

# April 6, 2015 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER-** on Monday, April 6, 2015 at 7:30pm Supervisor Russ Jennings called the Alganssee Township Board meeting to order at the Alganssee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy, Michigan. All Alganssee Township Board members present- Supervisor Russ Jennings, Trustee John Shilling, Trustee Bill Avra, Treasurer Ann Strong and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors present that signed in were Robert Holloway, Greg Richer, Tim Gajewski and Don Vrablic.

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

**B. AGENDA-** Bill Avra motioned to accept agenda as presented with addition of Insurance to New Business. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT-** Greg Richer said he came to get a copy of his lawn mowing contract.

**Sheriff's Report-** Branch County Sheriff John Pollack gave us an update.

**D. MINUTES- Alganssee Township Board Minutes** - Ann Strong motioned to accept the March 2, 2015 Alganssee Township Board minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**Alganssee Planning Commission Minutes-** John Shilling motioned to accept the March 30, 2015 Alganssee Planning Commission minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**Alganssee Township Special Board Minutes-** John Shilling motioned to accept the March 9, 2015 Alganssee Township Special Board minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**Alganssee Township Annual Meeting Minutes-** Suzanne Preston motioned to bring off table the Treasurer's report the Alganssee Township Annual meeting March 28, 2015. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Treasurer Ann Strong reported fiscal yearend balance is \$365,168.55. John Shilling motioned to accept Treasurer's report for the annual meeting. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

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

**E. 1. Monthly Report-** Treasurer Ann Strong reported the April balance is \$365,168.55. We had income this month of \$27,851.30 and expenses of \$6,893.35. Clerk agrees. John Shilling motioned to accept Treasurer's report. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

## **F. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**F. 1. Quincy Fire Association-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported will meet on 4-14-15.

**F. 2. Report from Zoning Board of Appeals-** Bill Avra reported they didn't meet.

**F. 3. Report from Planning Commission-** John Shilling reported we need to amend the Zoning Ordinance Fee Schedule. Ann Strong motioned to amend the fee schedule and to charge a \$1,000 fee to amend the Zoning Ordinance to cover all the costs. John Shilling also asked if we knew of anyone who would be interested in being the corresponding Secretary for the Planning Commission. John Shilling motioned to accept Robert Holloway's land split, which was accepted at the March 30, 2015 Planning Commission meeting. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

**F. 4. Website- [www.algansseetownship.com](http://www.algansseetownship.com)-** website is working.

**F. 5. Ordinance Violations-**none

## **G. OLD BUSINESS-**

**G. 1. Library Committee to Review Feasibility to Move to Twp. Hall-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported Library questionnaire will be handed out April 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> at the Library.

**G. 2. Township Hall Lights-** lights will be worked on when the weather warms up.

**G. 3. Meeting with Amish Concerning Roads-** there will be more meetings.

**G. 4. Terry Barror, 234 Bickford Dr.-** sent letter township can't do anything to help at this time.

**G. 5. There is new FOIA legislation-** July 1, 2015 Freedom of Information Act procedures in place.

**G. 6. Any Other Old Business-** none

## **H. NEW BUSINESS-**

**H. 1. Branch County Road Commission Seal Coat Contract Resolution-** We need to pay half the sealcoating when we send in the contract. The total sealcoating contract is \$47,415.00 estimated

material cost per mile is \$14,500.00 - Alexis Drive and Dons Drive- 0.52 miles, Crockett Drive- 0.86miles, E. Channel Drive- 0.50miles, w. Channel Drive- 0.16miles, Lakeshore Drive- 0.87miles, Wilmin Drive (Lukesport-Bridge)- 0.13miles, Wright road (Lukesport- End)- 0.23 miles for a total of 3.27 miles. Bill Avra motioned to pay half the cost with the contract at this time, the check will be \$23,707.50. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

**H. 2. Gravel Dust Control Bids-** must be in by next month.

**H. 3. Zoning Amendment Application Cost-** Supervisor Russ Jennings said we need to update the Zoning Fee Schedule. John Shilling motioned to have the Zoning Amendment Application Cost at \$1,000.00 to cover the cost of the Planning Commission, advertising and Planner.

**H. 4. Assessing Services Maintenance Contract-** Assessor Erica Ewers reported there are 1,514 parcels in Algansee Township and her contract is for \$9.00 per parcel. Suzanne Preston motioned to accept the Assessing Services Contract. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

**H. 5. May 5<sup>th</sup> Special Election-** there will be a state wide road funding proposal on the ballot at the Special Election held on May 5<sup>th</sup>, also Coldwater School District is having two millage proposals and Reading school district has one proposal on the ballot. The Clerk presented the Election Inspectors for the May 5<sup>th</sup> Special Election as follows- Rhonda Artist, Amos Barnett, Joanne Finley, Beverly Siefken, Sharon Smith, Joy Wood and Suzanne Preston. Ann Strong motioned to approve all the May 5, 2015 Algansee Township Election Inspectors. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**H. 6. Any Other New Business-** Insurance provider Kevin Decker said there aren't any changes.

**1. PAYMENT OF BILLS-** Township expenses were presented in the amount of \$40,541.46. Bill Avra motioned to pay bills. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

## **J. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**J. 1. Zoning Administrator-** Zoning Administrator Amos Barnett reported 4 permits last month.

**J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report-** Don Vrablic gave his monthly report as follows State Proposal 15-1, Road funding survey, Merger of Departments of Community Health and Human Services into the Department of Health and Human Services, County leasing 5 Ford Police Inceptor Interceptor Utility Units Michigan Unemployment rate is down the first time since October 2001.

**J. 3. Algansee Library Report-** Librarian Jan Clark April 2015 report as follows- Circulation 405, Hours 110, Attendance 387, In Library Computer use 143, wireless 159, 1 Adult program 4 attended, 3 Young Adult programs 5 attended, 4 juvenile programs 12 attending. We had our Adult Book discussion with 4 attending for the "One Book One Book Community" on the Book "One Second After" by William Forstchen. Patrons took out 8 of the books but couldn't make it to program. We had snacks provided by a patron. It was a very interesting and eye opener book. We have the book in the Library if anyone is interested. The Boy Scout program on Survival was cancelled Boy Scouts couldn't make it. We had a craft putting together Easter Eggs some displayed in Library. Lots of Easter Books and coloring pages for all. Lots of new books for all ages displayed for March is Reading month. Spring is finally here. We will be putting together pine cone bird feeders and owl crafts. Come in to do a craft and check out a book! Everybody Welcome! I requested a CD player for children music and trays from Capital Funds, to make more room for patrons to do crafts. I did receive them already. Any suggestions or questions please stop by or call 639-9830.

**J. 4. Assessor's Report** – Algansee Assessor Erica Ewers gave her April report as follows- March Board of Review Organizational meeting was held on March 3, 2015 at 2:00pm. The Board of Review meetings were held March 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm and March 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm to 4:00pm and 6:00pm to 9:00pm. The Board reviewed 33 applications that included 3 veterans, 9 poverty, 2 personal property and 19 public concerns. County Equalization occurs in April and the State finalizes everything the first of May. Thus unable to roll over the database or begin any new work until hear back from this process. Still working on paper work from Board of Review and reorganize for the coming year. Continuing to pick up data at Equalization, Building Inspection, and Branch County Abstract & Title Office.

**K. CORRESPONDENCE-** MTA Planning & Zoning workshop in Jackson on April 30. Bill Avra motioned to allow Planning and ZBA members to attend. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

**L. PUBLIC COMMENT-** Greg Richer said Quincy School will be breaking ground soon for the new gym. John reported Bill and he attended Butler township meeting.

**M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING** Monday, May 4, 2015 at 7:30pm.

**N. Adjourn-** Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm. Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk