

August 1, 2016 Algansee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER- on Monday, August 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, Michigan 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 Richard Orłowski- 104 Wright Road, Larry Briggs- 127 Wright Road and Fred Avra- 1011 Campbell Road.

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

B. AGENDA- Bill Avra motioned to accept the agenda. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Richard Orłowski and Larry Briggs said they were representing most of the neighbors on Wright Road, asked about the trailer that was put in at 120 Wright Road. They thought it was too old and it didn't meet the setbacks. Zoning Administrator Amos Barnett said they met the setback of 7 feet. Bill Avra said he put the trailer on the lot and was told it met the setbacks. The trailer was built in 2000. Supervisor Russ Jennings said he and the Zoning Administrator Amos Barnett will go out and find the survey stakes and measure the setbacks. They will need to hire a surveyor to verify where the survey stakes are located. Zoning Administrator Amos Barnett said the best way to find survey stakes is with a metal detector. Any other public comment- Bill Avra handed out an article he found on the internet about environmental health problems in livestock production. Bill said he is concerned about the water and air we have and he wants to make sure we have clean air and water for our grandchildren. Suzanne Preston said as farmers we care about the environment and want clean air and water too because we live on the farm and want clean air and water for our grandchildren too.

D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the July 5, 2016 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

Algansee Planning Commission Minutes- John Shilling motioned to accept the June 27, 2016 Planning Commission minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance for July was \$451,530.70. Income this was month of \$26,457.96 and expenses of \$11,395.75 making our balance for August at \$466,528.36. The Clerk agrees. John Shilling motioned to accept Treasurer's report. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association- next meeting will be on Tuesday August 9th at 5:30pm. Bill Avra reported they met at the Quincy Fire barn on July 27th and the Fire barn looks very nice. The Firemen are looking to purchase a new fire truck that costs \$589,000.00 plus for equipment for the fire truck.

F. 2. Report from Planning Commission- John Shilling reported the Algansee Township Planning Commission met on July 25th and approved a special use land split for Bill McCann at 440 South Fremont Road and for Robert Fenner at 596 South Fremont Road. John Shilling motioned to approve the land split for Bill McCann. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. John Shilling motioned to approve the land split for Robert Fenner. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

F. 3. Report from Zoning Board of Appeals- Bill Avra reported they met for an organizational meeting on July 22nd. Jamie Wieteki was elected chairman, Rod Bassage was elected vice chairman and Bob Migrin was elected secretary, Rick Coon is the Planning Commission representative and he is the township board representative.

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

F. 5. Ordinance Violations- none

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.

G. 2. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. GIS Pictometry for Township Members- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the city of Coldwater is offering training for township members and thought they could come to the township hall sometime for our training.

H. 2. Road Commission Letter Concerning Private Roads- we received a letter for the Branch County Road Commission stating they are suspending all routine maintenance performed on private roads; with all proposed improvement projects requiring board review and approval, effective October 1, 2016.

H. 3. Do Not Forget to Vote Tomorrow, Tuesday August 2nd- Supervisor Russ Jennings reminded everyone to come vote tomorrow. The Clerk reported the polls are open for 7:00am to 8:00pm.

H.4. Any Other New Business- none

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Township expenses were presented in the amount of \$10,042.85 plus election inspectors. John Shilling motioned to pay the bills. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report- Zoning Administrator reported he issued 3 zoning permits for the month of July- Jason Shilling, Robert Palmateer and Barry Demko.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic was absent.

J. 3. Alganssee Library Report- Librarian Jan Clark emailed her August 2016 report as follows- Circulation 494, Attendance 492, Hours 113, Library and wireless stats are in review. Total signed up for Summer Reading including Adults, Young Adults and Juvenile is 58 all but 8 finished. We presented our last Summer Reading Program July 26th with 12 attending. Our biggest program was in June with a total of 40 attending. We ended our Summer Reading Program last Saturday with Party put on by our Alganssee Friends with 45 attending. All the goodies in bags we passed out were provided by Friends of Alganssee Library, Branch District Library, McDonald's, and the Branch County Fair. The Alganssee Friends provided water, Fruit Snacks and chips. Our new Director Linda Lyshol has been here once a week since she was hired. She is going to visit all the Libraries once a week. In all I think we had a very successful Summer Reading Program for our small Library. This year's Summer Reading slogan is "Wellness, Fitness and Sports". The slogan for 2017 is "Build a Better World". Any questions or suggestions please let us know.

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Alganssee Assessor Erica Ewers gave her August 2016 report as follows- nothing new about the AMAR. Data entry is caught up through July. July Board of Review was July 19th and 9 petitions were approved including one veteran and one poverty exemption. All copies have been printed and distributed. The township GIS contract was signed and returned to the City of Coldwater. The Pictometry Software has been turned on for the township. The City is offering training at the City Offices to township officials 4 at a time if each want to each use a computer, can do more if want to double up on a computer. Other option is to bring laptops or tablets to township hall for training. The shapefiles have not been received yet. Erica spoke to Dean Walrack and he was waiting for Erica's other township contracts to arrive at their office. Then he could give me one download withal of them otherwise was going to have to figure out how to separate each township. The others should arrived last week so I will recheck with him this week. First quarter invoice for supplies was submitted to the township. Erica will be attending a 6 hour renewal course on Income Approach on Thursday, August 4th in Marshall. Erica is continuing to pick up data at Equalization, Building Inspection and Branch County Abstract & Title Office.

K. CORRESPONDENCE- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported he received information from Consumers Energy that they are changing all meters.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- John Shilling reported the Branch County Road Commission has paved parts of Fremont Road and the dust control didn't last long. Pricilla Dodd would like to have a committee to update Procedures and Guidelines for the Zoning Board of Appeals

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 7:30pm.

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