

# June 1, 2015 Algansee Township Board Minutes

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER-** on Monday, June 1, 2015 at 7:30pm Supervisor Russ Jennings called the Algansee Township Board meeting to order at the Algansee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy, Michigan. Algansee Township Board members present were- Supervisor Russ Jennings, Trustee John Shilling, Trustee Bill Avra, Treasurer Ann Strong and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors present that signed in were Rick Coon, Rod Carpenter, Greg Parker and Jamie Wieteki.

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

**B. AGENDA-** Bill Avra motioned to accept agenda with the addition of approval of new Zoning Board of Appeals member Bob Migrin under first public comment. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes** - Bill Avra motioned to accept the May 4, 2015 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**Algansee Planning Commission Minutes-** John Shilling motioned to accept the May 26, 2015 Algansee Planning Commission minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

## E. TREASURER'S REPORT

**E. 1. Monthly Report-** Ann Strong gave her Treasurer's report as follows- the balance for May was \$432,358.81. We had income this month of \$30,999.03 and expenses of \$15,210.13, giving us a balance of \$448,141.71. Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept Treasurer's report. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

## F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

**F. 1. Quincy Fire Association-** Bill Avra reported the next meeting is Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.

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

**F. 3. Report from Planning Commission-** John Shilling said the brick retaining wall on the south side of the township hall is leaning. Bill Avra said he would contact Nick Michael to fix it.

**F. 4. Website- [www.alganseetownship.com](http://www.alganseetownship.com)**- website is up and running.

**F. 5. Ordinance Violations-** Abandoned house at 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 reported he is having a hard time contacting the right person at Citi Financial. County Commissioner Don Vrablic recommended we turn over the problem to the Under Sheriff.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT-** Bob Migrin of 203 Dons Drive said he would be willing to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals. John Shilling motioned to nominate Bob Migrin to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion supported by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

Treasurer Ann Strong said Norie Horn of 1189 E. Central Road called her to say she had sent her taxes on time and it was lost in the mail. She showed Ann the check stub to show she mailed the taxes on time. Norie Horn would like to be reimbursed for the interest and admin fee of \$49.31. Suzanne Preston motioned to reimburse Norie Horn \$49.31. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

## G. OLD BUSINESS-

**G. 1. Library Committee to Review Feasibility to Move to Twp. Hall-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported Library questionnaire will be done by the end of the month. We will meet at 7:00 before next month's meeting to count questionnaire votes.

**G. 2. Meeting with Amish Concerning Roads-** still working on it.

**G. 3. There is new FOIA legislation-** July 1, 2015 Freedom of Information Act procedures in place. Bill Avra motioned to adopt the FOIA procedures. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**G. 4. Any Other Old Business-** Supervisor Russ Jennings wondered if anyone had found anyone interested in being the recording secretary for the township. We'll keep looking.

## H. NEW BUSINESS-

**H. 1. Summer Newsletter-** Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the newsletter. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

**H. 2. - Marijuana Grow House-** at 228 Donnell Drive, Clerk read the letter from our township attorney Chuck Lillis. Supervisor Russ Jennings asked Sheriff Pollack how many marijuana dispensaries are in the

county and our township and the Sheriff said he didn't know because they don't have to report to him. John Shilling motioned not to do anything at this time. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**H. 3. Any Other New Business-** the Clerk asked if anyone knew if there was a headstone size regulation, because it doesn't state any size regulation in the township cemetery ordinance. It was tabled. Sexton George Baker said there is a cherry tree in the back of Fisher Cemetery that is half dead and needs to come down. John Shilling said he would look at the tree.

**1. PAYMENT OF BILLS-** Township expenses were presented in the amount of \$21,254.52. Bill Avra motioned to pay bills. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

## **J. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**J. 1. Zoning Administrator-** Zoning Administrator Amos Barnett reported 8 permits last month- Kevin Stempien, Greg Faurot, Joseph Girod, Joseph Girod, Jake Girod, Simon Schwartz, David Schwartz and Joseph Girod.

**J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report-** Don Vrablic gave his monthly report as follows- Animal Control building burned, Reduced Revenues, Unemployment rate down, Avoid and report any sightings of the eastern massasauga rattlesnake and encourage the state to make changes to the law to require all children to be vaccinated unless there is a legitimate medical waiver.

**J. 3. Alganssee Library Report-** Librarian Jan Clark emailed her June 2015 report as follows- Circulation 400, Attendance 449, Hours 115, In House computer use 134, Wireless use 261, Adult Programs 2 with 18 attending, Juvenile programs 4 with 8 attending. No Young Adult programs because of end of year testing at school. The Branch District Board of Trustees had their May meeting here May 18<sup>th</sup>, 12 members were here. The Alganssee Friends provided cookies and water. Besides taking care of our patrons we were busy getting ready for our book sale and planning programs for the Summer Reading Programs. The theme for this 2015 Summer Reading Program is "Every Hero Has a Story". Alganssee Library starts our Summer Reading Program sign-up starting June 5<sup>th</sup>. June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> is our Big Book Sale being held at 960 Hall Road. The last 2 years we had to cancel our book sale because of rain. Erica Ewers has loaned us her double garage for our sale. There will be signs on Quincy Ray Road for the sale. The sale hours will be 9AM-3PM both days. Lots of like new books, good prices! Come and see us! All proceeds will go to Alganssee Friends to help with programs and prizes. Rain or shine! June 18<sup>th</sup>, Thursday Kalamazoo Nature Center will present "Natures Super Heroes" at 10:00 AM. It is great for all ages. Hope the weather is good! June 27<sup>th</sup>, Saturday we will have our first Hero here at the Library. Hal Nottingham will be here and dressed as President Lincoln. He will answer questions about President Lincoln and maybe sing a song!! The Coldwater Daily Reporter will also be here for this event! Everybody is welcome. Come and join us! July 1<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday Dynamic West Assemblies, Inc. will present "Rock and Roll Heroes". We will learn about the legends and heroes of rock and roll, a fun, interactive and energizing concert. It will be fun for all ages. We are working hard to keep our Alganssee Library active and fun for all! Come and join us.

**J. 4. Assessor's Report** - Alganssee Assessor Erica Ewers gave her June report as follows- Received new computer on May 15<sup>th</sup> files were recovered, final reports to State(L4626 & personal property), database was rolled over to 2016 on May 27, received a MTT appeal for Tri-State Premier properties working on response, Bud Norman working with Coldwater City to have GIS available, working on entering data, continuing to pick up data at Equalization, Building Inspection, and Branch County Abstract & Title Office.

**K. CORRESPONDENCE-** Michigan Gas Utilities, MTA Work place posters, MTA workshop on Money matters and Budgeting, letter about dog barking on Central Road east of Fremont Road.

**L. PUBLIC COMMENT-** John Shilling said he ordered the dust control.

**M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING-** Monday, July 6, 2015 at 7:30pm, we will meet at 7:00 to count questionnaires.

**N. Adjourn-** John Shilling motioned to adjourn. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm. Suzanne Preston, Alganssee Township Clerk