

# July 1, 2013 Algansee Township Board Minutes

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** on Monday, July 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. 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 Richard Orłowski- 104 Wright Rd., Joe & Lena Donato- 810 Bennett Dr., Rick Coon- 162 Dons Dr., Arlene & Greg Parker- 501 Colvin Rd., Tim Gajewski- 769 Lake Shore Pt., Cindy Bland- 114 Wright Rd., Terry & Dena Barror- 234 Bickford Dr., Walter Dana Alley- 226 Bickford Dr., Kaye Longardner- 1147 E. Central Rd., Karen Porter, John Pollack- Branch County Sheriff and Don Vrablic- Branch County Commissioner.

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

**B. AGENDA-** John Shilling motioned to approve agenda with additions under C. Public Comment- George Baker, and Sheriff John Pollack. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT-** George Baker demonstrated Pontom's cemetery software. He said it is very helpful. Supervisor Russ Jennings asked George to get us more information on cost- about \$2,000 plus mapping. Richard Orłowski read his suggestion for Horse Drawn Vehicle Licensing and submitted to the township. County Commissioner Don Vrablic said the County Board of Commissioners are contacting Steuben and Lagrange counties in Indiana to see how they are licensing the horse drawn vehicles. Sheriff John Pollack gave his June Sheriff's report. He thought Algansee Township had a Lake Ordinance dated April 28, 1972, there is a possibility it is a DNR regulation. Rick Coon said it had to be a DNR regulation because Algansee Township didn't have zoning in 1972. Sheriff John Pollack said he is meeting with the DNR on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Dana Alley is requesting the Zoning Board of Appeals fee be waived for them because all the neighbors on Bickford Drive think that Mark Hildebrand shouldn't be using Bickford Drive for his commercial use and no one can afford the fee. Trustee Bill Avra said the township board couldn't waive the Zoning Board of Appeals fee for one party and not everyone. Supervisor Russ Jennings said the Bickford Drive neighbors need to have \$250 Zoning Appeals Board fee to Zoning Admin. Amos Barnett by July 3<sup>rd</sup> to meet 30 day deadline. There wasn't any other public comment.

**D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes-** Trustee Bill Avra motioned to accept June 3, 2013 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by Trustee John Shilling. Motion carried.

**Algansee Planning Commission Minutes-** Trustee Bill Avra motioned to accept the June 24, 2013 Algansee Township Planning Commission minutes. Support by Trustee John Shilling. Motion carried.

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

**E. 1. Monthly Report-** Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the last township meeting, June 3, 2013, was \$388,018.26. We had expenses this month of \$39,215.83 and income of \$6,327.40 giving Algansee Township a balance for this July 1, 2013 meeting of \$355,129.83. The Clerk agrees. Trustee John Shilling motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Support by Trustee Bill Avra. Motion carried.

## **F. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**F. 1. Quincy Fire Association-** Trustee Bill Avra reported they didn't meet because there wouldn't be enough members for a quorum. The next meeting will in August. The finance committee did meet.

**F. 2. Report from Algansee Township Planning Commission-** Trustee John Shilling reported they tabled Laurie Billman's request, Planning Commission recommends purchasing the old Fisher Church property and they need to update the Ordinance fee schedule to meet the costs of the meetings.

**F. 3. Report from Algansee Township Zoning Board of Appeals-** met on June 5th- Kevin Homier.

**F. 4. Website- [www.alganseetownship.com](http://www.alganseetownship.com)-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the website is up and running. Cindy Bland wondered about posting tentative agendas on website. Russ said he would try.

**F.5. Algansee Township Ordinance Violations-** 1025 Grove Rd. - Supervisor Russ Jennings reported no progress, Old Church next to Fisher Cemetery- Supervisor Russ Jennings said property up for auction on

August 14<sup>th</sup> for back taxes we should receive paper work soon, the minimum bid is \$2,250.00, 244 Crockett Dr. - owner Denny Wolf- waiting for hearing date, Burlew Rd. - junk, sent letter to property owner Parsons.

#### **G. OLD BUSINESS-**

**G. 1. Asian Milfoil Weed Problem in Lake Chain-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the public hearing will be on July 20, 2013 at 10:00am at the Coldwater High School cafeteria. They are sending out notices to all lake properties involved. Supervisor Russ Jennings said he invited our County Commissioner Don Vrablic and County Drain Commissioner Mike Hard for a lake tour to view Asian milfoil problem. He reported cottontail weed is a native weed and can't be destroyed.

**G. 2. Any Other Old Business-** there wasn't any other old business.

#### **H. NEW BUSINESS-**

**H. 1. Branch County Road Commission Contract for West Channel Drive-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the Branch County Road Commission sent driveway quotes to West Channel Drive residents who have until July 8<sup>th</sup> to get their money to Alganssee Treasurer Ann Strong.

**H. 2. PA116 Application for Thomas Schroeder-** Tom Schroeder is applying for a Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program- PA116 for 34.6 acres on Wolf Road, formerly Van Lieu property. John Shilling motioned to approve the request. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

**H. 3. Alganssee Lake Ordinance effective Date 1972- Requires No Wake Within 200 feet of Shore. New Permits Required for Buoys around Marble Lake Island-** already discussed.

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

**I. PAYMENT OF BILLS-** Trustee Bill Avra suggested the Township switch phone companies to DMCI. Supervisor Russ Jennings said he would look into it. Expenses were presented in the amount of \$24,130.58. Bill Avra motioned to pay the bills. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

#### **J. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report-** Zoning Administrator Amos Barnett reported he issued 8 zoning permits in June- Gary Ewers, Kevin Homier, Tim Billman, Eddy Miller, Julie Blond, Louis Wortz, Thomas Rzepka and Charlotte Dubay.

**J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report-** Don Vrablic gave the Top 5 Monthly Report- Tire Collection- September 21 & 28 and October 4 with a 7 tire limit, Hazardous Waste Collection July 24, Mutual Aid Agreement between municipalities for the provision of mutual police assistance, Furlough Day July 5<sup>th</sup>, Marine Patrol- North Chain of Lakes Association has donated several personal floatation devises.

**J. 3. Alganssee Library Report-** Alganssee Librarian Jan Clark emailed her June report as follows- Circulation-577, Attendance-539, Hrs.-87, computer use-226, wireless-128, Young adult program-1, Attendance-2, Juvenile programs-4, Attendance-72, which includes Nature Center Program, Melcat check-outs to our patrons-39 Alganssee Loaned to Melcat-95. We have had 50 sign-ups for Summer Reading so far. The Kalamazoo Nature Center presented their program "Our Earth, Can you Dig it" on Wed. June 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. The program was held at the Pine Ridge Bible Church, because of weather conditions. We were very grateful for use of the gym, much cooler and dry! There were 28 patrons come to program, all enjoyed and was very educational. The program was opened to everybody, wish more could have come, but lots of ball games and vacations. The Alganssee Friends provided cookies and water for all. The Alganssee Book Sale was held here June 22. Was very hot that day, sale went pretty good. We still have lots of nice books to sell, very cheap. I will have books on porch for sale all summer, drop in, and get a good book! July 20<sup>th</sup>, Summer Reading Program ends with a party and prizes for all who participated. On Thursday July 25<sup>th</sup> Dynamic West Assemblies, Inc will present the program "Dinosaurs & Reptiles", we hope to have here at Library if weather is good, if not we will borrow church again, will notify folks if location changes. I am looking forward to this program also. This program will not discuss creation or evolution of animals, just a fun program and some live animals. Come and join us, all are welcome! The FBI program we were hoping to have here, will not happen, they are booked up. Other Branches in Branch District Library will have FBI Program scheduled on the Web Sites. Come and check out Alganssee Library! We have craft & story time every Wed. at 4:30. Any questions please call or drop by.

**J. 4. Assessor's Report** - Alganssee Assessor Erica Ewers reported prepared Asian Milfoil special assessment mailing list, Alganssee has 475 actual parcels in this district representing 446 units. July Board of Review is scheduled for Tues. July 16 at 2:00pm; Data entry continues to be kept up to date. Driving through township to do preliminary review of current construction that is underway and follow up on those that had partial construction last year and 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.

**K. CORRESPONDENCE-** none

**L. PUBLIC COMMENT-** Cindy Bland wondered if there was any response to out letters sent to our state representatives. No response yet. She wondered about mutual aid and Fire Departments and there is.

**M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING-** will be held on Monday, August 5, 2013 at 7:30pm.

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