

## February 1, 2016 Algansee Township Board Minutes

**6:30 Budget Workshop-** Supervisor Russ Jennings called the budget workshop to order. All Algansee Township Board members were present- Supervisor Russ Jennings, Trustee John Shilling, Trustee Bill Avra, Treasurer Ann Strong and Clerk Suzanne Preston. The Algansee Township Board worked on the 2016-2017 fiscal year budget.

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER-** on Monday, February 1, 2016 at 7:30pm Supervisor Russ Jennings called the Algansee Township Board meeting to order at the Algansee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Rd., Quincy, MI and welcomed everyone to the meeting. All Algansee Township Board members were present- Supervisor Russ Jennings, Trustee John Shilling, Trustee Bill Avra, Treasurer Ann Strong and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors that signed in were Ann and Don Vrablic.

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

**B. AGENDA-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the agenda with the addition of the March 8<sup>th</sup> Presidential Primary Election workers and BS & A software for the Treasurer under new business. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT-** Ann Vrablic announced she is running for Branch Co. Treasurer again.

**D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes-** Ann Strong motioned to accept the January 4, 2016 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.  
**Algansee Planning Commission Minutes-** John Shilling motioned to accept the November 25, 2015 Planning Commission minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**E. TREASURER'S REPORT-** Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance for February of \$386,149.63. We had income this month of \$27,277.31 and expenses of \$18,268.56. Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept Treasurer's report. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

### F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

**F. 1. Quincy Fire Association-** they met on January 12<sup>th</sup>, Algansee Township denied the budget, we are just asking for transparency. Their next meeting will be April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**F. 2. Report from Zoning Board of Appeals-** Bill Avra reported 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)-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported DMCI has contracted the same web designer they used to have.

**F. 5. Ordinance Violations-** none

### G. OLD BUSINESS-

**G. 1. Road Concerns with Amish Buggies-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported he hasn't heard any more on this subject yet.

**G. 2. Request for a New Zoning Board of Appeals Member-** If you know of anyone that is interested please contact the Algansee Township Board.

**G. 3. Quincy Fire Dept. Budget denied by the Algansee Twp Board-** already discussed.

**G. 4. Any Other Old Business-** none

### H. NEW BUSINESS-

**H. 1. Approval of the Presidential Primary Election Workers-** the Clerk Suzanne Preston reported Amos Barnett, Robert Migrin, Joanne Finley, Joy Wood and herself will be working the March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary Election. Ann Strong motioned to accept the election workers. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**H. 2. B. S. & A. Software-** The Branch County Treasurer's Office is requesting all township treasurers in the county switch to the BS & A software. The initial setup is \$3,310 with a yearly maintenance fee of \$500 or \$600 after this year. Bill Avra motioned to purchase the BS & A software for \$3,310. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

**H. 3. Any Other New Business-** none

**I. PAYMENT OF BILLS-** Township expenses were presented in the amount of \$9,128.97. John Shilling motioned to pay bills Bill Avra. Support by. Motion carried.

## **J. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report-** Zoning Administrator Amos Barnett reported he issue 2 permits last month- William Waites- property code #120-032-100-051 to build a 24 x 48 single family home with a 24 x 24 second story for Rueben Eicher at 815 Lester Rd., and Mark Malfait- property code # 120-m20-000-009-99 to put a 20 x 30 addition onto pole barn at 711 W. Channel Dr.

**J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report-** Don Vrablic reported jail study will be on the August 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot, CHC Transition, discussion limitations on local issues on ballot, Grant Easement for Clemens property off Jonesville Rd., reliability consideration of Punxsutawney Phil and other ground hogs saw its shadow.

**J. 3. Algansee Library Report-** Librarian Jan Clark emailed her February 2016 report as follows- Circulation 368, Attendance 320, Hours 107, Adult programs 1 with 4 attending, YA program 1with 2 attending, Juvenile programs 6 with 18 attending. The Juvenile programs are counted when children come in and color, look at books while parent is using computer or looking for books. Our computers were down for 1 day, John and assistant came in to train me for new cash drawer, which takes up 1/3 of front counter. Not in operation yet. Also a patron can use credit card to pay for copies or fines .I can't see where we are going to use the entire item, but we have to be same as other Libraries in Branch County. Our Book for "One Book, One Community" is "Rocket Boys" by Homer Hickham, Jr. This book is a non-fiction about a group of men who dreamed of launching rockets into outer space, which they actually had a career in NASA. I am reading the book now, brings back memories of my younger years in the 1950's when Russians put first rocket in space. I have a few books here, but I can order more from other Libraries. Our Book Discussion will be March 10th beginning at 9:00. Please come and join us or all Libraries in Branch County will also have book Discussions. Branch District Library has added a new service to our patrons called News Bank. You can get full-text articles from hundreds of newspapers from Michigan and across the U.S. including the Coldwater Daily Reporter and the Bronson Journal. All you need is your Library card at [www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org/newsbank](http://www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org/newsbank). I have been checking out new programs for Summer Reading at Algansee Library. I have scheduled 1 program already for June. I will prepare a schedule all programs to hand out when ready. This coming Saturday February 6th-9:45 we will continue our Knitting series with a Learn to Cross Stitch program. The project will be small-all materials provided. RSVP please so we have plenty of materials. 639-9830. All are welcome. Check us out On Branch District and Algansee township Website and Facebook.

**J. 4. Assessor's Report** – Algansee Assessor Erica Ewers gave her February report as follows- New construction finalized on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Photos and sketches for new construction have been entered on the computer, she needs to add sales studies completed. Personal property statements were mailed out December 31<sup>st</sup> and have been slowly coming back in. There is 9 days left to file in order to have the exemption. Data entries for 2016 assessment roll have been completed and have all the splits/combinations that will appear on the 2016 assessment roll. Working on sales studies and the steps necessary to have assessment notices out by the end of February. March Board of Review Organizational meeting will be March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in the Supervisor's office at the township hall. March Board of Review dates will be Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 12 noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm and Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm to 4:00pm and 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Erica is continuing to pick up data at Equalization, Building Inspection, and Branch County Abstract & Title Office.

**K. CORRESPONDENCE-** Flood Plain Removal Request at 112 Wilmin Drive, part of property is in the flood plain zone and part isn't, MTA PAC is asking for donations, Par Plan News, Request for FOIA from MichiganOpenBooks.com

**L. PUBLIC COMMENT-** Don Vrablic announced he is running again for County Commissioner.

**M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING** Monday, March , 2016 at 7:30pm with 7:00pm budget hearing.

**N. Adjourn-** John Shilling motioned to adjourn. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm. Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk