

## September 8, 2015 Algansee Township Board Minutes

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER-** on Tuesday, September 8, 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, Treasurer Ann Strong and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Trustee Bill Avra was absent. Visitors that signed in were Cliff and Anne Gary, Don Vrablic and Greg Richer.

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

**B. AGENDA-** Ann Strong motioned to accept agenda. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**C. Public Comment-** none

**D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes** – John Shilling motioned to accept the August 3, 2015 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**Algansee Planning Commission Minutes-** 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 September Treasurer's report as follows- the balance for the August meeting was \$423,542.44. We had expenses this month of \$43,024.06 and income of \$160.00, giving us a balance of \$380,678.38. The Clerk agrees. John Shilling motioned to accept Treasurer's report. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

### **F. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**F. 1. Quincy Fire Association-** Supervisor Russ Jennings presented the Fire Chief's report and the Revenue and Expenditure report.

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

**F. 3. Report from Planning Commission-** John Shilling reported nothing new.

**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. Algansee Township Attorney sent letter to Citi Financial to remove the house because it is a nuisance to the township. This month our attorney received a response to his letter, Citi Financial will advertise to sell, they received 5 bids in the first 24 hours it was advertised.

### **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-** none

### **H. NEW BUSINESS-**

**H. 1. MTA Workshop-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the big issue was house bill 4029 Marijuana grow houses, also discussed fracking, regulations, windmills and GAAMP rules.

**H. 2. Gravel Road Report-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported Trent Arver will check on Colvin and Hammond roads.

**H. 3. Quote to Remove Dead Tree in Fisher Cemetery-** 2 Fellers Tree Service presented a quote of \$225 to remove the dead tree. Ann Strong motioned to accept the bid of \$225.00 from 2 Fellers Tree Service. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**H. 4. Rodent Problem at 283 & 291 Winhoven Drive, property owned by Sandra Ely-** Algansee Township Assessor Erica Ewers reported she received a complaint about rodents at 283 & 291 Winhoven Drive. It was suggested that the neighbors file a complaint with the Branch County Health Department.

**H. 5. Any Other New Business-** none

**1. PAYMENT OF BILLS-** Township expenses were presented in the amount of \$8,594.23. John Shilling motioned to pay bills. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

## **J. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**J. 1. Zoning Administrator-** Zoning Administrator Amos Barnett reported 4 permits last month- Gordon, Waites, Del Ray Retreat- Cathy Eversole and Bob Migrin.

**J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report-** Don Vrablic gave his monthly report as follows- Jail Study, Energy Savings Program, Thanks to the First Responders over the weekend, Hail Over Crowding, Successful Tire Recycling and Be Safe Over the Holiday and the use caution and be aware of children now that schools are back in session.

**J. 3. Algansee Library Report-** Librarian Jan Clark emailed her September 2015 report as follows- Circulation 450, Attendance 422, Hours 107, Library computers use 135, Wireless use 165, 1 YA program, 2 attending, 1 Juvenile program, 3 attending. We offer programs every week. We had our end of Summer Reading party August 1st. The Algansee Friends Group put on a nice party; we gave out bags to all children with notebooks, pencils, Sharpeners, coloring pencils, coloring pages, fair passes, McDonald's coupons. Every family received a Frisbee. One Adult received a book bag. Snacks and drinks for everybody. All 31 patrons had a good time. Lots of Thank You! The theme for 2016 Summer Reading is Wellness, Fitness and Sports. We will be thinking about programs for next year. I requested a new lamp for over the children's table for Capital funds, it was approved. Now we have a nice white bright hanging lamp set up to light up a dark area. Looks and feels better to see a bright area! We have lots of new Adult, Young Adult and Juvenile books and DVD.s. Come in and check your Library out. We will be glad to see you! Any questions, concerns or suggestions please let us know. 639-9830 or email [clarkja@branchdistrictlibrary.org](mailto:clarkja@branchdistrictlibrary.org).

**J. 4. Assessor's Report** – Algansee Assessor Erica Ewers gave her September report as follows- All photos are now attached to the record cards so they will print, Erica is continuing to work on data entry and finishing land splits and combinations that have been coming in, Quarterly updates of names, addresses and legal descriptions have been sent to Equalization office, took the last 8 hour class for 16 hours of assessor renewal training on August 13, Continuing to pick up data at Equalization, Building Inspection, and Branch County Abstract & Title Office.

**K. CORRESPONDENCE-** township attorney Chuck Lillis' audit letter, Department of Ag letter to Vander Hoff's approval to expand dairy, new Algansee Township fee schedule, 2 public hearing for Consumers Energy and on for Michigan Gas Utilities and MTA workshop on Emergency Services. Supervisor Russ Jennings said he is interested in going to that.

**L. PUBLIC COMMENT-** none

**M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING-** will be Monday, October 5, 2015 at 7:30pm

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