

May 2, 2016 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER- on Monday, May 2, 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 Kevin Decker from Decker Agency the township insurance agent, Greg Richer, and Don Vrablic our Branch County Commissioner.

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

B. AGENDA- Ann Strong motioned to accept the agenda with the addition of terrorism insurance under new business. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

D. MINUTES- Alganssee Township Board Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the April 4, 2016 Alganssee Township Board minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

Alganssee Planning Commission Minutes- John Shilling motioned to accept the March 28, 2016 Planning Commission minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance for April was \$488,794.88. Income this was month of \$105.00 and expenses of \$9,091.76 making our balance for the month of May at \$479,808.12. 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 Tuesday June 14th at 5:30pm.

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

F. 3. Report from Planning Commission- John Shilling said nothing to report.

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

F. 5. Ordinance Violations- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported he sent Brian and Linda Odell at 490 S. Fremont Rd their second letter to clean up their junk. Supervisor Russ Jennings reported he sent Kevin and Rory Woodward at 947 Lukesport Road their first letter about cleaning up the accumulation of building materials on property.

G. OLD BUSINESS-

G. 1. Road Concerns with Amish Buggies- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the state legislators are 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. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. Branch County Road Commission Sealcoating Contract \$50,600.00- township needs to pay half up front with signed contract. John Shilling motioned to \$11,500 per mile for sealcoating on Lester Road between Ray Quincy Road and Kelley Road 2.98 miles and on Brocklebank Road between Central Road and Fisher Road 1.42 miles for a total of 4.40 miles. Ann Strong supported the motion. Roll call vote- John Shilling- yea, Bill Avra- yea, Russ Jennings- yea, Ann Strong- yea and Suzanne Preston- yea the motion was declared adopted.

H. 2. McKenna Contract to Update Master Plan- Supervisor Russ Jennings presented McKenna's contract to update the township's Master Plan of \$5,250.00. John Shilling motioned to accept the the

contract of \$5,250.00 to update the Master Plan. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

H. 3. Terrorism Insurance- John Shilling motioned to not pay for terrorism insurance with our general municipal liability coverage. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

H.4. Alganssee Township Election Inspector Training- Clerk Suzanne Preston reported the training for Alganssee Township Election Inspectors will be held on May 11th at 2:00pm.

H.5. Any Other New Business- none

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Township expenses were presented in the amount of \$38,034.02. 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 8 zoning permits for the month of April- Andrew Blair, Darrin Higbee, Gerl Pish, Robert Beckman Trust, Ronald Lunz, William Martin, John Girod, and Jerry Eicher.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic reported about the jail construction millage proposal on August 2nd primary election, Sign up for code red reminder, county received grant revenue for part time Veteran Affairs assistant, May is child abuse prevention month and resurrect the 1847 dinner bell used at the former State Home.

J. 3. Alganssee Library Report- Librarian Jan Clark emailed her May 2016 report as follows- Circulation 556, Attendance 395, Hours 113, wireless 308, in Library computer use 109, Adult program 1 with 7 attending, Young Adult programs 3 with 10 attending, Juvenile programs 5 with 16 attending. We finished our knitting series, a big Thank You to Nina Thiess for taking her time to teach the classes. Jessie, our clerk, planned Spring Programs for Young Adult and Juvenile through the month. All had a good time! John Rucker, Director of Branch District Library came out to make sure all is going well. The next day Curtis Odom from Branch District Library computer Department came out. I am always glad to see them and most of time I have Library questions. We do have a staff meeting once a month at Branch District Library, which is also a good thing. As you know Branch District Board also meets once a month, I wanted to let you know the Branch District Board Members will have their May meeting here at Alganssee Library Monday May 16th @ 5:30 p.m. Everybody Welcome. On Thursday May 19th at 9:30 a.m. Alganssee Friends will have a meeting. We are always looking for more Friends, please come and join us. We meet every 2 months. For more information all are welcome to come to meeting or contact us at the Library. Lots of programs planned for Summer Reading starting in June. I will have a schedule of all events at June Meeting. Any questions or suggestions please stop by the Library, call or e-mail. Respectfully Submitted Alganssee Branch Manager Janice Clark.

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Alganssee Assessor Erica Ewers gave her 2016 May report as follows- The database was rolled over to 2017 on April 15 so that the 2016 Archived Database could be sent to Tax management Association as the first phase of the AMAR(14 point) Review. There was a GIS meeting scheduled on march 30 to discuss the various options. The Equalization was offering to charge \$0.50/parcel for a set of 660 maps with the new parcel numbers identified. We explained that we wanted a cost for the shape files and ortho aerals so they could be downloaded to the .NET software, as well as a cost to be able to be use the new Pictometry portal with updated data. Bud Norman was going to get back with us within 2 weeks for another meeting that would include the Township supervisors. Spoke to Jody at Equalization last week and she had not heard anything either and was going to contact bud, to date haven't heard anything. Work this month has involved preparing all the townships for the AMAR review and insuring that all data is ready for the review. Everything is boxed up so it is ready to go when we get the call. Erica also reported she has been collecting data to enter for 2017 database but have not gotten a chance to enter it, work will begin later this week, also continuing to pick up data at Equalization, Building Inspection and Branch County Abstract & Title Office.

K. CORRESPONDENCE- Supervisor Russ Jennings read the township correspondence about GAAMP approval for Darrin & Angela Higbee, FEMA withdrew property from Flood Plain, MI Gas Public Hearing, Branch District Library Director position interviewed 24 applicants and narrowed down to 3, Dept. of Treasury State Tax Commission letter stating our local unit of government has been selected the AMAR review.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING Monday, June 6, 2016 at 7:30pm.

N. Adjourn- Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. Suzanne Preston, Alganssee Township Clerk