

April 3, 2017 Algansee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Supervisor Russ Jennings thanked everyone for coming and called the Algansee Township Board meeting to order at the Algansee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy, Michigan. Members were present Supervisor Russ Jennings, Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee John Shilling and Trustee Harold Sneath. Clerk Suzanne Preston was absent. Visitors that signed in were Rodney Carpenter, Greg Parker, Fred Avra, Jeff Ewers, Jim Neuenschwander,

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Suzanne Preston led us in the pledge to the American flag.

B. AGENDA- ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS- John Shilling motioned to accept the agenda with the addition of Zach Paxon under the first Public comment. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Zach Paxon said he is working on his Eagle Scout badge and would like to do some work at Fisher Cemetery. He presented some ideas of putting in a bench area under one of the big shade trees, add landscaping, clean the fence row and fix the broken headstones. Supervisor Russ Jennings asked him how much would this cost. Zach Paxon said he didn't know. Supervisor Russ Jennings asked him to come back next month with a couple proposals. Zack Paxon said he would do that.

D. MINUTES-

Algansee Township Board Minutes- John Shilling motioned to accept the March 6, 2017 township board minutes. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

Algansee Township Planning Commission Minutes- John Shilling motioned to accept the February 30, 2017 Planning Commission minutes. Support by Harold Sneath.

Algansee Township Annual Meeting Minutes- Harold Sneath motioned to accept the March 25, 2017 Algansee Township Annual Meeting Minutes. John Shilling supported the motion, Motion carried.

Supervisor Russ Jennings said we need to correct the January 3, 2017 Algansee Township Board minutes to show Sherry Haylett's request to change the land split from 2.5 acres to 3 acres from the 160 acres parent parcel of Robert Fenner at 596 South Fremont Road property code #120-030-300-005-00 that was originally requested and approved at the July 25, 2016 Algansee Planning Commission meeting. The Algansee Township Board originally approved this request at the August 1, 2016 Algansee Township Board meeting. On January 3, 2017 the Algansee Township Board approved the request from Sherry Haylett to increase the land split by .5 acre to the requested acreage of 3 acres. Sherry Haylett explained she has a purchase agreement for 3 acres instead of the 2.5 acres originally requested at 596 South Fremont Road and now she is requesting the 3 acres be removed from Public Act 116.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

E. 1. March Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the township's balance for the March 6, 2017 meeting was \$399,018.79. The income for the month of March was \$126,442.80 and the expenses for March were \$13,663.83, giving the township a balance of \$511,797.76 for the month of April. The Clerk agrees. Harold Sneath motioned to accept the March 6, 2017 Treasurer's report. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS
F. 1. Quincy Fire Association- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported Quincy Fire Department has reduced budget increase to 5.6% over last year's budget, next meeting April 11, 2017 at 5:30pm.

F. 2. Planning and Zoning Commission Report- John Shilling reported Planning Commission met on March 27, 2017, discussed Ag related businesses in Ag district.

F. 3. Board of Appeals- Harold Sneath reported they did not meet last month.

F. 4. Website- algansee township.com- website is up and running.

F. 5. Ordinance Violations- 1038 Grove Road- Vanderpool renting from Pidgeon Farms- 2 letters sent about the accumulation of trash and junk needs to be cleaned up.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G. 1. Road Concerns with Amish Buggies- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported he and State Senator Mike Shirkey met with 8 Amish Bishops at Sam Girod's house. Senator Shirkey stressed safety and road maintenance second. It was a very good meeting.

G. 2. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS

H. 1. Dust Control Contract From S & M Liquid Tire Fill- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the their bid is 2000 gallons per mile at \$260/mile for approximately 29 miles of gravel roads in township. John Shilling motioned to have S & M Liquid Tire Fill do dust control for 2000 gallons a mile at \$260 per mile. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

H. 2. Sealcoat Contract from Branch County Road Commission- Ann Strong motioned to accept the Sealcoat Contract to sealcoat 2.49 miles of Central Road from Ray Quincy Road to Stringtown Road and 1.01 miles of Brocklebank Road from Central Road to Campbell Road for a total of 3.50 miles at \$12,000 a mile for a total of \$42,000 with 50% of the cost due by May 30th. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

H. 3. Any Other New Business- there wasn't any other new business.

I. Payment of Bills- Bills were presented in the amount of \$8,547.37. Harold Sneath motioned to pay the bills. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report- Zoning Administrator Matt Ashenfelter reported he had issued 5 zoning permits for the month of March as follows-

Zoning permit #850 issued to John Shilling at 373 S. Ray Quincy Road, parcel code #120-015-100-010-01, type Ag, to build a 16' x 20' cattle feed barn date issued 2-27-2017.

Zoning permit #851 issued to Richard McKnight at 283 S. Fremont Road parcel code #120-W10-000-009-00, Type R-1, to build an 8' x 16' covered porch and a 4' x 32' open porch date issued 3-10-2017.

Zoning permit #852 issued to Del-Pay Retreat/Kathy Eversole at 189 Dons Drive, parcel code #120-A11-000-010-00, Type R-1, to build a 26' x 53' pole building over existing mobile home and a 26' x 24' pole building with enclosed interior space covered porch and a raised deck date issued 3-24-2017. Renewal issued per ZBA approved 12-2-2016.

Zoning Permit #853 issued to Wesley and Erica Yates at 123 Crockett Drive parcel code #120-W81-000-011-99, Type R-1, to build a 20' x 24' deck 8' x 10' extension and a 10' x 16' deck (all decks located behind dwelling) date issued 3-31-17.

Zoning permit #857 issued to Cheryl Potter at 202 Dons Drive parcel code #120-006-400-045-01, Type R-1, to install mobile home, total tear down of existing dwelling, additions and non-conforming shed and install a newer 16' x 68' mobile home (Avra to install) date issued 3-17-17.

Zoning Violation- Jake Girod at 899 Lester Road for non-conforming signage at the corner of Lester Road and Ray Quincy Road and Lester Road and Fremont Road. Jake Girod agrees to remove Sheds for Sale signs.

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

J. 3. Alganssee Library Email Report- Alganssee Library Branch Manager Janice Clark emailed her April 3, 2017 Report as follows- Circulation 415, Attendance 369, Hours 121, Library computer use 127, Wireless 671, Adult program 1 with 8 attending, 1 Young Adult program with 5 attending, 5 Juvenile craft programs with 17 attending. The Adult program was the book discussion for "One Book, One Community". We had 8 Adults attend. The book was "Peace Like A River" written by Leif Enger. It is a good read. We have the book and CD here at Alganssee, if interested, very inspirational. Young Adult scheduled program was a jewelry craft with 5 attending. The Juvenile programs were not scheduled but children that came in during the month read books, colored, and putting puzzles together. There are a lot of new books for all ages. We had 4 new patrons sign up for Library cards, which is good. There are 2 Spring Craft Programs scheduled for April 8th and 22nd. Everybody is Welcome! Happy Spring!

J. 4. Assessor's Report- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported the March Board of Review Organizational meeting was Tuesday, March 7th at 2:00pm, Day 1- Wednesday, March 15th from 9 am to Noon and 1 pm to 4 pm, Day 2- Thursday March 16th from 1 pm to 4 pm and 6 pm to 9 pm and then met on Saturday March 18 from 1 to 2 to finalize paperwork. There were 37 Board of Review petitions total which consisted of 5 veterans, 7 poverty and the rest were questions and value appeals. All reports were submitted to the Equalization office on March 23 and the Board of Review form L4037 was submitted on March 24. Erica will be filing paperwork from AMAR review earlier this year as well as the end of the year paperwork while waiting to role roll over the database for 2018. Erica is continuing to pick up data at Equalization, Building Inspection and Branch County Abstract & Title Office.

K. Correspondences- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the only correspondence the township received was from the County Clerk's office and he would let Clerk Suzanne Preston explain it. Suzanne Preston reported at the 2016 November Presidential Recount that 6 of the townships in the county were not re-countable- Batavia, Bronson City, Coldwater Township, Gilead, Noble and Quincy. Clerk Suzanne Preston said she was thankful that the Alganssee Township Election Inspectors did a good job on election night doing all the required paperwork.

L. Public Comment- Jim Neuenschwander wondered who owns the cemeteries in the township. Supervisor Russ Jennings said the township owns the cemeteries in the township.

M. Next Meeting- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the next meeting will be Monday, May 1, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Alganssee Township Hall.

N. Adjournment- Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm. Suzanne Preston, Clerk