

June 2, 2014 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER- on Monday, June 2, 2014 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 were present- Supervisor Russ Jennings, Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee Bill Avra, Trustee John Shilling and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors present that signed in were Dennis Higbee, Bonnie Frick, Greg Parker, Jon & Judy Baade, John & Billie Pollack, Philip Donato, Lena Donato, Morris and Jan Lewis, Linda Belcher, Elaine Gray, Jeff Jacques, Mary Sue Miller and Don Vrablic the County Commissioner.

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

B. AGENDA- Ann Strong motioned to approve agenda with addition of Bonnie Frick to first Public Comment. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Bonnie Frick of the Branch County District Library Board reported on the need for the millage request of .5 mills for 8 years for the Branch County District Library on August 5, 2014. Jeff Jacques introduced himself and gave his qualifications for running for the 58th District State House of Representatives. Sheriff John Pollack gave his monthly report. Supervisor Russ Jennings asked if there was any other public comment and there wasn't any more.

D. MINUTES- Alganssee Township Board Minutes- Ann Strong motioned to accept the May 5, 2014 Alganssee Township Board minutes with corrections. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

Alganssee Planning Commission Minutes- John Shilling motioned to accept May 27, 2014 Planning Commission minutes as presented. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

E. 1. Monthly Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported balance at last meeting, May 5, 2014 of \$404,373.29. We had expenses this month of \$24,861.58, income of \$32,771.68 in May giving Alganssee Township a balance of \$ 412,283.39. The Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept Treasurer's report. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association- Trustee Bill Avra reported Quincy Fire Department didn't meet last month; the next meeting will be June 13th.

F. 2. Report from Zoning Board of Appeals- Linda Belcher reported they denied Henry Schwartz's request to put an Amish school on his property. Planning commission Chairman Rodney Carpenter reported the Amish sent him a letter stating they wouldn't follow Alganssee Township's zoning pertaining to Amish schools.

F. 3. Report from Planning Commission- John Shilling reported nothing to report.

F. 4. Website- www.algansseetownship.com- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported it is up and running.

F. 5. Ordinance Violations- 1025 Grove Rd- John Shilling said he would talk to Kaye Longardner to see if he can still clean up the property. **211 South Ray Quincy Road-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported he talked to Mr. Handy as he was dumping old house materials that he was tearing down into the hole he had dug on the property. Supervisor Russ Jennings said he called the Health Department who reported can only bury stones and bricks not any kind of wood products. Elaine Gray reported she saw insulation, shingles and other house materials in the hole. Alganssee Zoning Administrator Amos Barnett reported Mr. Handy told him he was burying 2 x 4's and organic materials, then Mr. Handy said he would have it cleaned up in 10 days. **1273 Burlew Road-** the owners of the property Curtis and Sue Parsons have not given anyone permission to dump anything on this property. Their neighbors Morris & Jan Lewis came tonight to see what the township can do. Sheriff John Pollack said the Sheriff's Department will investigate the problem.

G. OLD BUSINESS-

G. 1. Planning Committee to Review Feasibility to Move Library to Twp. Hall- committee of Russ Jennings, John Shilling and Bill Avra will meet to review the move of Library to township hall. Supervisor Russ Jennings reported it is on hold until after the August primary to see if the library millage passes.

G. 2. Planning Committee to Review Feasibility to Move Lights at Twp. Hall- committee of Russ Jennings, John Shilling and Bill Avra will meet to review moving lights to keep bugs off township hall. Bill Avra reported Henry Rockey of Rockey Electric gave a bid of \$1,185 to remove lights from township hall and put on edge of parking lot. Ann Strong motioned to accept Rockey Electric's bid. John Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried.

G. 3. Gravel Road Dust Control- John Shilling reported S & M Liquid Tire Fill sprayed 4 townships in county so soon.

G. 4. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. Mute Swan Removal from Lakes- there will be a public meeting June 14, 2014 at 10:00am at Quincy Middle School and Saturday June 21, 2014 the Marble Lake Association will hold its meeting at Sunset Cove at 10:00am. DNR will speak at both. If Marble Lake Association approves they'll ask township boards for approval.

H. 2. Update on Asian Milfoil Weed Control- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported will start putting chemicals on the channels soon. They have already treated the channels on Bartholomew Lake.

H. 3. The Amish School House- the Amish have moved a building on to Henry Schwartz's property. Supervisor Russ Jennings and Zoning Administrator Amos Barnett have talked to Henry Schwartz about needing a permit for the building. Zoning Administrator Amos Barnett reported he has red tagged the building.

H. 4. July 2014 Algansee Township Newsletter- John Shilling motioned to accept the July 2014 Algansee Township Newsletter with the summer tax deferment form on the back. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

H. 5. Michigan Department of Treasury 2014 right of Refusal Parcel Listing- 330 Stringtown Road is up for back taxes, Assessor Erica Ewers explained properties up for back taxes used to be auctioned off and then the township was notified if they wanted to buy the property. Now the township is notified before the property is put up public auction.

H. 6. Any Other New Business- none

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- The township expenses were presented in the amount of \$28,357.73 in the general fund plus \$1,020.00 in the Special Assessment fund for a total of \$29,377.73. John Shilling motioned to pay bills. Support by Russ Jennings. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report- Zoning Administrator Amos Barnett reported he issued 2 permits for the month May.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic gave his Top 5 Branch County Commissioner's Report- CHC Strategic Partnership, COA Millage on the fall ballot, Minimum Wage Change, Scrap Tire Recycling August 16th, Coldwater State Park meeting June 17th, City of Coldwater received grant for GIS.

J. 3. Algansee Library Report- Librarian Jan Clark emailed her May report as follows- June 2014 Circulation 647, Attendance 379, Hours 92, Young Adult Programs 7, Attendance 20. Juvenile Programs 1, Attendance 3. Books loaned to Michigan Libraries 56. Our patrons borrowed 49 books from out of Branch County Mel. In Library Computer use 142. Wireless use 181. Summer Reading Sign-up, 2 programs scheduled for June, Newsletters at Library for our programs also posted on Branch District Library Algansee Branch Web site and Calendar for June. Thank You to Erica Ewers for Newsletters and to Russ Jennings for posting programs on Algansee Township Web Site. I appreciate help to get the Library news out to everybody! June 28th Book Sale & Community Garage Sales 9:00 a.m. until 3:00, please join us. Our programs are for all to enjoy. Volcano demo, Made in Michigan animals. Any questions or suggestions please come and talk to us or call 639-9830. Respectfully Algansee Branch Manager Jan Clark and Library Clerk Jessica Clark

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Algansee Assessor Erica Ewers reported- GIS Pictometry (aerial mapping) is contracted with the City of Coldwater under the guidance of Chad Burke don't know about a fee, Register of Deeds Office has new software update and don't know if they'll be printing anymore deeds currently Township doesn't have a way to print deeds, working with Amos on land splits and combination requests, many calls on homes from future buyers, July Board of Review is July 22nd at 2:00pm, continuing to pick up data twice a month at 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- received from Charter going all digital, MI Gas Utilities public hearings June 4th & 5th. Linda Belcher said working on getting natural gas out to the lakes. Bill Avra said we need to pay Rockey Electric 50% before they can start the project.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- Greg Parker said Handy is dumping materials on Aaron Schwartz's property. Elaine Gray thanked the township board for getting on Handy for dumping building materials at 211 South Ray Quincy Road.

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING Monday, July 7, 2014 at 7:30pm,

N. Adjourn- Bill Avra motioned to adjourn. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 9:05pm.

Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk