

April 4, 2016 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER- on Monday, April 4, 2016 at 7:30pm Supervisor Russ Jennings called the Alganssee Township Board meeting to order at the Alganssee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Rd., Quincy, Michigan and welcomed everyone to the meeting. All Alganssee 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 Harold Sneath- 251 Donnell Drive, Fred Avra, Greg Richer, and Don Vrablic Branch County Commissioner.

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

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

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

D. MINUTES- Alganssee Township Board Minutes- Bill Avra John motioned to accept the March 7, 2016 Alganssee Township Board minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

Alganssee Planning Commission Minutes- John Shilling motioned to accept the February 29, 2016 Planning Commission minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

Alganssee Township Annual Meeting Minutes- John Shilling motioned to accept the March 26, 2016 Alganssee Township Board Annual Meeting minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance for March is \$379,202.94. Income this was month of \$123,502.75 and expenses of \$13,910.81 making our balance for the month of April at \$488,794.88. 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- the next meeting will be on April 12th at 5:30pm.

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

F. 3. Report from Planning Commission- John Shilling reported the township Planner Chris Khorey from McKenna will be down next meeting to discuss updating the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

F.4. Website www.alganssee.com - Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the website is updated.

F. 5. Ordinance Violations- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported he sent Brian and Linda Odell at 490 S. Fremont Rd their first letter to clean up their junk. Brian called to say he needs a burn barrel.

G. OLD BUSINESS-

G. 1. Road Concerns with Amish Buggies- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the state legislators working on language to allow counties to register horse drawn buggies with license plates and charge fees for roads and to improve safety of buggies requiring lights in committee. We're waiting to hear back from State committee.

G. 2. Request for New Zoning Board of Appeals Member- If you know of anyone that is interested in serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals please contact the Alganssee Township Board.

G. 3. Quincy Fire Department 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget approved by the Alganssee Township Board- the Alganssee Township Board did approve the Quincy Fire Department budget at their Annual Meeting on March 26th. We would like to see a check list every month on the checks that were written for the month, need to see better accountability and management, the Quincy Fire Department needs to start saving money and the Quincy Fire Department Board needs to run the Fire Department not the Firemen.

G. 4. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. Dust Control- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported he received a quote for dust control from S & L Liquid Tire Fill for \$260 per mile. John Shilling motioned to accept the bid from S & L Liquid Tire Fill for \$260 per mile for dust control. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

H. 2. Assessor's Contract- Supervisor Russ Jennings presented the Assessor's contract at \$10 per parcel up one \$1 from the last few years. There are 1520 parcels currently in township for a total of \$15,200 per year.

H. 3. Rodent Control at the Township Hall- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported there seems to be a rodent problem at the township hall. John Shilling said he would get some boxes and poison for the rodents.

H.4. Any Other New Business- none

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Township expenses were presented in the amount of \$9,066.70. Bill Avra motioned to pay bills. Motion supported by John Shilling. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report- Zoning Administrator Amos Barnett reported he issued 3 zoning permits for the month of March- Zoning permit #0790- John Schwartz at 878 Brown Rd property code#120-032-400-005-00 a 30 x 40 school house.

zoning permit #0791- Lance LaFountain at 1054 Fisher Road property code#120-003-400-010-01 2- 7 x 34 decks and zoning permit #0792- Jason Wittenmyer at 823 Teal Drive property code #120-M10-000-005-00 to build a 5 x 24 addition to the garage and 1 land split for John Schwartz.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic reported about the jail study, County received letter to send a man \$75,000- county ignored, grant application for expanding Angel Cove, Veteran Commemoration March 29, 2016, Heightened security measures in courthouse and no longer under the seasonal weight restrictions for roads.

J. 3. Alganssee Library Report- Librarian Jan Clark emailed her April 2016 report as follows- Circulation 477, Attendance 406, Hours 121, wireless 242, in Library computer use 103, Adult programs 3 with 9 attending, Young Adult programs 2 with 3 attending, Juvenile programs 2 with 7 attending. We had computer problems for a few days when the wind was bad. DMCI came out to adjust the antenna. Our programs were St. Patrick Day crafts and Easter crafts for all ages. Our book discussion for One Book One Community went very well. The book was Rocket Boys by Homer Hickham. We had 7 patrons read book, but only 4 could made it to the discussion. A patron brought a snack and Alganssee Friends provided drinks. We have the book available if interested, very good true story. Also have a DVD October Sky, the same story as well. I am ordering new books and videos every day for all ages. I have scheduled 3 programs for Summer Reading. It will be lots of fun activities for this summer. I forgot to tell about our contest for March is Reading month. Whenever a patron checked out a book or movie their name was put in a jar. We had a patron pull the name March 31. He won a basket of all kinds of goodies! Our Friends group supplied this prize and was put together by our Erica Ewers. Erica does such a nice job for our Friends Group and we really appreciate her so much. Anybody that would like to join Alganssee Friends, please contact us at the Library. We have a good time, come and join us. Come and check out your Library. Everybody welcome! Any questions or suggestions please call Library 639-9830 or e-mail clarkja@branchdistrictlibrary.org.

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Alganssee Assessor Erica Ewers gave her 2016 April report as follows- March Board of Review Organizational meeting was on March 8th at 2:00pm. March Board of Review dates were Wednesday, March 16th from 9:00am to 12 noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm and Thursday March 17th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm and 6:00pm to 9:00pm. The board reviewed 25 petitions of which 3 were Veteran's exemptions and 4 were hardship exemptions. All items were turned over to the Equalization Department on Thursday, March 24, within the 10 day time frame. Copies of the petitions were given to Russ to mail out. The land value maps have been color coded by neighborhood and individual parcels to meet the state requirement. They don't have the detail that the state is requesting but it is the best I can do with what is available to us. There was a GIS meeting held on March 30 at 9:00am at the Courthouse annex room. She is currently working on printing new deeds and collecting documents until we can roll over the database to start working on 2017, in the meantime filing record cards and reports from 2016. Erica is continuing to pick up data at Equalization Department, Building Inspection, and Branch County Abstract & Title Office. Supervisor Russ Jennings said there has been discussion about the Assessor Erica Ewers going on private property without the property owner knowing until after the fact. Assessor Erica Ewers said she doesn't go on any private property with a no trespassing sign then she does all the measuring from the road. The Alganssee Township Board recommends the Assessor send out a postcard notifying the property owner when she expects to measure their property.

K. CORRESPONDENCE- Supervisor Russ Jennings read the correspondence about List of Alganssee Township Boards and the meeting dates and times, MTA workshops for ZBA members and one for employment issues, PAR Plan news, MI Gas public hearing and Consumers Energy public hearing.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING Monday, May 2, 2016 at 7:30pm with Kevin Decker from Decker Insurance Agency will be here at 6:30pm.

N. Adjourn- John Shilling motioned to adjourn. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Suzanne Preston, Alganssee Township Clerk