

# October 6, 2014 Algansee Township Board Minutes

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER-** on Tuesday, October 6, 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 present were - Supervisor Russ Jennings, Trustee John Shilling, Trustee Bill Avra and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Treasurer Ann Strong was absent. Visitors present that signed in were Terry & Dena Barror, Rick Coon, Don Reed from the Reporter and Don Vrablic.

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

**B. AGENDA-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the agenda. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT-** Quincy Community School Superintendent Craig Artist thanked everyone for the passage of the bond proposal in May; he then discussed the operating renewal and restoration on the November 4, 2014 ballot for the Quincy School District.

Terry and Dena Barror, 234 Bickford Drive, discussed trying to sell their home and when prospective buyers see the condition of their neighbor's house, the prospective buyers aren't interested in their home. They are asking the township board if there is any way to make Mr. Dzenny put a roof on his home and not to use tarps and to clean up his property. Rick Coon asked if any townships have a blight ordinance. Suzanne Preston motioned to have Russ Jennings contact our attorney to review our junk ordinance to see if there is anything we can legally do. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

Any Other Public Comment- none

**D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes-** John Shilling motioned to accept the September 4, 2014 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**Algansee Planning Commission Minutes-** Bill Avra motioned to accept September 29, 2014 Planning Commission minutes as presented. John Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried.

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

**E. 1. Monthly Report-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the balance of \$325,276.30 at the October meeting. We had income this month of \$28,142.07 and expenses of 8,383.91. Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept Treasurer's report. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

## **F. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**F. 1. Quincy Fire Association-** next meeting will October 14, 2014.

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

**F. 3. Report from Planning Commission-** John Shilling motioned to approve Henry Eicher's, 588 Colvin Road, special use request land split and shared driveway for non-public schools. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. John Shilling motioned to approve the special use request for 2 land splits for Samuel Girod, 582 Colvin Road. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. John Shilling motioned to approve the special use request for a land split for Jacob Schwartz. 912 Warren Road. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**F. 4. Website- [www.alganseetownship.com](http://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. Now the calves are gone.

## **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. Erica Ewers gave history of the Algansee Library. The Clerk said she would talk to Joy Wood about allowing more space for the library. Bill Avra wondered if anyone knew where the people lived that used the library. John Shilling said he is against township money to be used by the library.

**G. 2. Planning Committee to Review Feasibility to Move Lights at Twp. 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 adjusted.

**G. 3. Any Other Old Business-** none

## **H. NEW BUSINESS-**

**H. 1. Adjustment to Sunset Shores #2 Special Assessment-** John Shilling motioned to accept the assessment change to the 9 property owners at Sunset Heights #2 will be charged \$17.90/year for aquatic weed control.

**H. 2. County Drain Commissioner Mike Hard-** is requesting use of the township hall on Wednesday October 22, 2014 at 10:00am for drain issues.

**H. 3. Plan of Service Agreement with Alganssee Library-** Erica Ewers spoke about the Alganssee Library Capital Improvement Plan of Service Proposed Plan for fiscal year 2015, Plan A or Plan B. John Shilling motioned to accept the proposed plan A. Motion died. John Shilling motioned to accept Plan B. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**H. 4. Appointment of Planning Commission Members-** Supervisor Russ Jennings explained each Planning Commission member's term is for 3 years, the terms need to be staggered. It has been awhile since they have been reappointed so we need to reappoint the Planning Commission members. Bill Avra motioned to reappoint Rodney Carpenter and Rick Coon's terms expire in March of 2017, Pricilla Dodd's term expire in March of 2016, Glenn Preston's term will expire in March of 2015, and John Shilling's term as township representative will expire in November of 2016. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**H.5. Appointment of Zoning Board of Appeals-** Supervisor Russ Jennings explained that each Zoning Board of Appeals member's term is for 3 years, the terms need to be staggered. It has been awhile since they have been reappointed so we need to reappoint the Zoning Board of Appeals members. John Shilling motioned to reappoint Pricilla Dodd and Linda Belcher terms will be until March of 2016, Rob Rzepka's and alternate Matt Milligan's term will expire in March of 2017, James Wieteki's term will expire March of 2015 and Bill Avra's term will expire in November of 2016.

**H.6. Appointment of Election Inspectors for the November 4, 2014 Election-** the Clerk presented the names of the qualified election inspectors Rhonda Artist, Amos Barnett, Joanne Finley, Beverly Siefken, Sharon Smith, Joy Wood and Suzanne Preston for the November 4, 2014 election. John Shilling motioned to accept the qualified election inspectors. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**Any Other New Business-** Supervisor Russ Jennings said the hidden driveway sign is in place on Fremont Road.

**I. PAYMENT OF BILLS-** Township expenses were presented in the amount of \$8,783.20 in the general fund and \$24,937.50 in the Special Assessment Aquatic Weed Fund. John Shilling motioned to pay bills. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

## **J. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report-** Zoning Administrator Amos Barnett reported he issued 8 permits for the month of September- John Schwartz, Joel Schwartz, Laverne Spieth, Michael Dodd, Robert Migrin, John Schmidt, Del Pay Retreat and Dean Gilbert.

**J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report-** Don Vrablic gave his top 5 report as follows- Agreement with Upjohn Institute, sell Ray Park, Interior and Environment Appropriations Bill, Community Outreach Oct. 30, 2014 from 11:00am to 2:00pm, Pipeline construction complete.

**J. 3. Alganssee Library Report-** Librarian Jan Clark emailed her October 2014 report as follows- Circulation 498, Attendance 378, Hours 89, Wireless 270, Library computer use 131, Juvenile programs 1, Attendance 5. Young Adult Programs 1, Attendance 3. Books & DVD loaned to other Michigan libraries (MEL) 32, Our patrons borrowed 39 items from other Michigan Libraries. Branch District Library gave all District Libraries additional 1 hour per week until the end of 2014. Alganssee Library has added hour on Thursdays 9:00 AM until 1:00PM. We have been weeding books, DVDs, Books on CD. We are getting ready for lots of new items that I have been ordering for Adult, Young Adult, Juvenile and Children. Getting rid of old and bringing in new for all! Friends of the Alganssee Library will hold a Fall Indoor Book Sale Saturday, October 11, 2014. 9:00 AM-3:00PM. Location for book sale will be held at 960 Hall Road, Quincy- 5 1/2 miles south on Ray Quincy Rd. to Hall Rd, turn right, first place on right, location change due to weather conditions, there will be signs out by road for the sale. There lots of items for all ages, all of the items for sale are in great condition, very reasonable prices! Money from Book Sale goes to Alganssee Friends Group. Hope to see you at the Library and our Friends Book Sale. The Alganssee Friends Group provides support to the Alganssee Library, which is a Branch of the Branch District Library system, through helping to purchase items such as craft supplies, books and programming materials. They also host programs and assist me with various activities. If you wish to join our Friends Group contact our Library at 517-639-9830. Everybody is welcome. The Branch District Board will meet at Alganssee Library October 20th, Monday at 5:30PM. Everybody Welcome! Alganssee Library Branch Manager Janice and Jessica Clark.

**J. 4. Assessor's Report** – Alganssee Assessor Erica Ewers reported- GIS Pictometry aerial mapping- working out details of all the land splits that have been forwarded to his office Erica said she has been working with the Supervisor and Zoning Administrator on sketches for the proposed Amish school as well as preparing mailings for special use hearings, started measuring new construction last week, special assessments have been prepared and forwarded to the County, 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-** Branch County Drain Commission changed billing to \$4,512.66 charged to the township due end of March, Michigan Participating Plan, Pipeline information and Parking Today magazine

**L. PUBLIC COMMENT-** none

**M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING** Monday, November 3, 2014 at 7:30pm.

**N. Adjourn-** Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 10:05pm. Suzanne Preston, Alganssee Township Clerk