

August 5, 2013 Algansee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- on Monday, August 5, 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. All Algansee Township Board members were present- Supervisor Russ Jennings, Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee Bill Avra, Trustee John Shilling and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors that signed in were James Wietrecki, Arlene Parker, Tim Gajewski, Don & Ann Vrablic, Linda Belcher and Joyce Clark.

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

B. AGENDA- John Shilling motioned to approve agenda with addition of State Senator Bruce Caswell under Public Comment. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- State Senator Bruce Caswell gave us an update on what is going on with the State Legislators at the Capital in Lansing. Bruce asked if anyone is having any problems to give him a call and he will try to help them.

Kaye Longardner said he talks with the Amish and he thinks the township board should with them and try to reach a resolution on how they could help with the roads.

Chad Carpenter asked about the house building the addition and not meeting the setbacks. There has been a stop work order since the original plan did meet the setbacks and what is being done. He wondered about Joe Girod has his hole dug and the house is sitting close on to the basement hole. The Planning Commission has tabled Joe Girod's permit until clarification on the site plan.

D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes- Ann Strong motioned to accept July 1, 2013 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

Algansee Planning Commission Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the July 29, 2013 Algansee Township 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, July 1, 2013, was \$355,129.83. We had expenses this month of \$24,278.72 and income of \$23,738.00 giving Algansee Township a balance for this August 5, 2013 meeting of \$354,589.11. The Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association- Trustee Bill Avra reported the next meeting will be August 13, 2013. Supervisor Russ Jennings asked the board for comments on the Quincy Fire Association Purchasing Policy June 2013. We thought it was too liberal without much accountability and asked Russ to have it revised.

F. 2. Report from Algansee Township Planning Commission- John Shilling reported Laurie Billman has dropped her special use request. John Shilling reported Planning Commission recommends changing Zoning Board of Appeals fee to \$500.00 and Rezoning fee to \$500.00 to cover costs. Ann Strong motioned to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation of changing the Zoning Board of Appeals fee to \$500.00 and Rezoning fee to \$500.00. John Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried.

F. 3. Report from Algansee Township Zoning Board of Appeals- next meeting will be August 9, 2013 at 5:00pm with Bickford Drive residents requesting Mark Hildebrand to stop using Bickford Drive business.

F. 4. Website- www.alganseetownship.com- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the website is working.

F.5. Ordinance Violations- 1025 Grove Rd. - Supervisor Russ Jennings reported court date is August 21, 2013, Old Fisher Church- Supervisor Russ Jennings said property up for auction on August 14th for back taxes we should receive paper work soon, the minimum bid is \$2,250.00, 244 Crockett Dr. - has cleaned up the mess and case is closed, Burlew Rd.- sent letter to property owner Parsons next step is certified mail.

G. OLD BUSINESS-

G. 1. Asian Milfoil Weed Problem in Lake Chain- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the Aquatic plant control has been approved for special assessment, letters will be sent out to all lake residents for special use costs, public hearing for costs will be August 17, 2013 10:00am to noon at the Coldwater Township Hall.

- G. 2. Placement of Buoys around Island on Marble Lake-** met with Sheriff's Department and the DNR about the placement of buoys around the island on Marble Lake. The DNR approved the replacement of the 2 buoys on the west side of the island and need to file an application to place buoys on east side. Someone has cut the chains on the buoys. Bill Avra suggested using cable to connect buoys to weights, can't be cut.
- G. 3. Any Other Old Business-** there wasn't any other old business.

H. NEW BUSINESS-

- H. 1. Review Special Assessment for Teal Drive-** the road maintenance special assessment for Teal Drive has expired. The residents will need to petition for a new road maintenance special assessment this year. Supervisor Russ Jennings said he would send a letter to notify the property owners on Teal Drive.
- H. 2. Review Special Assessment for Whistler and Riley Drives-** the road maintenance and aquatic weed special assessment for Whistler Drive and Riley Drive aquatic weed special assessment has expired. The residents will need to petition for new special assessments. Supervisor Russ Jennings said he would send a letter to notify the property owners on Whistler and Riley Drives to notify the property owners.
- H. 3. Old Fisher Church-** Supervisor Russ Jennings said property up for auction on August 14th for back taxes. The board will wait to see what happens at the auction.
- H. 4. DMCI Phone Service-** John Shilling motioned to have the township hall switch phone service to DMCI. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.
- H. 5. West Channel Drive Cul-de-sac-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported he received a verbal bid from the Branch County Road Commission to widen the cul-de-sac on West Channel Drive for \$1,500, with Algansee Township's share \$750. Bill Avra motioned to pay \$750.00 for Algansee Township's share of widening the West Channel Drive cul-de-sac. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.
- H. 6. Any Other New Business-** John Shilling suggested the township board look into the price of propane fuel. He said he would call different companies for prices and report back next month.

- I. PAYMENT OF BILLS-** Expenses were presented in the amount of \$8,862.07. 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 reported he issued 8 zoning permits in July- Joseph Girod, Menno Girod, Louis P. Graber, James Weitechi, James Heisler, William Schwartz and Emmanuel Schwartz.
- J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report-** Don Vrablic gave the Top 5 Monthly Report- County Audit, Pension Annual Report, Joint Resolution with Branch County Road commission concerning funding to repair roads, Rail Line, and Jail Overcrowding.
- J. 3. Algansee Library Report-** Algansee Librarian Jan Clark emailed her July report as follows- Circulation-659, Attendance-525, Hrs.-91, computer use-241, wireless-190, Young adult program-3 with attendance-11, Juvenile programs-5 with attendance-62, Melcat check-outs to our patrons-43, summer reading party on July 20th, July 25th program on Dinosaurs and reptiles, Wed. eve Crafts, Branch district Library has a booth at the fair.
- J. 4. Assessor's Report** – Algansee Assessor Erica Ewers reported she attended Asian Milfoil special assessment hearing; Algansee has 473 actual parcels in district representing 335.5 units. Attended meeting with Lieutenant Governor Brian Calley speaking on new personal property guidelines. July Board of Review met on July 16 approved 17 petitions, working on special assessment issues and found error with County where 2013 Principal Residence Exemptions didn't go through correctly with the June update. Data entry continues to be kept up to date. 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 and picking up items from Branch County Abstract & Title Office.

- K. CORRESPONDENCE-** Limb down and dead tree in Fisher Cemetery, Clerk will get estimates. Supervisor Russ Jennings received a MTA flier book of the month about Planning and Zoning thought we should have one. Bill Avra motioned to purchase book. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

- L. PUBLIC COMMENT-** When would the new fees take effect? We agreed 30 days from approval with the effective date as September 9, 2013.

- M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING-** will be Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 7:30pm because of Labor Day.

- N. Adjourn-** Bill Avra motioned to adjourn. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.
Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk