

December 2, 2013 Algansee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- on Monday, December 2, 2013 at 7:30pm Supervisor Russ Jennings called the Algansee Township Board meeting to order at the Algansee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Rd, 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.

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

B. AGENDA- Suzanne Preston motioned to approve agenda with the additions of Tim Hart Habrel and Matt Milligan to first public comment C. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Brad Benzing is running for the 58th District State Representative's seat. He gave us his qualifications. Tim Hart Habrel is running for the 58th District State Representative's seat. He gave us his qualifications. Matt Milligan- 241 Brocklebank said he is willing to be an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals. John Shilling motioned to approve Matt Milligan to be an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept November 4, 2013 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

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

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

E. 1. Monthly Report- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the balance at the last township meeting, November 4, 2013 of \$322,659.95. We had expenses this month of \$9,499.33 and income of \$28,820.33 giving Algansee Township a balance for this December meeting of \$341,980.79. The Clerk agrees. John Shilling motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association- Trustee Bill Avra reported the next meeting will be December 10th.

F. 2. Report from Algansee Township Zoning Board of Appeals- Bill Avra reported the ZBA met on November 7th approved variance for Paul Schmucker.

F. 3. Report from Algansee Township Planning Commission- John Shilling reported the Planner was present, voted to allow non public schools in Ag District under a special use permit with lot size of 4 acres and a 100 foot setback from all property lines. John Shilling motioned to allow non public schools in Ag District under a special use permit with lot size of 4 acres and a 100 foot setback from all property lines. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. John Shilling motioned to have the township planner come to the next Planning Commission meeting which will be on January 27th. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. John Shilling motioned to accept the changes to the Special Use Request form and the Zoning Board of Appeals form. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

F. 4. Website- www.alganseetownship.com- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported website running.

F. 5. Ordinance Violations- 1025 Grove Rd. - Supervisor Russ Jennings reported judge approved township to clean up mess and pass on expenses to property owner in the tax bill.

G. OLD BUSINESS-

G. 1. Township Hall phone- DMCI will be at the township hall this Thursday at 10:00am to correct problem with phone.

G. 2. Letter from State of Michigan Dept. of Treasury- no news

G. 3. Newsletters have been printed and mailed with tax bills.

G. 4. Aquatic Invasive Weed Contract- awarded to PLM Lake & Land Mgt Corp. out of Alto MI.

G. 5. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. 2013 Drain Special Assessment- amount due \$6,008.16, payment due end of March. Bill Avra motioned to table this. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

H. 2. Branch County Road Commission Annual Meeting will be Dec. 12th at 2:00pm- need to discuss gravel roads and spot graveling. Denny Higbee discussed need for proper grading of gravel roads to allow for drainage of water off the roads and how the horse shoes are breaking up the paved roads in the township.

H. 3. Branch County District Library, Amendment to Plan of Agreement- this would allow fiscal year to begin January 1 through December 31st. John Shilling motioned to accept the amendment to the Plan of Agreement. Support from Bill Avra. Motion carried.

H. 4. Resolution for Mistor lawsuit to proceed, to vacate a portion of roadway on Bennett Drive- our township attorney wrote letter to their attorney stating it is ok to vacate road as long as there is roadway for each dwelling for emergency vehicles. John Shilling motioned to approve the letter to proceed. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

H. 5. Any Other New Business- John Shilling reported he found a different LP gas supplier- Caywood Propane Gas Inc.

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$9,146.01. 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 3 zoning permits in November- Mark McCleery, Paul Schmucker, and Jake W.E. Schwartz.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic gave top 5 report- Power Outage, No wage increase, Economic Summit, Unemployment and Gift of Life review of agreement.

J. 3. Algansee Library Report- Algansee Librarian Jan Clark emailed her January report as follows- Circulation number not available because of upgrade, Attendance 357, Hours 84, computer use 158, wireless use 204, Young adult programs 2, Attendance 11, Books loaned to Mel 93, Books our patrons borrowed from Mel 59, Lots of new books for all patrons, using all of book budget for 2013, bought T.V. and DVD player with Capital funds, about \$800.00. Have a program for teens planned for December 20; everyone is welcome to come to the Library. Jan Clark

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Algansee Assessor Erica Ewers reported Chris Girod's Tribunal hearing is Jan.28, Dec BOR Dec 10th, governor signed several laws impacting assessments and Dec BOR, PA 161 of 2013 Disabled Veterans Tax Exemption effective for Dec BOR, PA 397, 398, 399, & 400 of 2012 Personal Property changes, PA 162 of 2013 changes in Agricultural Sales Studies, reviewed land values as presented by Equalization and submitted changes, sent State report to Lansing for Supplemental special Assessments(twp doesn't have any still had to report), signed tax warrants at County Treasurer's office pick up data at with the Equalization, Building Inspection and Register of Deeds office, also picking up Property Transfer Affidavits and Principal Residence Exemptions at Branch County Abstract & Title Office.

K. CORRESPONDENCE-none.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT-none

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- will be on Monday, January 6, 2014 at 7:30pm.

N. Adjourn- John Shilling motioned to adjourn. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm

Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk