

March 6, 2017 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Supervisor Russ Jennings called the Alganssee Township Board meeting to order at the Alganssee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy, Michigan. Members were present Supervisor Russ Jennings, Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee John Shilling and Trustee Harold Sneath. Clerk Suzanne Preston was absent. Visitor that signed in was Don Vrablic.

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

B. AGENDA- ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS- Ann Strong motioned to accept the agenda Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Sheriff John Pollack gave his Sheriff's report- open cold case, he advised if the Townships don't put anything in their zoning ordinance then marijuana facilities not allowed in the Township, Amish- follow up meetings.

D. MINUTES-

Alganssee Township Board Minutes- John Shilling motioned to accept the February 6, 2017 township board minutes. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

Alganssee Township Planning Commission Minutes- John Shilling motioned to accept the January 30, 2017 Planning Commission minutes. Support by Harold Sneath.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

E. 1. March Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the township's balance for last meeting was \$405,981.82. The income for the month of February was \$435.00 and the expenses for February were \$7,398.03, giving the township a balance of \$399,018.79 for the month of March. Harold Sneath motioned to accept the March 6, 2017 Treasurer's report. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported they didn't meet last month- Eric Zuzga resigned from preparing Association agenda. The next meeting will be March 8, 2017. Butler Township has contracted with Tekonsha Fire Department. Lakeland Fire Department- Ovid Township \$77,000 for next 3 years, Kinderhook Township up 10% Lakeland Fire Department has \$400,000 in Fund Balance for new equipment. May need a special meeting.

F. 2. Planning and Zoning Commission Report- John Shilling reported the Planning Commission met on February 27, 2017. Supervisor Russ Jennings reported he received an email from township Planner Chris Khorey about Solar Panel language for Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendments would have the following effect: Allow small-scale accessory solar energy facilities, which are designed to provide electricity primarily to the property they are located on, in all zoning districts except the Restricted Development Overlay and the Environmental Protection Overlay. Allow large-scale accessory solar energy facilities by Special Use approval in the Agricultural, Commercial and Industrial districts. These would be the types of facilities that are designed to provide electricity over a wide area. Add a new section with regulations for the construction and design of solar energy facilities.

F. 3. Zoning Board of Appeals- Harold Sneath reported they did not meet last month.

F. 4. Website- alganseetownship.com- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the website is up and running and the Board of Review is updated.

F. 5. Ordinance Violations- 1038 Grove Road- Vanderpool on Pridgeon- 2 letters sent.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G. 1. Road Concerns with Amish Buggies- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported about the meeting has been already discussed, encouraged them to talk to Sam Girod Jr.

G. 2. Complaint No Snow Removal for Algansee Library Parking Lot and Sidewalk- John Shilling said he didn't talk to Joy about it.

G. 3. Wilmin Drive Bridge- Quincy Fire Department will not Risk Fire trucks on Old Bridge, Alternate Rescue and Fire Plan- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the Quincy Fire Department has come up with a plan to use 1 light truck with water pulled from channel or lake- so things are ok. The Quincy Fire Department has same issue with other private drives. Russ said he has sent letter to those beyond the bridge and Gale Cutcher is the only one to respond to letter he would like to start a special assessment to do bridge work this spring, wants to include those going under the bridge in the special assessment.

G. 4. Quincy Fire Department Budget Denied- Russ restated that the Township Board had denied the Fire Department Budget last month and that he and Harold would present that at the fire meeting.

G. 5. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS

H. 1. Approval of Drain Special Assessment-- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the Drains at Large special assessment is \$6,107.68. John Shilling motioned to pay the Drains at Large special assessment of \$6,107.68. Harold Sneath supported the motion. Motion carried.

H. 2. Approval of Truth and Taxation- Ann Strong motioned to table it until the Annual Meeting on March 25th. John Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried.

H. 3. Budget Hearing Approval- Ann Strong motioned to table it until the Annual Meeting on March 25th. John Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried.

H. 4. Board of Review Dates- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the Board of Review Dates- Organizational meeting is Tuesday, March 7th at 2:00pm, Day 1- Wednesday, March 15th from 9 am to Noon and 1 pm to 4 pm, Day 2- Thursday March 16th from 1 pm to 4 pm and 6 pm to 9 pm.

H. 5. Annual Meeting - Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the Township Annual Meeting is Saturday March 25, 2017 at 9:00am.

H. 6. PA 116 Partial Termination for Knirk- The following resolution was offered by John Shilling and seconded by Ann Strong. WHEREAS, on March 6, 2017 the Algansee Township Board received a request from Dick Knirk for approval to have parcel 120-012-400-020-01, which is 1.5 acres (see below for legal description) released from Farmland Development Rights Agreement number 12-45913-123124 which was executed in accordance with the provisions of PA 116 of 1974, commonly known as the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act ("The Act"); and WHEREAS, the Algansee Township Board has reviewed this request and determined that at least one structure located on the parcel was present prior to the original execution of said agreement; and WHEREAS, the parcel proposed for release from the agreement is two acres or less in size OR applicant provided documentation for larger than two-acre parcel; and WHEREAS, the township board finds that the request for release of the particular parcel is acceptable; RESOLUTION FOR A PARTIAL TERMINATION of a Farmland Development Rights Agreement -WITH PRE-EXISTING STRUCTURE- (1)That the Township Board hereby approves the request to release the following described piece of property from said Farmland Development Rights Agreement, parcel 120-012-400-020-01described as: COM AT SE COR OF SE ¼ TH W 264 FT ALG S LI OF SE ¼ TO POB TH N PAR TO W LI OF SD SEC 300 FT TH W PAR TO S LI OF SD SEC 218 FT TH S 300 FT PAR TO E LI OF SD SEC TH E 218 FT ALG S LI OF SD SEC TO POB SEC 12 T7S R5W SPLIT OUT OF 400-020-00 and (2)That the Algansee Township Board hereby certifies that at least one structure

located on the certain piece of property was present prior to the original execution of said Farmland Development Rights Agreement. (3) That the Alganssee Township Clerk is hereby directed to transmit certified and sealed copies of this resolution to the person making the request and to the Farmland Unit of the MI Dept. of Agriculture. Roll Call vote- John Shilling-yea, Harold Sneath- yea, Russ Jennings- yea and Ann Strong- yea. Motion carried.

H.7. Assessor's Contract- 5 parcel changes, Ann Strong motioned to approve the Assessor's contract with 1524 total parcels for 2017-2018 at \$10/parcel for a total of \$15,240. Harold Sneath supported the motion. Motion carried.

H. 8. Any Other New Business- there wasn't any other new business.

I. Payment of Bills- Bills were presented in the amount of \$13,663.83. John Shilling motioned to pay the bills. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report- Zoning Administrator Matt Ashenfelter reported he had issued 10 zoning permits for the month of February-

Zoning permit #0840 issued to Thomas and Bonnie Pilaczyki at 181 Brocklebank Road, parcel code # 120-005-400-030-00 to build a 1630 sq. ft. stick built house date issued 2-7-2017.

Zoning permit #0841 issued to Michael and Linda Dorsch at 446 S. Fremont Road parcel code #120-0190100-005-02 to build a 1960 sq. ft. stick built house date issued 2-10-2017.

Zoning permit #0842 issued to Edward Heise at 124 Wilmin Road parcel code #120-W20-000-013-00 to build a 2000 sq. ft. stick built house date issued 2-14-2017.

Zoning permit #0843 issued to Randall and Cindy Zachrich at 707 Warren Road parcel code #120-030-100-015-00 to build a 36' x 72' pole barn date issued 2-16-2016.

Zoning permit #0844 issued to Charles Stempien at 715 Lester Road parcel code #12-031-100-010-00 to build an 18' x 26' steel carport building date issued 2-16-2017.

Zoning permit #0845 issued to Daniel Richards at S. Fremont Road parcel code #120-006-100-005-01 to build a 12' x 56' lean to onto 30' x 56' barn date issued 2-18-2017.

Zoning permit #0846 issued to Larry E. Long at 774 Lakeshore Point parcel code # 120-L10-000-008-00 to build a 19' x 18' addition to house (lakeside) date issued 2-20-2017.

Zoning permit #0847 issued to Jeffery and Sundae Artz at 157 Lakeshore Drive parcel code #120-L10-000-025-00 to build a 26'8" x 44'- 1253 sq. ft. modular house on foundation date issued 2-21-2017.

Zoning permit #0848 issued to Chris and Anna Eicher at 985 Lester Road parcel code #120-033-200-010-00 to tear down an 18' x 44' lean to and build a 32' x 38' barn extension date issued 2-23-2017.

Zoning permit #0849 issued to Jake, John and Susie Schwartz at 878 Brown Road 10 acres newly split parcel code #120-032-400-005-00 to a house 200 sq. ft. stick built, 18' x 22' shed, 16' x 18 shed and a 24' x 32' barn date issued 2-23-2017.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic gave his monthly report as follows- Moving Forward with 911 specific location of the call in the courthouse, Infrastructure Concerns with jail, New Healthcare System for jail from Advanced Correctional Healthcare, 4-H Capital Experience, Transfer to Road Patrol and Plus One- Daylight Savings time begins on March 12 at 2:00a.m.

J. 3. Alganssee Library Email Report- March 6, 2017 Alganssee Branch Manager Library Report- Circulation-290, Attendance-319, Hours 104, Library Computer use 61, Wireless use 809, 1 Juvenile program with 3 attending, 3 Young Adult programs with 7 attending, 41 items loaned to other Michigan Libraries, 23 items from Mel loaned to our patrons. New Branch District Teen Program Director came to visit to give us ideas for our Teen programs. Every week a different Director from Branch District will be visiting our Library to see how we

are doing, do we need anything, I am glad they are doing this. I always have lots of questions to do better things for your Library. Thursday March 9 at 10AM our Friends of Alganssee Library will have a meeting. Everybody is welcome for ideas or suggestions for our programs and future events. Thursday March 16th at 9:30AM is our Book Discussion for "One Book One Community". We have 7 patrons sign up for this program, but everybody is welcome to join us, The Book is" Peace Like a River" by Leif Enger, very good book. Lots of programs for all planned. Join us on Facebook or best of all come in to your Library and look around!

J. 4. Assessor's Report- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements (AMAR) corrective plan was approved by the State and no follow up is required. Chris Donato's Stipulation and Withdrawal were approved by the Tax Tribunal for two appeals that were pending. Assessment Notices were mailed out February 27th. The Assessment Roll and Record cards are ready for Board of Review. The March Board of Review dates are March Board of Review Organizational meeting is Tuesday, March 7th at 2:00pm, Day 1- Wednesday, March 15th from 9 am to Noon and 1 pm to 4 pm, Day 2- Thursday March 16th from 1 pm to 4 pm and 6 pm to 9 pm. Erica is continuing to pick up data at Equalization, Building Inspection and Branch County Abstract & Title Office.

K. Correspondences- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the township received correspondence from Coldwater Township updating their master Plan review available, Thank you letter from Mike Shirkey about the Amish buggy meeting and Branch County Road Commission- gave letter to John Shilling, FEMA letter reviewing again all lakes and Fisher Creek, township attorney Chuck Lillis letter to attorney Kelly Baumle about house on Wright Road that the previous Zoning Administrator Amos Barnett allowed house in drain easement- not allow him to do same thing not responsible for drain and Consumers Energy Hearing.

L. Public Comment- John Shilling reported Lukazcek is dredging the sediment basin and is digging in deep water now.

M. Next Meeting- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the next meeting will be Monday, April 3, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Alganssee Township Hall.

N. Adjournment- John Shilling motioned to adjourn. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm.

Minutes were taken by Erica Ewers and typed by Suzanne Preston, Clerk