

December 7, 2015 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER- on Monday, December 7, 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 present were - Supervisor Russ Jennings, Trustee John Shilling, Trustee Bill Avra Treasurer Ann Strong and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors that signed in were Gerry Hagaman, Dan Richards, Fred Avra and Branch County Commissioner Don Vrablic.

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.

C. Public Comment- 1st Public Hearing for Whistler Drive to create a special Assessment District for Road Maintenance was called to order by Supervisor Russ Jennings. The purpose of this meeting is to show the validity of the petition and if the property owners are serious about the road maintenance special assessment. Gerald Hagaman motioned to have the special assessment set at \$95/year/property owner indefinitely for road maintenance. Dan Richards supported the motion. Motion carried. It was agreed there are 12 property owners for Whistler Dr.

2nd Public Hearing for Whistler Drive to create a special Assessment District for Road Maintenance was called to order by Supervisor Russ Jennings. The purpose of this meeting is to have a final estimate of cost and how it will be assessed by property owners or front footage. Dan Richards motioned to accept the special assessment road maintenance set at \$95/year/property owner indefinitely for the 12 property owners. The cost needs to double the first year if there isn't enough money in the maintenance fund to cover 2016 road maintenance. Gerald Hagaman supported the motion. Motion carried. Bill Avra motioned to close the public hearing. Support by Ann Strong. Roll call vote Bill Avra- yes, John Shilling- yes, Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes and Russ Jennings- yes. Motion carried.

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

August 31, 2015 Alganssee Township Planning Commission Minutes- John Shilling motioned to accept the August 31, 2015 Alganssee Township Planning Commission minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

September 28, 2015 Alganssee Township Planning Commission Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the September 28, 2015 Alganssee Township Planning Commission minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

October 26, 2015 Alganssee Township Planning Commission Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the October 26, 2015 Alganssee Township Planning Commission minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT- Ann Strong gave her December Treasurer's report as follows- balance for November was \$374,977.07. We had expenses this month of \$38,259.31 and income of \$26,379.00, giving us a balance of \$382,030.06. 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- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the next meeting will be tomorrow night December 8. The 2016 proposed budget is a little less than last year before requesting a new fire truck.

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

F. 3. Report from Planning Commission- John Shilling reported the Planning commission approved Charles Hoopes special use request for a shared driveway. The Quincy Fire Chief drove a fire truck on the new driveway and approved the shared driveway. John Shilling motioned to approve the special use request for a shared driveway. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. John Shilling motioned to approve 5 splits for Charles Hoopes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

F. 4. Website- www.algansseetownship.com- website is up and running. Supervisor Russ Jennings said he talked to Dave Cleland about putting the FOIA and Library information on the website.

F. 5. Ordinance Violations- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported Larry Parks now owns abandoned house at 218 Donnell Drive. Property at 556 South Ray Quincy Road, owned by Larry Parks, calves are being housed in residential property.

G. OLD BUSINESS-

G. 1. Meeting with State Representatives about Amish Buggies Concerns with Roads- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported about the meeting in Lansing where 40 people met from 6 to 8 counties with the same concerns we have about the Amish buggies on the roads. State Representatives Aaron Miller and Joel Johnson would like to have a state law requiring Amish to help with the roads.

G. 2. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS- H. 1. Branch County Road Commission Annual meeting- will be Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 2:00pm.

H. 2. AMAR Review Requires updated Records Availability Policy- Whereas, Alganssee Township's has annual contract for assessing services with Double E Enterprises, LLC and Whereas, MCL 211.10a requires that assessment records be available for public inspection and copying; and Whereas, the township assessment records are in the possession of Double E Enterprises, LLC as per the contract and are available for review through that office per the township contract; Now, Therefore, be it resolved: that the assessment records are available for review at Double E Enterprises, LLC located at 1048 Campbell Road, Quincy, Michigan: that the normal business hours are from 9a.m. to 5p.m. Monday through Friday by appointment, and accommodations are made for appointments after normal business hours by contacting 517-639-9074; that the company may also be reached by fax at 517-639-9074 or by email at ewersed@dmcibb.net; that contact may also be made to the township supervisor, Russ Jennings at 517-639-3728 if contact can't be made with the contracted company and arrangements will be made to obtain the information from the contracted company. The foregoing policy was offered by Board Member Andrea Strong. The second offered by Board Member John Shilling. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye- 5 yeses- John Shilling, Andrea Strong, Bill Avra, Suzanne Preston and Russ Jennings and 0 voted nay. The Supervisor Russ Jennings declared the policy adopted on December 7, 2015, Suzanne Preston, Clerk.

H. 3. December Board of Review- will be on Tuesday December 15th at 2:00pm.

H. 4. March Board of Review Organizational Meeting is scheduled for March 8th- discussed using one of the other rooms at the township hall because of the Presidential Primary that day. The township board didn't see it as a conflict.

H.5. Actual Board of Review is March 16 and 17- there is no conflict with the use of the township hall.

H.6. Any Other New Business- none

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Township expenses were presented in the amount of \$6,940.72 in general fund and \$595.00 in the Special Assessment Road Fund totaling \$7,535.72. John Shilling motioned to pay bills. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1. Zoning Administrator- Zoning Administrator Amos Barnett reported he issued 4 permits last month- Samuel Eicher- 954 Lester Road, Dan Wengard- 1094 Campbell Road, Laverne Speith- 120 Wright Road and Louis Graber- 237 Lester Road.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic gave his monthly report- Unemployment rate at 5%, Animal Shelter reconstruction, Pre-Weather Notification, CHC Transition with ProMedica on January 1, 2016 and Happy Holidays.

J. 3. Alganssee Library Report- Librarian Jan Clark emailed her December 2015 report as follows- Circulation 301, Attendance 322, Hours 92, Library computer use 104, Wireless use 230, Adult Programs 3 with 12 Attending, Young Adult Programs 2 with 4 attending, 5 Juvenile Programs with 14 attending. We have had a lot of different craft programs here which we have sent out flyers and put on Facebook and our website. Lots of pictures on Facebook of crafts, which everybody had a good time! All of the programs and craft materials were free for patrons which came out of program money from Branch District Library. We did not have to use Friends money this time. This year instead of train rides for patrons, the Branch District Libraries will present Winter Fables with the generous support of The Coldwater Noon Rotary. Children and families are welcome. Admission is FREE! Saturday, December 19th, 2015 at 10:00a.m. at the Tibbits Opera House. Tickets are available at our Libraries or at the theater on the day of the show. Merry Christmas to all of our patrons! I have sent flyers to your meeting. Please come and enjoy! We appreciate all of our patrons! More programs scheduled for all ages here at Alganssee! Everybody welcome! Saturday December 12 from 9am -12pm we have all supplies for Christmas Ribbon Wreath, come and join us. This is another free program to make and take your wreath home for the Holidays! Starting the New Year 2016 I will be changing our hours Tuesdays-12-6, Wednesdays 12-6, Thursdays 9-2, Fridays 10-4, and Saturdays 9-12 to better serve our patrons. Any questions or suggestions please call us at 369-9830 or e-mail clarkja@branchdistrict.org. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

J. 4. Assessor's Report - Alganssee Assessor Erica Ewers gave her December report as follows- Michigan Tax Tribunal Hearing was held on November 18, 2015 at the Calhoun County Building chambers for Tri State Premier Properties, LLC. Erica presented the Township information to the judge and answered questions. Usually takes 45 days for a decision, as of December 6th nothing posted yet. December Board of Review is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15 at 2:00pm, will need to meet, so far 2 petitions. Residential sales studies have been finalized with Equalization at an overall increase of 2.48%. Land studies just came last week and still reviewing them. Working to review data for AMAR found that the record availability policy is out of date. Working to keep up data entry to date as well as working on making sure all items are fine tuned for AMAR review. Data entry continues as does working on new splits, Erica knows it is awhile before Board of Review but we realized that the organizational meeting for the March Board of Review falls on election Day, March 8th, thus does the Board of Review need to consider the location prior to advertising the meeting, continuing to pick up data at Equalization, Building Inspection, and Branch County Abstract & Title Office.

K. CORRESPONDENCE- MTA workshop on Board of Review training, Public Hearing for Consumers Energy, Christmas card from Michigan Gas Utilities, Christmas card from Decker Ins., FEMA letter, Branch County Circuit court ruling on delinquent taxes, Terry Barror is suing John Dzenny, Russ Jennings and Erica Ewers were supinated to testify in January sometime.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- will be Monday, January 4, 2016 at 7:30pm

N. Adjourn- Bill Avra motioned to adjourn. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm. Suzanne Preston, Alganssee Township Clerk