

December 5, 2016 Algansee Township Board Minutes

Swearing in the Algansee Township Board- Clerk Suzanne Preston swore in Russ Jennings as Algansee Township Supervisor, Ann Strong as Algansee Township Treasurer and John Shilling as Algansee Township Trustee. Supervisor Russ Jennings swore in Suzanne Preston as Algansee Township Clerk. Clerk Suzanne Preston had already sworn in Trustee Harold Sneath before the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER on Monday, December 5, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. Supervisor Russ Jennings called the Algansee Township Board meeting to order at the Algansee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy, Michigan. Members present were Supervisor Russ Jennings, Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee John Shilling, Trustee Harold Sneath and Clerk Suzanne Preston.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Supervisor Russ Jennings led us in the pledge to the American flag.

B. AGENDA- ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS- John Shilling motioned to accept the agenda with the addition of Greg Richer to the first Public Comment. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Greg Richer of Richer's Outdoor Services submitted a bid of \$8,700 for township lawn care and \$300 for removing 2 bushes and trim brush from fence rows in cemeteries for a total of \$9,000 to be paid equally April through November of \$1,125 per month for 8 months.

Any Other Public Comment- none

D. MINUTES-

Algansee Township Board Minutes- John Shilling motioned to accept the November 7, 2015 township board minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

Algansee Township Planning Commission Minutes- John Shilling motioned to accept the October 31, 2016 Planning Commission minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

Algansee Township Planning Commission Master Plan Public Hearing Minutes- John Shilling motioned to accept the November 2, 2016 Planning Commission Master Plan Public Hearing minutes. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

E. 1. December Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the township's income for the month of November was \$645 and the expenses for November were \$11,066.83, giving the township a balance of \$405,170.42 for the month of December. The Clerk agrees. Harold Sneath motioned to accept the December 5, 2016 Treasurer's report. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported he went to the last finance committee meeting of the Quincy Fire Department and they have a proposed budget of \$232,785. Algansee Township's share would be \$60,524 up from \$49,560 last year. Algansee Township Board agreed we are against the proposed increase in the Quincy Fire Department budget. Supervisor Russ Jennings said the other entities don't have money for the increase in the budget.

F. 2. Planning and Zoning Commission Report- John Shilling reported the Planning Commission approved the updated Master Plan. John Shilling motioned to approve the updated Master Plan. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried. John Shilling also reported there will not be a Planning Commission meeting in December so the next Planning Commission meeting will be Monday, January 30, 2017.

F. 3. Zoning Board of Appeals- Harold Sneath reported they met on December 2, 2016, approved Kathy Eversole's variance request at Del Pay Retreat at 191 Dons Drive.

F. 4. Website- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported it is up and running.

F. 5. Ordinance Violations- Chris Donato at 250 Donnell Drive has a car port to close to property line he called Supervisor Russ Jennings to say he moved the car port. **Sandra Ely at 223 Winhoven Dr** has abandoned vehicles in yard and the neighbors are complaining they don't like wrecked cars in yard.

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 licenses and charge fees for roads to improve safety of buggies requiring lights. We're waiting to hear from the State.

G. 2. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS

H. 1. Branch County Road Commission Annual Meeting- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the annual meeting with the Branch County Road Commission will be Thursday December 8, 2016 at 2:00pm.

H. 2. December Board of Review- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the December Board of Review will be December 13 at 2:00pm.

H.3. Board of Review Member- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported need to appoint new member to the Board of Review.

H. 4. Any Other New Business- none

I. Payment of Bills- Bills were presented in the amount of \$35,639.34. John Shilling motioned to pay the bills. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report- Zoning Administrator Matt Ashenfelter reported he had issued 3 zoning permits for the month of November-

Permit #833 on 11-9-2016 issued to Samuel H. Eicher at 954 Lester Rd parcel code #120-028-400-025-01 renewal of permit #773 a 12 x 14 addition to house

Permit #834 to Dan Wengard on 11-10-2016 at 1094 Campbell Rd parcel code #120-015-400-010-01 a 20 x 26 addition to house, a 18 x 18 barn lean to, a 14 x 24 barn lean to, a 32 x 78 new barn and a 12 x 32 barn lean to.

Permit # 835 to Peter & Kelli Rice on 11-14-2016 at 1153 Grove Rd property code #120-026-400-005-02 to build an 8 x 10 addition to rear of house, Nick Michaels contractor.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic gave his monthly report- Jail out-sourcing still a concern, Commission on Aging reopened December 1st, Overtime pay rules halted, County Energy Savings program can already see savings and Medical marijuana legislation and enable local governments to regulate marijuana provision centers and create a seed to sale tracking.

J. 3. Alganssee Library Email Report- 12-5-16 Alganssee Branch Manager Library Report- Circulation 313, Hours 105, 4 Adult Programs w/10 attending, 4 Young Adult programs w/14 attending, 4 Juvenile programs w/11 attendance, Internet with new tower is still running great! In House use 101, Wireless 406. A lot of crafting is going on every Saturday. Come in and join us, everybody is welcome for the rest of December. We are getting ready for a new year. All have a Happy and safe Holiday season.

J. 4. Assessor's Report- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported she received notification on November 4th that 3rd phase of the Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements (AMAR) has started, the letters were mailed out to 18 owners whose properties were chosen for the review, and December Board of Review is scheduled for December 13 at 2pm., nothing new filed in regard to Tax Tribunal for the 2 pending appeals, will be working on new construction the next couple weeks with final inspection last week in December, received another round of PRE denials from Department of Treasury and working with homeowners on appealing this denial and continuing to pick up data at Equalization, Building Inspection and Branch County Abstract & Title office and Board of Review Appointments expire December 31 and appointments need to be made by January 1 for a 2 year appointment.

K. Correspondences- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the township received correspondence from MTA on new officials training. Harold Sneath and Matt Ashenfelter said they would be interested in training.

L. Public Comment- none

M. Next Meeting- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the next meeting will be Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Alganssee Township Hall because of the legal holiday on Monday January 2nd.

N. Adjournment- Harold Sneath motioned to adjourn. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:45pm.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk