

May 4, 2015 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER- on Monday, May 4, 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. Alganssee 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 Rick Coon, Rod Carpenter, Greg Parker and Jamie Wietecki.

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

B. AGENDA- Suzanne Preston motioned to accept agenda. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Jamie Wietecki is concerned about the Marijuana Grow house at 228 Donnell Drive. No one is living in that house and the owners are growing marijuana in the house. There can't be a business in a residential neighborhood. Supervisor Russ Jennings said we need to talk to our township attorney about the issue. Jamie Wietecki said that Chris Donato is showing his plans for his barn to include living space. Supervisor Russ Jennings asked if there was any other public comment. Chad Carpenter wondered what the setbacks are for the Ag district. Zoning Administrator Amos Barnett said the setbacks in the Ag district are 20 feet. Chad Carpenter said he thought Mr. Girod on Ray Quincy road was closed than that to the property line.

D. MINUTES- Alganssee Township Board Minutes - Bill Avra motioned to accept the April 6, 2015 Alganssee Township Board minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

Alganssee Planning Commission Minutes- John Shilling motioned to accept the April 27, 2015 Alganssee Planning Commission minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

E. 1. Monthly Report- Supervisor Russ Jennings gave the Treasurer's report as the April balance is \$365,168.55. We had income this month of \$107,731.72 and expenses of \$40,541.46, giving a balance for May of \$432,358.81. Clerk agrees. John Shilling motioned to accept Treasurer's report. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association- Bill Avra reported seeking bids to repair the roof and the parking lot.

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

F. 3. Report from Planning Commission- John Shilling said there wasn't anything to report.

F. 4. Website- www.algansseetownship.com- website is working.

F. 5. Ordinance Violations- 218 Donnell Drive- Michael Carroll used to be the owner. Now it is owned by Citi Financial. The house is abandoned because of fire. It needs to be fixed up or removed. Supervisor Russ Jennings said he would send a letter.

G. OLD BUSINESS-

G. 1. Library Committee to Review Feasibility to Move to Twp. Hall- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported Library questionnaire will be handed out from April 1st through June 30th at the Library.

G. 2. Township Hall Lights in Parking Lot- John said he fixed the lights.

G. 3. Meeting with Amish Concerning Roads- still working on it.

G. 4. There is new FOIA legislation- July 1, 2015 Freedom of Information Act procedures in place. MTA is holding a meeting about FOIA on June 18th.

G. 5. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. Dust Control Bids for Gravel Roads- we received one bid and it was from S & M Liquid Tire Fill for \$255 per mile. John Shilling motioned to accept the bid of \$255 per mile from S & M Liquid Tire Fill. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

H. 2. - May 5th Special Election- there is a state wide road funding proposal on the ballot at the Special Election held tomorrow May 5th, also Coldwater School District is having two millage proposals and Reading school district has one proposal on the ballot. Suzanne Preston motioned to pay the election inspectors. Bill Avra supported the motion. The clerk reported the polls are open from 7:00am to 8:00pm. Supervisor Russ Jennings read the resolution from the Branch County Road Commission in support of Proposal 15.1.

H. 3. Weed Control for Exotic Weeds- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the weed control for exotic weeds is starting this month.

H. 4. Any Other New Business- Supervisor Russ Jennings said we need to find a recording secretary for the Planning Commission meetings and the township meetings. He said Ovid Township pays \$15 per hour to attend the meetings and \$25 per hour to type the minutes. Pricilla Dodd suggested the Zoning Board of Appeals meet to update procedures and elect officers.

1. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Township expenses were presented in the amount of \$14,397.37 plus election workers. Bill Avra motioned to pay bills. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1. Zoning Administrator- Zoning Administrator Amos Barnett reported 6 permits last month.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic gave his monthly report as follows election tomorrow for state road funding and proposed funding for Coldwater, Reading and Union city Schools, banned use of drones while hunting, L-4024 report shows 2015 Equalized Values have increased, Thunder storms, Tornados and Earthquakes warnings can be received through the Code Red through the 911 website, county is capitalizing on energy savings through Johnson Controls.

J. 3. Algansee Library Report- Librarian Jan Clark emailed her May 2015 report as follows- Circulation 384, Attendance 356, Hours 105, In house computer use 113, Wireless 165, 1 Adult Program 2 attending, 1 Young Adult Program 2 attending, 3 Children programs 5 attending. Our pine cone craft went very well, all supplies for pine cone bird feeders are available for all who come in to Library. All free. Coloring pictures and reading books for all are also available anytime. Lots of programs scheduled, all on our Algansee Newsletter. You can view Newsletter on line, Face Book, Branch District calendar or come into Library to pick one up. The Branch District Board of Trustees will meet here at Algansee Library May 18th at 5:30. Everybody is welcome. Any suggestions or questions please stop by or call 639-9830.

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Algansee Assessor Erica Ewers gave her May report as follows- Received word from county Equalization on April 17 that it is ok to roll over database to 2016, due to computer being down she hasn't rolled over database or sent final reports to the State (L4626 & Personal Property), done a lot of cleaning and filing paperwork, when she gets computer up and running will finalize new construction and update sketches and file photos, 2015 splits were forwarded to county Drain commissioner, Nick Postula called to say he couldn't fix the computer and he'll order a new one. Continuing to pick up data at Equalization, Building Inspection, and Branch County Abstract & Title Office.

K. CORRESPONDENCE- Branch County Commissioner Dale Swift invited all elected officials to tour the Career Center on May 18th. Charlotte Dubay who cleans the township hall recommends new lights in meeting room and a new step ladder for township hall and the trim on front door needs to be replaced. Bill said he would get a quote for the lights

L. PUBLIC COMMENT-

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING Monday, June 1, 2015 at 7:30pm.

N. Adjourn- John Shilling motioned to adjourn. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm. Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk