

June 6, 2016 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER- on Monday, June 6, 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 Sheriff John Pollack, Greg Richer, Rod Bassage and Don Vrablic our Branch County Commissioner.

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

B. AGENDA- John Shilling motioned to accept the agenda with the addition of Planning Secretary pay plus supplies and Headley millage rate 0.8035 under new business. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Branch County Sheriff John Pollack gave us an update on what has been going on at the Sheriff's Department.

Supervisor Russ Jennings introduced Rod Bassage and said he would be interested in serving on the Alganssee Township Zoning Board of Appeals. Bill Avra motioned to appoint Rod Bassage to the Alganssee Township Zoning Board of Appeals. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

D. MINUTES- Alganssee Township Board Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the May 2, 2016 Alganssee Township Board minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

Alganssee Planning Commission Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the April 25, 2016 Planning Commission minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance for May was \$479,808.12.. Income this was month of \$32,757.76 and expenses of \$38,034.02 making our balance for the month of June at \$474,531.86. 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 Planning Commission- John Shilling reported the Planning Commission approved 2 special use land split requests. Supervisor Russ Jennings said the Alganssee Township Board also needs to vote to approve the special use land splits. John Shilling motioned to approve Joan Waterbury's request for a special use land split of 26 acres to Brian Preston. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. John Shilling motioned to approve John Girod's request for a special use land split of 10 acres for son to build a barn. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried. Supervisor Russ Jennings stated the land splits require new land descriptions.

F. 3. Report from Zoning Board of Appeals- Bill Avra reported they didn't meet last.

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 said he doesn't see any improvement and would like to give them 30 days to clean it up or we'll see them in court. Supervisor Russ Jennings reported Kevin and Rory Woodward at 947 Lukesport Road called to say they are working on it.

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. It is still in committee and we're waiting to hear back from State committee.

G. 2. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. Property Line Dispute on Bennett Drive – Supervisor Russ Jennings reported Josh Shook and Jessica Burris own lot #22 and Chris Donato Jr, the next door neighbor are having a disagreement on where the property line is between them. Supervisor Russ Jennings said he talked to our attorney this morning who suggested Supervisor Russ Jennings needs to talk to Josh Shook and Jessica Burris to suggest they hire a surveyor to find out for sure where their property lines are.

H. 2. Fisher Creek Water Basin- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported he had talked to the Branch County Drain Mike Hard who has given the bid to contractor Andy Lukazcek has given him 20 days to start cleaning out the basin or the drain Commissioner will bid it out again.

H. 3. Dust Control Complaints- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported he has received a few complaints about the lack of dust control. John Shilling said he would call to see when they would put on the dust control.

H.4. Public Accuracy Test- Clerk Suzanne Preston reported the Public Accuracy Test for Algansee Township will be held on July 5th at 7:00pm just before the next township meeting.

H.5. Planning Commission Secretary Pay and Reimbursement- discussed keeping pay rate of \$80 per meeting since hired a recording secretary and keep track of expenses and turn in receipts for reimbursement.

H.6. Headley Amendment- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the Millage amount for this year is the same as last year 0.8035. John Shilling motioned to accept the millage rate of 0.8035. Bill Avra supported the motion. Supervisor and Clerk signed the contract to be sent back to the Equalization Department.

H. 7. Any Other New Business- none

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Township expenses were presented in the amount of \$23,201.16. 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 5 zoning permits for the month of May- Jesse Eicher, John Coolman, Roger Theis, Denny McClinton and Dave Gilbert.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic reported they will hold town hall meetings to explain about the jail construction millage proposal on August 2nd ballot, utilities audit came back positive, new transformer in courthouse parking lot, Dark Stores bill introduced to close loophole so small businesses can compete against big box stores and Summer scorcher is predicted to be warmer than normal.

J. 3. Algansee Library Report- Librarian Jan Clark emailed her June 2016 report as follows- Circulation 354, Attendance 358, Hours 110, Wireless internet 340, In house computers 124, Adult programs 1 with 3 attending, 2 Juvenile programs with 5 attending. On your "Mark Get Set READ" Summer Reading is back in full force, sign up is now in full swing. First 50 to register will receive a free fun water bottle. We have 3 programs scheduled for this summer, June 16th at 1pm Dynamic School assemblies will present "Animals Around the world". June 29th Lori Fithian will present Drummunity at 2pm, she has a big variety of drums from around the world, we all be in a circle of drum music. We have had this program a couple of years back, the children and adults had a lot of fun! Everybody is welcome to all of our programs. Please come to the Algansee Library sign up for Summer Reading. Erica has our 2016 Newsletter all ready to go, pick one up at the Library, check out the Algansee Library website and Friend us on Facebook. We need everybody's support at our Algansee Library. A Michigan author, Colleen Vance stopped in at our Library to say Hello and gave us a signed copy her book "Flip Flop Family". The children's book is a big hit. We have lots of new books and DVDs for all ages, come in and check us out! Our Big Book Sale is the June 24th from 10 till 4 and June 25th from 9 till 12, lots of nice books for all ages at very reasonable prices. This is Indoor Book Sale to be held at 960 Hall Rd. Any questions or suggestions please stop in or call 639-9830 or e-mail clarkja@branchdistrictlibrary.org.

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Algansee Assessor Erica Ewers gave her 2016 June report as follows- about the AMAR review she has received word from the State Tax commission that multiple units from last year had issues with the way the land values were being entered and it has been highly suggested these changes be made for future reviews. Nick Wheeler the Hillsdale county Equalization director and Union Township assessor, he has made a series of reports that help narrow down which parcels are of concern and he has been generous in sharing these reports. Also in talking with Nick wheeler about her concern with Branch county having already submitted their 2016 databases, would they get marked down, which they believe they will and we are working to correct them now so that we can show at the time of the review they have been corrected. All Algansee Township filing is caught up to date except new construction photos. There was a GIS meeting held on May 12th, the initial cost given to Algansee Township at the was \$2,000 which comes out to be \$1.32 per parcel for 1520 parcels. The cost per parcel for the other townships was between \$1.00 and \$2.00 per parcel. They asked for what services they will be receiving for that cost to explain the variable costs between townships. Another meeting is scheduled for June 8th at 9:00am. Erica also reported data entry has begun for 2017 with names and addresses being updated for the Equalization Department so that tax bills can be printed, still working on updating permits and splits, also continuing to pick up data at Equalization, Building Inspection and Branch County Abstract & Title Office. Erica also reported the new Branch County District Library Director will start work on July 5th, Linda Lyshal is from Ketchikan Alaska.

K. CORRESPONDENCE- Supervisor Russ Jennings asked for approval of the 2016 Algansee Township Summer newsletter/ John Shilling motioned to approve the summer newsletter. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried. Supervisor Russ Jennings read the township correspondence about public Hearing for

Consumers Energy today, public hearing for Michigan Gas Utilities was on June 2nd, Seventh Day Adventist will be going door to door in June and July, Secretary of State announcement of the Primary Election on August 2nd.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- County Commissioner Don Vrablic reported they will hold another tire collection on July 30th and a pesticide collection at North Central Co-op need to register by July 13th and pick up date is July 16th.

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 7:30pm.

N. Adjourn- Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm. Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk