

August 3, 2015 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER- on Monday, August 3, 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. All Alganssee Township Board members were present - 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- Bill Avra motioned to accept agenda. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

C. Public Comment- Quincy Community Schools Superintendent Craig Artist gave us an update on the Bond projects. He invited everyone to come and see the construction and he would be glad to give us a tour.

Zoning Administrator Amos Barnett reported Chris Donato has removed the old building his on property and has complied with his part of the agreement so he should have his security deposit back. John Shilling motioned to pay Chris Donato his \$6,000.00 security deposit back. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

Supervisor Russ Jennings asked if there was any other public comment and there wasn't.

D. MINUTES- Alganssee Township Board Minutes - Bill Avra motioned to accept the July 6, 2015 Alganssee Township Board minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. John Shilling motioned to accept the July 13, 2015 special Alganssee Township meeting. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.
Alganssee Planning Commission Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the July 10, 2015 Alganssee Planning Commission minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. The July 27, 2015 Planning Commission meeting minutes won't be approved until after the Planning Commission approves them at their next meeting.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

E. 1. Monthly Report- Ann Strong gave her Treasurer's report as follows- the balance for the July meeting was \$450,288.27. We had expenses this month of \$34,025.96 and of income \$7,280.13, giving us a balance of \$423,542.44. The 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 they had a special meeting on, July 15th because the 1996 Pumper Truck needs a new liner and the cost to repair it will be \$33,000. 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 revised Planning Commission Application for a Special Use Permit. John Shilling motioned to accept the revised Planning Commission Application for a Special Use Permit. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Suzanne Preston motioned to change the Special Use Special Meeting fee to \$800.00 to cover costs of both the township and planning commission meetings. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

F. 4. Website- www.algansseetownship.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. Alganssee Township Attorney sent letter to Citi Financial to remove the house because it is a nuisance to the township.

G. OLD BUSINESS-

G. 1. Meeting with Amish Concerning Roads- still working on it.

G. 2. New FOIA Procedures- need to be added to website

G. 3. Any Other Old Business- Supervisor John Shilling read a letter from Jeff and Connie Gilcrest about all the dust they have after the dust control was put on. The Board discussed maybe having 2 applications next year. John Shilling reported the need for gravel in spots on Colvin, Hammond, Campbell and Lester roads. Supervisor Russ Jennings said he would contact Trent Arver at the Branch County Road Commission to see if they could put gravel in those spots on the roads.

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. Any Other New Business- Dave Hardy fixed the retaining wall at the township hall.

1. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Township expenses were presented in the amount of \$43,024.66, which is including the \$28,597.00 Special Assessment for Aquatic Weed control. 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- Schwartz, Girod, Waligora and Bennett.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic gave his monthly report as follows- Strategic planning, energy savings program, reduced revenues, Boater safety class Aug. 8, 2015, Tire recycling Aug. 22, 2015.

J. 3. Alganssee Library Report- Librarian Jan Clark emailed her July 2015 report as follows- Circulation 475, Attendance 434, Hours 118, Library computers 126, Wireless 430, 2 Young Adult programs which I included Adults, Young Adults, and children totaled 35. Our first program for July was July 1st at 1:00 p.m. Dynamic West presented Rock n Roll Heroes. Eight patrons attended. Our second program was a really nice one presented by Joel Tacey called Extreme Duct Tape Workshop. There were lots of duct tape billfolds, bracelets, and purses made by all. Twenty seven patrons came to this program. We will probably have Joel come again next year; he is very energetic and fun. We are having our end of Summer Reading party today August 1st. I will report on the number of patrons at our party on report for August Report. We now have an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) in our Library. Branch District brought this over. Not sure how to use it, hope I don't have to. Jessie my clerk does know how to use it and I am going to have training soon.

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Alganssee Assessor Erica Ewers gave her July report as follows- July Board of Review met on July 21, at 2:00pm and approved 14 applications including 4 hardship exemptions. On July 28 had the Board of Review meet to correct a lot size that was found incorrect while preparing the 2015 assessment roll, so the correction was for 2014. The MTT appeal paper work for Tri-State Premier Properties has finally appeared on the Tribunal website. Data entry and land splits are up to date, had call and requests for splits/combinations but waiting on paper work to be filed, working on getting photos reflagged so they will post on record cards, non-platted parcels completed and working on platted parcels, Branch County has been picked for the AMAR review formally known as the 14 point review in 2016, this is the same review went through prior to reappraisal process, updated several aspects of this program this is where we need the GIS parcel shape file as the program does these maps, BS&A has a new updated cost manual that the State Tax Commission is hoping to release in November and to have changes implemented on the software with in the year, Continuing to pick up data at Equalization, Building Inspection, and Branch County Abstract & Title Office.

K. CORRESPONDENCE- Drain Commissioner has applications for drain contracts for Cass Drain due on August 4th at 9:00am to discuss cost apportionments.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- will be Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 7:30pm

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