

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER- on Monday, December 1, 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 and thanked everyone for coming. 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 were Jeff & Sue Mistor, Earl Waterstraat, Ron Boggia, Rick Coon, Mason Whitney, Bobbie & Fred Avra 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- none

D. MINUTES- Alganssee Township Board Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the November 3, 2014 Alganssee Township Board minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

Alganssee Planning Commission Minutes- John Shilling motioned to accept November 24, 2014 Planning Commission minutes, no December meeting. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

E. 1. Monthly Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance of \$351,665.43. We had income this month of \$27,448.00 and expenses of \$35,254.21. 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 met with Finance committee, adjustment in budget, firemen get \$20/call whether it is 1 hour or 18 hours, strategic planning meeting Dec. 3 at 5:30 at Village Hall, next regular meeting Dec.9 at 5:30pm.

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 Jeff and Susan Mistor 764 Bennett Drive, Coldwater, Michigan, property code #120-T80-000-004-00 Special Use Request for a shared driveway under Chapter 14.09 Shared Driveways. They have signed the paper work with the Planning Commission. Bill Avra motioned to accept Jeff and Susan Mistor's special use request with all 3 conditions- 1. Minimum finished surface width is 8 feet by 92 feet long and a 17 foot easement. 2. All 3 parties- Mistor's, Boggias and Klerners must sign agreement drawn up by their attorneys for maintenance and use of the shared driveway. 3. All conditions subject to Judge Bill O'Grady's 5-6-14 judgment. John Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried. The Planning Commission held a Special Use Request public hearing for Christopher C. Donato Jr., 35022 Lauren Lane, Richmond, Michigan, to build a pole barn at/behind his property at 250 Donnell Drive, Coldwater, Michigan, property code # 120-007-400-005-03 and they agreed to table this special use request until the next Planning Commission meeting on Monday, January 26, 2015 so Christopher C. Donato Jr can present a time line on when he will have his proposed project is completed. The Alganssee Township Zoning Ordinance states special use permits must be finished in 12 months and he'll need to put a percentage of the cost of the project in escrow.

F. 4. Website- www.algansseetownship.com- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported our web manager is no longer with DMCI and we should hear back from DMCI's Dave Cleveland.

F. 5. Ordinance Violations-John Dzenny at 232 Bickford Drive-has no trespassing signs placed within 10 feet of electrical lines, 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. Township Hall Lights- complaints light are too bright, increase in electric bill.

G. 3. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. Zoning Violation-Marijuana grow house, 228 Donnell Drive- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported this isn't allowed in residential neighborhoods, property is owned by Joseph Kanolos, 34 Voight St, Coldwater, Michigan. John Shilling motioned to have Supervisor Russ Jennings contact our attorney. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

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

H. 3. December Board of Review- will be Tuesday, December 9 at 2:00pm.

H. 4. Meeting with Amish concerning roads- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the Amish aren't opposed to being assessed to help pay for township roads, there will be more meetings.

H. 5. County Proposal for Sheriff Road Patrol- County is proposing to have townships pay for road patrol, proportional to population size.

H. 6. Library Contract- will change hours from 21 hours to 26 hours, try it for a year, Tuesday 12-6, Wed 1-6, Thursday 9-1, Friday 10-6, Saturday 9-12.

H. 7. Any Other New Business- none

1. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Township expenses were presented in the amount of \$14,077.40. John Shilling motioned to pay bills. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Treasurer Ann Strong reported David Locey's Office will hire an auditor this coming year.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report- Zoning Administrator Amos Barnett reported he didn't issue any permits last month, presented list of all permits issued in 2014.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic gave his top 5 report as follows- Correction Overtime Report, 2015 Budget, Road Funding Resolution, Invasive Species and Pines Behavioral Health Bid Process plus wishing everyone a safe and Happy Holiday.

J. 3. Alganssee Library Report- Librarian Jan Clark emailed her December 2014 report as follows- Circulation 492, Attendance 354, wireless use 159, Library computer use 127, Young Adult Programs 3, Attendance 11. Juvenile Programs 2, Attendance 9. Books loaned to other Michigan Libraries 29, borrowed 29 books from other Michigan Libraries. Our hours were less this month because of Thanksgiving, off 27th & 28th, Hours 82. We have Holiday crafting table for all ages every Tuesday afternoon or whenever patrons come in, welcome to do a craft and take home. All items used for crafting are provided by Alganssee Branch Friends. We can also get items we need from other Branch District Libraries for crafts. We are making Holiday Cards from scratch for folks to craft to take home this Friday from 4:30 until 6:00. It is always lots of fun for all. Cookies provided, all at no charge. Bring friends if you like, we will make room. Everybody is welcome. We are ending up 2014 with programs in mind for 2015. We have had a good year, looking forward to even a better year with more money available for more programs. We are adding more hours for next year. All Library Branches have received more hours. We will have 26 hours a week instead of 21. The following hours for Alganssee Branch will be Tuesday (12pm to 6 pm), Wednesday (1pm to 6pm), Thursday (9am to 1pm), Friday (10am to 6pm), and Saturday (9am to 12pm). The Branch District manager Evette Atkin has approved these hours and I would appreciate your approval. When we have programs I will put them on Branch District Library calendar, look for Alganssee Branch) and Facebook (Alganssee Branch). Any questions please us know phone 639-9830 or email.

J. 4. Assessor's Report - Alganssee Assessor Erica Ewers gave her December report- Residential Sales Study from Equalization Office has been finalized, ratio came in at 50.90% for residential class as a whole. Each neighborhood may see fluctuations percentage, finalized all splits that had been approved by Planning Commission last few months, all been entered on the computer and forwarded to GIS, waiting on deeds to be filed so ownership can change, working on new construction follow up, data entry is currently caught up for year, working on cleaning up files, continuing to pick up data at Equalization, Building Inspection, and Branch County Abstract & Title Office.

K. CORRESPONDENCE- Charter, Jim & Jean Toth, Branch, Calhoun & St. Joseph Counties Community Action, Drain Commission meeting Dec 11 at 10:00am California Twp. Hall, Consumers Energy Public Hearing on Dec 4, 2014, DEQ public posting- 1.Dock- Daniel Lafferty & Clifford Gary, 2.Sea wall- Alan Kidder 3. Rock wall- DKM Investments, FEMA Flood Plain Plans for St. Joseph River Water Shed and Branch Co. Board of Commissioners resolution sent to governor for permanent solution on fixing roads.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- John Shilling introduced his grandson Mason Whitney who came to observe the township meeting. Bobbi Avra handed out a paper she wrote against moving the Library.

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING Monday, January 5, 2015 at 7:30pm.

N. Adjourn- John Shilling motioned to adjourn. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Suzanne Preston, Alganssee Township Clerk