

July 6, 2015 Algansee Township Board Minutes

7:00pm. Township Board reviewed returned Library questionnaire. There were 18 questionnaires returned 7 yes- they would like a new library, 7 no- they would like to keep the library where it is and 4 were undecided.

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER- on Monday, July 6, 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.

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

B. AGENDA- John Shilling motioned to accept agenda. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes - Bill Avra motioned to accept the June 1, 2015 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

Algansee Planning Commission Minutes- John Shilling motioned to accept the June 29, 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 \$448,141.71. We had expenses this month of \$21,259.44 and of income \$23,406.27, giving us a balance of \$450,288.27. The 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 they met Tuesday, June 9th at 5:30 and accepted a bid of \$7,000 to fix the side door foundation. The next meeting will be August 11th.

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

F. 3. Report from Planning Commission- John Shilling reported on the special use request for a land split from Mike Brewer. John Shilling motioned to approve the land split request from Mike Brewer upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. Mike Waligora has requested a special use public hearing for a land split. It is scheduled for this Friday, July 10th at 6:30. Supervisor Russ Jennings would like the Township board to meet after that meeting to approve the land split. John Shilling motioned to meet this Friday after the 6:30 Planning Commission meeting. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

C. Public Comment- Sheriff John Pollack reported to us what the Sheriff's Department has been doing this past month.

F. 4. Website- 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. He has contacted the Under Sheriff and their records show that it is still owned by Citi Financial. Township Assessor Erica Ewers reported she has been getting calls about people interested in buying the property and they are getting the same run around. Bill Avra motioned to have our township attorney write a letter to Citi Financial. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

G. OLD BUSINESS-

G. 1. Library Committee to Review Feasibility to Move to Twp. Hall- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported on the Library questionnaire. There were 18 surveys returned 7 yes they would like a new library, 7 no they would like to keep the library where it is and 4 were undecided. Erica Ewers reported the floor was moving when they had a lot of movement at one of the programs. Ann Strong suggested the Branch County Library Board should inspect it to see if it is structurally sound.

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

G. 3. New FOIA legislation- on July 1, 2015 new Freedom of Information Act procedures are to be in place and on website. Bill Avra motioned to adopt the FOIA procedures. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

G. 4. Recording Secretary for Zoning Appeals Board and Planning Commission- Cherie Cochrane said she would be interested in being the recording secretary. Bill Avra motioned to pay \$80 per meeting for the recording secretary. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

Any Other Old Business- John Shilling said he talked to David Hardy about fixing the retaining wall at the township hall. David Hardy submitted a bid of \$500 to fix the retaining wall. John shilling motioned to have Dave Hardy fix the retaining wall at the township hall. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. July Board of Review – Supervisor Russ Jennings reported July Board of Review would be on July 21st at 2:00pm.

H. 2. Any Other New Business- none

1. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Township expenses were presented in the amount of \$34,025.96. Bill Avra motioned to pay bills. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1. Zoning Administrator- Zoning Administrator Amos Barnett reported 4 permits last month- Bob Migrin, Jake Schwartz, Aaron Schwartz and John Schwartz.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic gave his monthly report as follows- Fire and water-Animal Control building burned and heavy rains caused leaks in the jail, increased fees associated with the purchase of tax records and tax certifications from \$1 to \$5.00, Boater safety day was held June 20th and the next one will be August 1st, Tire recycling on Saturday August 22nd, Energy savings and CMI grant.

J. 3. Alganssee Library Report- Librarian Jan Clark emailed her June 2015 report as follows- Circulation 391, Attendance 423, Hours 110, 2 Summer Reading Programs with 36 attending. We had 41 sign up for Summer Reading, which includes Young patrons and Adults. Our first program was Kalamazoo Nature Center, "Natures Super Heroes" Attendance for this program was 22. Tight squeeze in Library because of wet grass and mosquitoes! It was very fun and educational program. Second program was Hal Nottingham as Abe Lincoln. He told stories of Abraham Lincoln's life answered questions. There was no charge for this program. We appreciate that Mr. Nottingham thought of us for this program. Abraham Lincoln was a Hero in our American History. Attendance for this program was 14. Lots of pictures of these programs on Alganssee Branch Facebook! We have 1 more program this month July 22 with Joel Tacey's Extreme Duck Tape Workshop at 4:30 p.m. This will be a fun program for all ages. Everybody is welcome. Then we will end our Summer Reading Program with a small party. The patrons will turn in their Reading lists and we will hand out gift bags

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Alganssee Assessor Erica Ewers gave her June report as follows- July Board of Review has been scheduled for July 21st at 2:00pm, currently have a number of changes to make before Principal Residence Exemptions that were filed timely and a couple of Hardship Exemptions and value changes. Filed MTT appeal paper work for Tri-State Premier Properties, but it's not appearing on website so working with Tribunal to refile data. Pictometry is running again and was only down for 2 days. Still haven't heard if parcels are going to be dated on this software or how we get updates and clarification that splits are being entered correctly, currently holding split paper work. June update was submitted to the county so that tax bills could be printed. Warrants were signed so that tax collection could begin. Continuing to enter data and land splits that were approved earlier this year. Also found the revised plat of Twin coves off of Bennett Drive, has been recorded with the State. Continuing to pick up data at Equalization, Building Inspection, and Branch County Abstract & Title Office.

K. CORRESPONDENCE- Michigan Gas Utilities Public Hearing July 20th, MTA- thank you for renewing membership, MTA workshop on Hot Topics in Planning and Zoning Aug 12th, Department of Licensing electrical code changes and new requirements for Mobile Home Parks, Consumers Energy public hearing June 30th and July 15th.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- will be Monday, August 3, 2015 at 7:30pm

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