

## March 3, 2014 Algansee Township Board Minutes

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** on Monday, March 3, 2014 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-** John Shilling motioned to approve agenda. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Sheriff's Report-** Sheriff John Pollack reported on the Sheriff's Department.

**1. Lawn Care bids-** Supervisor Russ Jennings read lawn Care bids as follows- Baker's Lawn Care bid \$8,900, he is planning on mowing every week except when very dry and grass doesn't grow. Precision Lawn Care bid \$7,000; he said he was planning on mowing every other week like he did last year. Mickey Connin & Derek Parker bid \$7500 and they weren't in attendance to answer questions. Suzanne Preston motioned to contract Baker's Lawn Care to mow the township's lawns this year. Support by Russ Jennings, 3 voted yes and 1 voted no, motion carried.

**2. 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget Hearing-** Supervisor Russ Jennings called the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget Hearing to order. Bill Avra motioned to add \$200 to Lawn Care expense. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Supervisor Russ Jennings discussed Quincy Fire Department's budget which is up \$9,000 from last year. Suzanne Preston motioned to amend State Revenue Sharing income to \$25,915. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. John Shilling motioned to increase the Quincy Fire Department expense by \$2,300. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Ann Strong motioned to accept the 2014-2015 budget. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**3. Truth & Taxation-** Supervisor Russ Jennings called the Truth and Taxation Hearing to order and reported the Millage reductions from 1999 to 2013 for Algansee Township are as follows- 1999- 0.9150, 2000- 0.9057, 2001- 0.8881, 2002- 0.8668, 2003- 0.8550, 2004- 0.8492, 2005- 0.8321, 2006- 0.8263, 2007- 0.8191, 2008- 0.8104, 2009- 0.8104, 2010- 0.8104, 2011- 0.8104, 2012- 0.8104 and 2013- 0.8104 according to the Headley amendment the amount will go down or stay the same each year. Supervisor Russ Jennings said we don't know the exact amount for this year until June, except it won't exceed last year's amount. John Shilling motioned to approve the Truth and Taxation with the maximum property tax Millage rate allowed not exceeding last year's amount of .8104 in support of the proposed budget. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes-** Ann Strong motioned to accept February 3, 2014 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

**Algansee Planning Commission Minutes-** John Shilling motioned to accept Feb. 24, 2014 Planning Commission minutes. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried. John Shilling motioned to have township Planner Chris Khorey to come to the March 31, 2014 Planning Commission meeting. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

### E. TREASURER'S REPORT

**E. 1. Monthly Report-** Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the last township meeting, February 3, 2014 of \$335,391.85. We had expenses this month of \$9,206.06 and \$2,850.07 income in the month of February giving Algansee Township a balance for this March 3, 2014 meeting of \$329,035.86. 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-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported we already discussed it.

**F. 2. Report from Algansee Township Zoning Board of Appeals-** Bill Avra reported they didn't meet.

**F. 3. Report from Algansee Township Planning Commission-** John Shilling reported approved Dennis & Diane Reigel's land split request of 25 acres and 29.23 acres. Ann Strong motioned to approve the land split of Dennis and Diane Reigel's land split request of 25 acres and 29.23 acres. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**F. 4. Planning Commission Public Hearing March 31, 2014 at 7:30pm-** Clerk will publish ad.

**F. 5. Website- [www.alganseetownship.com](http://www.alganseetownship.com)-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported website is working.

**F. 6. Ordinance Violations-** 1025 Grove Rd- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported judge approved township to clean up mess and add expenses to property owner's tax bill. We will need a couple quotes to clean up the property.

### G. OLD BUSINESS-

**G. 1. 2013 Drains at Large Special Assessment-** payment of \$6,008.16 due end of March. Bill Avra motioned to pay the bill. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**G. 2. 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 the Library.

**G. 3. 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 the lights.

**G. 4. Any Other Old Business-** none

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

**H. 1. 2014 Board of Review Organizational Meeting-** will be March 4, 2014 at 2:00pm.

**H. 2. 2014 Board of Review Dates and Hours-** Alganssee Township Board of Review will meet on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 13, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**H. 3. Gravel Road Dust Control Bids-** Supervisor Russ Jennings said he would get quotes for this year. The township board didn't hear any negative comments from last year's dust control.

**H. 4. Request to Purchase White Board for Township Hall-** Suzanne Preston motioned to have Supervisor Russ Jennings purchase white board for township hall. John Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried.

**H. 5. Alganssee Township Annual Meeting-** will be March 29, 2014. Bill Avra motioned to have the Alganssee Township Annual meeting start at 9:00am. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**H. 6. Any Other New Business-** Alganssee Township Board thanks John Shilling and family for clearing the snow from the Township Hall parking lot and walk ways this winter.

**I. PAYMENT OF BILLS-** The township expenses were presented in the amount of \$17,353.87. 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 didn't issue a permit last month.

**J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report-** Don Vrablic gave Top 4 Report- restore counties State Revenue Sharing, Pothole Party, SB636, Cold Weather, Coldwater State Park.

**J. 3. Alganssee Library Report-** Alganssee Librarian Jan Clark emailed her March report as follows- Circulation 415, Attendance 277, Hours 80, Computer use for January & February 85, Wireless use 164, (Young Adult programs 3, Attendance 8), Books Loaned to other Libraries in Michigan MEL 50, Items borrowed from other MEL Libraries from our patrons 49. Although statistics aren't very good in February, weather and roads have not been good out here as everybody knows. Patrons are calling to renew items, instead of coming out in cold. I have been busy preparing for spring projects and programs. I have 2 programs scheduled for June along with Summer Reading program which starts as soon as school dismisses for summer. We have had a few patrons reading our One Book, One Community. The title of the Book is Hannah Coulter by Wendell Berry. Our book Discussion will be Wednesday March 19th at 5:00. If anybody would like to participate, please come to Library or call me and I will make sure they get a book. All 4 of the books I have are out, but I can get more copies. I have read the book, it is very good. Looking forward to a good year for our Alganssee Library and patrons. Spring is coming March 20th! Jan Clark and Jessie Clark.

**J. 4. Assessor's Report** – Alganssee Assessor Erica Ewers reported- March Board of Review schedule- Organizational meeting Tuesday, March 4 at 2:00pm, Day 1- Wednesday, March 12 at 9:00am to noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Day 2- Thursday March 13 at 1:00pm to 4:00pm and 6:00pm to 9:00pm. The Chris Girod Tax Tribunal hearing scheduled for Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> including 2014 tax year. Personal property statements/affidavits coming in slowly, second reminder sent out with notices about new criteria and opportunity to be tax exempt if under \$80,000 true cash value, if they don't file by Board of Review last year's values will remain in effect. Poverty applications were mailed out and assessment notices were mailed February 26<sup>th</sup>. 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. John Shilling motioned to allow assessor Erica Ewers to attend Alganssee Township Board of Review. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**K. CORRESPONDENCE-** received from DEQ- approved Bruce Hauska's irrigation permit, DEQ- approved Keith Pohl's irrigation permit, MTA web training 50% off the month of March, Michigan Gas Utilities promotion, Charter would like to pay electronically to township and Michigan Historic Preservation Committee is holding a workshop.

**L. PUBLIC COMMENT-** Bill Avra motioned to adjust 2013-2014 budget under Income- Franchise Fee from \$2,000 to \$2,700, and under Expenses in Election Services from \$75 to \$628.10, Cemetery supplies from \$300 to \$874.72, Supervisor Supplies & postage from \$150 to \$238.29, Supervisor mileage from \$150 to \$400.90, township board newsletter from \$70 to \$197.67, township board supplies from \$200 to \$933.21, township board dues from \$200 to \$1,432.12, professional fees from \$200 to \$1,277.84, McKenna from \$500 to \$3,591.25, Clerk's equipment from \$200 to \$283.70, township hall advertising from \$1,000 to \$1,615.86, township hall utilities from \$3,200 to \$4,018.62 and Planning/Zoning salaries from \$5,020 to \$7,860. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING** Monday, April 7, 2014 at 7:30pm, with Annual Meeting March 29, 2014 at 9:00am.

**N. Adjourn-** Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 9:20pm. Suzanne Preston, Alganssee Township Clerk