

## January 3, 2017 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER** on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Supervisor Russ Jennings called the Alganssee Township Board meeting to order at the Alganssee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy, Michigan. All members present Supervisor Russ Jennings, Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee John Shilling, Trustee Harold Sneath and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors signed in were Sherry Haylett & Don Vrablic.

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

**B. AGENDA- ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS**- Ann Strong motioned to accept the agenda with the addition of Greg Richer and Request for exempt P.A.116 from 3 acres split at 596 S. Fremont Road to first Public Comment. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT**- Sherry Haylett is requesting to increase the land split by .5 acre from 2.5 acres to the requested acreage of 3 acres from the 160 acres parent parcel owned Robert Fenner at 596 South Fremont Road property code #120-030-300-005-00 was originally requested and approved at July 25, 2016 Alganssee Planning Commission meeting. The Alganssee Township Board originally approved the request for 2.5 acres at the August 1, 2016 Alganssee Township Board meeting. Sherry Haylett explained she has a purchase agreement for 3 acres instead of the 2.5 acres originally requested at the 596 South Fremont Road property and now she is requesting the 3 acres be removed from Public Act 116. John Shilling motioned to the increase the land split by .5 acre from 2.5 acres to the requested acreage of 3 acres from the 160 acres parent parcel owned Robert Fenner at 596 South Fremont Road property code #120-030-300-005-00 was originally requested and approved at July 25, 2016 Alganssee Planning Commission meeting. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. John Shilling motioned to approve a resolution to remove 3 acre from the 160 acre parent parcel by land split owned by Robert Fenner at 596 South Fremont Road property code #120-030-300-005-00 from P.A.116. Support by Ann Strong. Supervisor Russ Jennings asked for roll call vote John Shilling- yes, Harold Sneath- yes, Russ Jennings- yes, Ann Strong- yes and Suzanne Preston- yes. Motion carried.

Harold Sneath motioned to approve Greg Richer of Richer's Outdoor Services 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. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

Any Other Public Comment- none

### **D. MINUTES-**

**Alganssee Township Board Minutes**- Harold Sneath motioned to accept the December 5, 2016 township board minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**Alganssee Township Planning Commission Minutes**- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the Alganssee Planning Commission did not meet in the month of December, so there aren't any minutes to approve.

### **E. TREASURER'S REPORT**

**E. 1. January Treasurer's Report**- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the township's income for the month of December was \$28,995.61 and the expenses for December were \$35,639.34, giving the township a balance of \$398,526.69 for the month of December. The Clerk agrees. John Shilling motioned to accept the January 3, 2016 Treasurer's report. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

## **F. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**F. 1. Quincy Fire Association-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported he and Harold Sneath went to the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Quincy Fire Department and they have a proposed budget of \$217,860. Alganssee Township's share would be \$56,195 up from \$49,560 last year. Alganssee Township Board agreed we are against the proposed increase in the Quincy Fire Department budget for the following reasons:

1. We would like to see a balanced budget.
2. We would like to see a budget made from actual costs of previous year not by the budget of previous year.
3. We would like to see gradual increase in wages, not doubled from the previous year.
4. We would like to see an explanation for the increase request in the budget.
5. We would like to see an explanation for wages- training in budget, also training- hotel expense, training- mileage, training- meals and training- expenses.
6. We need a detailed list of all expenditures each month.
7. We need a detailed list of all credit card expenditures each month.
8. There needs to be a checks and balance within the budget.
9. We would like to see a Capital Fund allocation in the budget.

Supervisor Russ Jennings said there was discussion about purchasing truck and to replace radio equipment to be compatible with 911. Supervisor Russ Jennings asked the Clerk to email a letter to Quincy Village manager with these reasons why the township will won't support the proposed budget.

**F. 2. Planning and Zoning Commission Report-** John Shilling reported the Planning Commission did not meet in December, next Planning Commission meeting Monday, January 30, 2017.

**F. 3. Zoning Board of Appeals-** Harold Sneath reported they did not meet.

**F. 4. Website- [alganseetownship.com](http://alganseetownship.com)-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the website is working. The Clerk reported there needs to be changes in the Planning Commission Pricilla Dodd as secretary and Glenn Preston as vice chairman and 2017 tax information needs to be updated to current year.

### **F. 5. Ordinance Violations-**

**Chris Donato at 250 Donnell Drive** has a car port to close to property line. Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the car port has been moved.

**Sandra Ely at 223 Winhoven Dr** has abandoned vehicles in yard. Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the cars have been moved. Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the both violations have been rectified and he declared both cases closed.

## **G. OLD BUSINESS**

**G. 1. Road Concerns with Amish Buggies-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported there will be a meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am at the Courthouse annex with state legislators and county officials about the concerns with Amish horses hurting roads.

**G. 2. Any Other Old Business-** none

## **H. NEW BUSINESS**

**H. 1. Branch County Road Commission Annual Meeting-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported on the December 8, 2016 Annual Meeting with the Branch County Road Commission and sealcoating is \$12,000 per mile.

**H. 2. Alganssee Township Budget Workshop-** will be February 6, 2017 at 6:30pm.

**H.3. Board of Review Member-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported need to appoint new member to Board of Review. Will advertise in Shoppers Guide and Daily Reporter.

**H. 4. Any Other New Business-** none

**I. Payment of Bills-** Bills were presented in the amount of \$18,952.87. 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 1 zoning permit for the month of December- Zoning Permit #836 issued to Perry & Kimberly Schoneboom at 960 Wilmen Drive, parcel code #120-004-100-005-05, build a 32 x 48 x 12 pole building date issued 12-9-2016.

**J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report-** Don Vrablic gave his monthly report- New Year- New Assignments, Contract Continued for Autopsy contract, CHC Land Transfer to Promedica, Fuel contract, Appointments.

**J. 3. Alganssee Library Email Report-** 1-3-17 Alganssee Branch Manager Library Report- Circulation was 325, Attendance 310, Hours 112, Adult crafting classes 6 with 16 attending, Young Adult crafting classes 3 with 6 attending, 3 Juvenile classes with 7 attending. The crafting classes were Christmas wreaths, ornaments and lots of different crafts with bells, ribbons and paper towel rolls. It has been a pretty good year here; hope to have a better year in 2017. Come and enjoy your Library! Lots of new books, DVDs and magazines for all ages! Any questions or suggestions please let us know.

**J. 4. Assessor's Report-** Supervisor Erica Ewers reported received AMAR on December 30, we passed everything except address was missing on minutes and 3 land adjustments with no explanation, all have been corrected, Tax Tribunal hearing scheduled for February 13, met with Chris Donato Jr to try to reach stipulation before hearing, Department of Treasury sent letter stating they received the PRE appeal for Samuel Schwartz, County Sales studies are done- used land rate of \$4,400 per acre for tillable and \$2,700 per acre for non-tillable for the southeast quadrant, the Ag study came in at 48% Commercial 48.87% Industrial 49.77% and Residential 45%, Personal Property statements and Veteran Exemption Applications were mailed out, December Board of Review was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 1 petition approved, all deeds and new documents that have been filed in the township are caught up, have received concerns on value reviewed for possible correction, new construction reviewed last 2 weeks in December, continuing to pick up data at Equalization, Building Inspection and Branch county Abstract & Title Office.

**K. Correspondences-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the township received a Christmas card from DMCI, letter from State of Michigan Nate Wortz GAAMP verification for another chicken barn, State of Michigan Public Hearing for Consumers Energy.

**L. Public Comment-** Chris Donato Jr said his neighbor puts out a speed bump and wondered if the other property owners need to approve it.

**M. Next Meeting-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the next meeting will be Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Alganssee Township Hall with the budget workshop starting at 6:30pm.

**N. Adjournment-** Harold Sneath motioned to adjourn. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.  
Suzanne  
Preston, Clerk