

November 3, 2014 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER- on Monday, November 3rd, 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. All Alganssee Township Board members were present- Supervisor Russ Jennings, Trustee John Shilling, Trustee Bill Avra, Treasurer Ann Strong and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors present that signed in Greg Parker, John & Billie Pollack from the Branch County Sheriff's Department, Evette Atkins from the Branch District Library and Don Vrablic, our county commissioner.

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- Branch County Sheriff John Pollack gave us an update from the Sheriff's Department and trying to set up a meeting with the Amish about roads in Branch County. The Amish say have cleats on their horses shoes for traction. Any Other Public Comment- none

D. MINUTES- Alganssee Township Board Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the October 6, 2014 Alganssee Township Board minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

Alganssee Planning Commission Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept October 27, 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 the balance of \$359,471.64. We had income this month of \$1,206.44 and expenses of 34,471.64. Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept Treasurer's report. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported ladder truck #18 is in repair and Fire Fighter Training classes I & II have started.

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

F. 3. Report from Planning Commission- John Shilling reported the Planning Commission approved Marvin Risedorph's special use request for a land split, William Waite's special use request for a land split and Jeffrey & Susan Mistor's special use request for a shared driveway when all 3 conditions are met. John Shilling motioned to approve Marvin Risedorph's special use request for a land split. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. John Shilling motioned to approve William Waite's special use request for a land split. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to approve Jeffrey & Susan Mistor's special use request for a shared driveway when all 3 conditions are met. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

F. 4. Website- www.algansseetownship.com- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported our web manager is no longer with DMCI and Dave Cleveland from DMCI is planning on coming to one of our meetings to give us an update on the tower.

F. 5. Ordinance Violations-John Dzenny at 232 Bickford Drive-has put no trespassing signs in the wrong place, letters have been sent to have him remove signs.

G. OLD BUSINESS-

G. 1. Planning Committee to Review Feasibility to Move Library to Twp. Hall- Supervisor Russ Jennings asked if we should move forward with moving the Library to the township hall. Ann Strong, John Shilling and Russ Jennings agreed to move forward.

G. 2. Additional Hours at the Alganssee Library- The proposed hours would be Tuesday 1-6, Wednesday 1-6, Thursday 9-1, Friday 1-6 and Saturday 9-12. Ann Strong motioned to approve the extra 4 or 5 hours per week for 8 years. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

G. 3. Township Hall Lights- we are getting complaints the light are too bright.

G. 4. Wilmarth Drain Meeting- November 17 at 9:00am with Drain Commissioner Mike Hard.

G. 5. Any Other Old Business- Rodney Carpenter said all these people getting zoning permits to build calf barns this year shouldn't be eligible for poverty exemption on their property taxes.

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. Abandon Homes on Bickford and Winhoven- Supervisor Russ Jennings said 2 abandon homes owned by Sandra Ely and 1 home owned by Bob Hollaway are running down neighborhoods. Out attorney said the neighbors should file suit against home owners.

H. 2. December Township Newsletter- John Shilling approved the township newsletter. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

H. 3. Approval to Pay Election Workers- Ann Strong motioned to pay election workers. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

H. 4. Remember to Vote Tomorrow- The polls are open from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

H.5. Branch County Road Commission Annual Meeting- is December 11, 2014 at 2:00pm.

H.6. Any Other New Business- none

1. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Township expenses were presented in the amount of \$34,659.21 in the general fund and \$595.00 in the Special Assessment Road Fund equaling \$35,254.21 in total expenses. 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 issued 12 permits in October- Sam Schwartz, Robert Beckman Trust, Robert Beckman Trust, Justin Porter, Samuel Girod, Pine Ridge Bible Church, Emanuel Schwartz, Taylor Gedert, Simon Eicher, Jacob Schwartz, Chris Girod, Henry Schwartz, Jerry Snellenburger, Henry Eicher & Ann Bobosenbank.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic gave his top 5 report as follows- Marine Patrol, Veterans memorial, Economic summit, Coldwater State Park, Time change and remember to vote tomorrow.

J. 3. Alganssee Library Report- Librarian Jan Clark emailed her November 2014 report as follows- Circulation 489, Attendance 369, Wireless use 314, Library Computer use 108, Adult Program 1, Attendance 13, Young Adult Programs 3, Attendance 9, books loaned to other Michigan Libraries 17. Our patrons borrowed 39 books from other Michigan Libraries. Branch District Board was here for October meeting on 20th at 5:30, 13 attending. Alganssee Friends Fall Indoor Book Sale was held at Erica Ewers' garage on October 11. Thanks to Erica and Ann Ewers, sale went good. Lots of new books and DVD's for all ages. Everybody Welcome. We had a Bingo Game for patrons to fill out and win prizes. All enjoyed doing the puzzles and a lot of good comments about the content of the Bingo squares, which included reading their favorite books, writing a paragraph about their book and questions about all Libraries.

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Alganssee Assessor Erica Ewers reported- Consumers Price Index for 2015 is 1.016 a 1.6% increase in Taxable Value for 2015, reviewing residential sales study, winter tax bill update submitted to Equalization office consisting of name address legal description & principal residence exemptions, visited most of construction in township that was finished this year, sunset Heights special assessment will remain as is with lot 18 receiving the assessment, working with Amos on mailings and splits for zoning, 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- FEMA Flood Plain Plan Insurance and 2 notices about Michigan Public Service Commission and Consumers Energy Public Hearings.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING Monday, December 1, 2014 at 7:30pm.

N. Adjourn- Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Suzanne Preston, Alganssee Township Clerk