

# April 1, 2013 Algansee Township Board Minutes

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** on Monday, April 1, 2013 at 7:30pm Supervisor Russ Jennings called the Algansee Township Board meeting to order at the Algansee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy, Michigan. Algansee Township Board members present were - Supervisor Russ Jennings, Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee Bill Avra, Trustee John Shilling and deputy Clerk Glenn Preston. Clerk Suzanne Preston was absent. Visitors that signed in were – Tom Morgan- 233 Dons Drive, Peg Edwards- 185 Lake Shore Drive, Pete & Marjorie Inde- 761 Lake Shore Point, Dan Lafferty- 153 Lakeshore Drive, Dave Kelp- 199 Lake Shore Drive, Mark O. Malpit- 711 West Channel Drive, Don Vrablic- County Commissioner, Norm & Teresa Wasielewski- 757 Lakeshore Point, Ed & Jean Parr- 703 West Channel Drive, Tim Gajewski- 769 Lake Shore Point, Fred & Bobbie Avra and Arthur Arendt.

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

**B. AGENDA-** Bill Avra motioned to approve agenda. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT-** none

**D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes-** John Shilling motioned to accept March 4, 2013 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**Algansee Planning Commission Minutes-** Bill Avra motioned to accept the March 25, 2013 Algansee Planning Commission minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

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

**E. 1. Monthly Report-** Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the last township meeting, March 4, 2013, was \$293,196.72. We had expenses this month of \$7,956.83 and income of \$119,412.10 giving Algansee Township a balance for this April 1, 2013 meeting of \$404,651.99. 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-** will meet next Tuesday.

**F. 2. Report from Algansee Township Planning Commission-** John Shilling reported they discussed the special use request for a shared driveway on the Wilkinson property and the Elephant Walk property rezoning request.

**F. 3. Request Board Approval for Planner to attend next Planning Commission Meeting-** Supervisor Russ Jennings thought it would be advisable for the Township Planner to be at the next Planning commission meeting. John Shilling motioned to have the Township Planner at the next Planning Commission meeting. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**F. 4. Report from Algansee Township Zoning Board of Appeals-** they didn't meet last month.

**F.5. Website- [www.alganseetownship.com](http://www.alganseetownship.com)-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the website is up and running with our new website host of DMCI.

**F.6. Algansee Township Ordinance Violations-** 1025 Grove Road- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported he would contact the Sheriff's Office, Old Fisher Church next to Fisher Cemetery- Supervisor Russ Jennings said he didn't know if the taxes were paid yet and today was the last day to pay taxes, Bickford Drive- Hildebrandt's are storing trailers on property owned by Sandy Watson, 244 Crockett Drive- letter from Pellegrini.

## **G. OLD BUSINESS-**

**G. 1. Asian Milfoil Weed Problem in Lake Chain-** Supervisor Russ Jennings said will meet next Monday to make recommendations then the public hearings to be in July 2013.

**G. 2. Review Bid for West Channel Drive for Paving Total \$49,000.00-** John Shilling motioned to approve the payment if Ovid Township agrees to pay 50% of the cost plus the \$250.00 it cost to survey the property. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**G. 3. Review Dust Control Bids-** Supervisor Russ Jennings said he received 2 bids for dust control on our 29 miles of gravel roads in the township. JLM Tank Truck Service from Litchfield with a bid of

\$390.00 per mile with 3,000 gallons per mile. S & M Liquid Tire Fill Inc from Battle Creek with a bid of \$255.00 per mile with 2,000-3,000 gallons per mile. John Shilling motioned to have S & M Liquid Tire Fill Inc for the township's dust control. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

**G. 4. Any Other Old Business-** none

**H. NEW BUSINESS-**

**H. 1. Algansee Library Branch-** Erica Ewers reported author Jerry Morton left in his will \$28,758.15 to the Algansee Library.

**H. 2. March Board of Review-** Erica Ewers reported the Board of Review met for 2½ days.

**H. 3. Branch County Road Commission Work for Algansee Township-** John Shilling motioned to accept the seal coat bid increase of \$720.00. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

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

**I. PAYMENT OF BILLS-** Expenses were presented in the amount of \$32,951.34. John Shilling motioned to pay the bills. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**J. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report-** Zoning Administrator Amos Barnett said he issued 6 permits this past month.

**J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report-** Don Vrablic reported the Branch County Commissioner's Top 5 Monthly Report- Severe Weather Training, Tire Collection, Child abuse awareness Month, Commission on Aging Lunch, New directories, State House of representatives approves Michigan's blood alcohol content level to stay at 0.08.

**J. 3. Algansee Library Report-** Algansee Librarian Jan Clark emailed her February report as follows- Circulation-570, Attendance-403, Hours-84, Computer use-187, Wireless-107, Adult Programs-2, Attendance-12, YA Programs-2 Attendance-8, Loans to MEL-95 Loans from Mel-40. We had 7 patrons come to our book discussion on "Thunder Dog" by Michael Hingson. Everybody joined in with their thoughts about book, most enjoyed the book. We will change our craft time back to Wednesday evenings at 4:30 all are welcome. We will be sending out flyers to community to make folks more aware of our programs and activities. We are trying to make our Library the best around, any suggestions, please let me know.

**J. 4. Assessor's Report** – Algansee Assessor Erica Ewers reported March Board of Review met and approved 71 total petitions. Of these 33 were poverty exemptions, of the 33- 6 were denied; 10 were granted a 15% reduction; 7 were granted a 25% reduction and 10 were granted a 50% reduction. The Board of Review changes were made on the computer and all reports forwarded to the Equalization Department on March 26, 2013. Russ was given the copies to mail out to the taxpayers. I'll be working on filing data for the next month until we get word that we can roll over the database. Working with the Register of Deeds office, Equalization, GIS, and Building Inspection to obtain all the documents needed to continue to keep the files up to date. Charlotte Dubay would like to clean the Township Hall for free.

**K. CORRESPONDENCE-** Greg Milliken's invitation to training on April 30, 2013 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm.

**L. PUBLIC COMMENT-** Arthur Arendt lives across from the Elephant Walk property and is opposed to rezoning that property. Zoning Administrator Amos Barnett said he is requesting property owners to write a letter with concerns if they can't attend the next Planning Commission meeting on April 29, 2013.

**M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING-** will be held on Monday, May 6, 2013 at 7:30pm.

**N. Adjourn-** Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Recorded by Glenn Preston, Algansee Township Deputy Clerk

Written by Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk