

## March 2, 2015 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER-** on Monday, March 2, 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. Alganssee Township Board members present- Supervisor Russ Jennings, Trustee John Shilling, Trustee Bill Avra, and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Treasurer Ann Strong was absent because she was taking taxes. Visitors present that signed in were George Baker and Greg Richer.  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** Supervisor Russ Jennings led the pledge to the American Flag.

**B. AGENDA-** Bill Avra motioned accept the agenda with the additions/changes of moving lawn care bids to first public comment and to add May election to New Business. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported we received two lawn care bids- George Baker for \$8,900 same as last year and Greg Richer for \$8,500. John Shilling motioned to accept Greg Richer's bid of \$8,500. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

**D. MINUTES- Alganssee Township Board Minutes-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the February 2, 2015 Alganssee Township Board minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**Alganssee Planning Commission Minutes-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the February 23, 2015 Alganssee Planning Commission minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

### E. TREASURER'S REPORT

**E. 1. Monthly Report-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the balance of \$365,168.55. We had income this month of \$27,851.30 and expenses of \$6,893.35. 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 8% from last year, fire chief wants new pickup, firemen working on required training. We agreed there has to be accountability at the Fire Department. Next Fire Finance Committee meeting will be March 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm.

**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 tabled the split request.

**F. 4. Website- [www.algansseetownship.com](http://www.algansseetownship.com)-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported website is working.

**F. 5. Ordinance Violations-**none

### G. OLD BUSINESS-

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

**G. 2. Township Hall Lights-** lights will be worked on when the weather warms up.

**G. 3. Meeting with Amish Concerning Roads-** there will be more meetings.

**G. 4. Terry Barror, 234 Bickford Drive-** township attorney sent letter to Terry Barror stating township can't do anything to help at this time.

**G. 5. Any Other Old Business-** none

### H. NEW BUSINESS-

**H. 1. Truth & Taxation Public Hearing-** Supervisor Russ Jennings called the Truth and Taxation Public Hearing to order and reported the Millage reductions from 1999 to 2013 for Alganssee Township are as follows- 1999- 0.9150, 2000- 0.9057, 2001- 0.8881, 2002- 0.8668, 2003- 0.8550, 2004- 0.8492, 2005- 0.8321, 2006- 0.8263, 2007- 0.8191, 2008- 0.8104, 2009- 0.8104, 2010- 0.8104, 2011- 0.8104, 2012- 0.8104, 2013- 0.8104 and 2014- 0.8104, according to the Headley amendment the amount will go down or stay the same each year. Supervisor Russ Jennings said we don't know the exact amount for this year until about June, except it won't exceed last year's amount. John Shilling motioned to approve the Truth and Taxation with the maximum property tax Millage rate allowed not exceeding last year's amount of .8104 in support of the proposed budget. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to close the truth and Taxation public hearing. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**H. 2. 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget Hearing-** Supervisor Russ Jennings called the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget Hearing to order. Bill Avra motioned to open the Alganssee Township Budget Hearing. John

Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried. Discussed the balanced budget. John Shilling motioned to accept the 2015-2016 fiscal year budget. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to close the Budget hearing. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**H. 3. Board of Review Organizational Meeting-** Alganssee Township Board of Review Organizational Meeting is Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 2:00pm.

**H. 4. Board of Review Hours-** Alganssee Township Board of Review meetings are Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00 to Noon and 1:00 to 4:00pm and Thursday, March 12- 1:00 to 4:00pm and 6:00 to 9:00pm.

**H. 5. Lawn Care Bids-** already discussed and voted on.

**H. 6. Township Annual Meeting-** will be the last Saturday in- March 28, 2015 at 9:00am.

**H. 7. F.O.I.A. Legislation-** as of July 1, 2015 need Freedom of Information Act procedures in place.

**H. 8. May 5<sup>th</sup> Election-** there will be a state wide election May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**H. 9. Any Other New Business-** none

**1. PAYMENT OF BILLS-** Township expenses were presented in the amount of \$6,893.35. 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 issue 1 permit last month.

**J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report-** Don Vrablic was absent.

**J. 3. Alganssee Library Report-** Librarian Jan Clark March 2015 report as follows- Circulation 391, Hours 104, and Attendance 362. Adult Programs 2, Attendance 14, Young Adult Programs 3, Attendance, Loans to Mel cat 36. Loans from Mel cat for our patrons 33. Library computer use 125. Wireless use 234. Scheduled 4 Preschool programs for February and ready with story and small craft, nobody showed up for program. I know the weather has been bad; maybe we will get more participation when weather warms up. I have a young lady volunteering Friday mornings at 10:30 that would really like to read to the children, please spread the word that Alganssee Library now has a special Program for children who are not in school. On February 11, we had a program for all to make Valentine boxes and cards, with 8 attending. Fun project. We picked our three winners for Winter Blahs contest. Patrons entered their name every time they checked out a book. The prizes were provided by the Alganssee Friends Group. Adult received a basket full of goodies, Young Adult- large sketch pad and pastel crayons, Juvenile received small sketch pad and bi-color pencils. All were surprised and happy with their prizes. On February at 3:00 we asked a young lady from Union City to help us with Arm Knitting. We had 6 participate, all ended up with a bulky wrap around scarf. It was also a fun craft. We are always having a craft time every Wednesday at 4:30. Most of the time patrons show up for these programs. Everybody welcome. March is Reading month. Lots of New books, DVDs, Books on CD's. One Book One Community Book Discussion on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00. March 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 Boy Scouts will be here to present a Survival Program. Just a few Programs going on this month. Come and join us anytime. Everybody Welcome. Support your Library! Any questions or suggestions, please call 639-9830.

**J. 4. Assessor's Report** – Alganssee Assessor Erica Ewers gave her March report as follows- Notices were mailed out on February 24, Ads for Board of Review ran in the Shoppers Guide on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> and the Daily Reporter on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup>, Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup>, and Friday the 27<sup>th</sup>. March Board of Review Organizational meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 3, 2015 at 2:00pm. The Board of Review meetings will be Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm and Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm to 4:00pm and 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Erica attended Board of Review Training in Calhoun County at Fredonia Township Hall on February 19<sup>th</sup> from 1-5pm, will pass the information on to the Board of Review at the organizational meeting. Received the first round of GIS maps from the City of Coldwater and while they are a good start they are not ready for public debut. Continuing to pick up data at Equalization, Building Inspection, and Branch County Abstract & Title Office.

**K. CORRESPONDENCE-** QED newsletter, Michigan labor law posting notice, MTA workshop.

**L. PUBLIC COMMENT-** none

**M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING** Monday, April 6, 2015 at 7:30pm.

**N. Adjourn-** Bill Avra motioned to adjourn. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm. Suzanne Preston, Alganssee Township Clerk