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- Jack McLain from Hillsdale was wondering about his tax receipt and he would like a zoning permit.

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING Monday, October 6, 2014 at 7:15pm.

N. Adjourn- Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:25pm.
Suzanne Preston, Alganssee Township Clerk