

January 5, 2015 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER- on Monday, January 5, 2015 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 welcomed everyone. 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 Jim Strock 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 December 1, 2014 Alganssee Township Board minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.
Alganssee Planning Commission Minutes- didn't meet.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

E. 1. Monthly Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance of \$340,462.89. We had income this month of \$2,874.86 and expenses of \$14,077.40. 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 2015 Budget up more than 8%, fire chief wants new pickup, firemen working on required training.

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

F. 3. Report from Planning Commission- John Shilling reported they didn't meet.

F. 4. Website- www.algansseetownship.com- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported DMCI's Dave Cleveland will help us with our website.

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 read a letter from Bobbi Avra against moving the library. Supervisor Russ Jennings said as a committee we should look at all options.

G. 2. Township Hall Lights- complaints light are too bright, increase in electric bill. Trustee John Shilling suggested the parking lot lights could be turned off for now and turn on the lights on the township hall, the parking lot lights could be worked on when the weather warms up.

G. 3. Marijuana Grow House 228 Donnell Drive - Supervisor Russ Jennings reported our attorney is still investigating and Supervisor will see township planner and discuss situation.

G. 4. Meeting with Amish Concerning Roads- there will be more meetings.

G. 5. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. Branch County Road Commission 2015 Budget Approval- Trustee John Shilling said he would check gravel roads in township over next few months to see where worked is needed.

H. 2. Alganssee Township Budget workshop will be February 2, 2015 at 6:30pm.

H. 3. Ice Retardant Systems- DEQ needs to approve these systems. Jim Strock from Marble Lake said they are a safety hazard because they create thin ice. DEQ has approved permanent docks for Gajewski, Lafferty and Gary. Jim Strock reported over 200 mute swan removed so far.

H. 4. Township's Septic System Failures vs. DEQ, New Legislation- if anyone knows of 4 or more septic failures the Health Department needs to be notified as soon as possible.

H. 5. Any Other New Business- none

1. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Township expenses were presented in the amount of \$17,965.72. 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 reported he issue 1 permit last month.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic reported they had met today.

J. 3. Alganssee Library Report- Librarian Jan Clark emailed her January 2015 report as follows- Circulation 548, Hours 84, Attendance 322, Library computer use 119, Wireless computer use 184, Young Adult Programs 3, Attendance 24. Juvenile Programs 4, Attendance 26. We had our Holiday Card Craft Program December 5, had a good time with 9 patrons attending. Several children & Adults made crafts from our December craft table. We are working on weeding books to make more room for new books, we have more money this year for the book budget, thanks to the passing of the millage for our Branch District Libraries. Thank You to all who voted Yes. Some of the Alganssee patrons have donated new books for Children and Adults, which we really appreciate and we will put donated by, inside of front cover. Thank You to all who donated! Planning more programs for all ages, I will let everybody know when we get them going. I do have 2 Programs scheduled for Summer Reading so far. Any Suggestions for programs or questions about your Library, please stop in or call 639-9830. Will be glad to help. Wishing all a Happy New Year!

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Alganssee Assessor Erica Ewers gave her January report as follows- Agricultural, commercial and industrial sales study information has been received from the County and am still negotiating values at this time. New construction review was wrapped up on December 31. December Board of Review was December 9, 2014 at 2:00pm with the approval of 11 petitions and the denial of 2 veteran's petitions that didn't meet the disability requirements. Currently working on data entry and filing continues. March Board of Review Organizational Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 2:00pm. The Board of Review meetings are tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2015 from 9:00 to Noon and 1:00 to 4:00pm and Thursday, March 12 from 1:00 to 4:00pm and 6:00 to 9:00pm. These will be finalized by the February meeting. Continuing to pick up data at Equalization, Building Inspection, and Branch County Abstract & Title Office.

K. CORRESPONDENCE- Drain Commission, Charlotte Dubay, MTA BOR Training, Michigan Par Plan News, Consumers Energy Public Hearing, Department of Licensing updates, Terry Barror requesting township to remove abandon homes and FOIA for Sept.2, 2014min, Oct. 6, 2014 min., Nov. 3, 2014 min., Dec. 1, 2014 min and Jan. 5, 2015 min. Supervisor Russ Jennings said he contacted the County Health Department and they won't condemn the homes, he'll pass the letter to our township attorney.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- John Shilling said in 1994 Proposal A passed and now his taxes are back up to the same as they were in 1994. Newly elected State Representative Eric Leutheuser reported he'll be sworn in on January 14th. He said if anyone has any concerns or problems contact him and his job is to make sure our rural area receives our share. Thomas W. Schrader sent us a PA 116 application for property on Lester Road, 70.6 acres. John Shilling motion to accept the application. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING Monday, February 2, 2015 at 7:30pm with 6:30pm budget workshop.

N. Adjourn- Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

Suzanne Preston, Alganssee Township Clerk