

## November 2, 2015 Algansee Township Board Minutes

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER-** on Monday, November 2, 2015 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 present were - Supervisor Russ Jennings, Trustee John Shilling, Trustee Bill Avra Treasurer Ann Strong and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors that signed in were Greg Richer, Branch County Commissioner Don Vrablic and Branch County Sheriff John Pollack

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

**B. AGENDA-** Bill Avra motioned to accept agenda with addition of Sheriff John Pollack to the first Public Comment. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**C. Public Comment-** Branch County Sheriff John Pollack gave us an update on what is going on at the Branch County Sheriff's department.

Jerry Hagaman presented a petition with 51% of the signatures of the 11 property owners from Whistler Drive requesting \$95.00 per year indefinitely for road maintenance. Supervisor Russ Jennings said we will hold the public hearings next month at our regular Algansee Township Board meeting on December 7, 2015.

**D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes** –John Shilling motioned to accept the October 5, 2015 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**E. TREASURER'S REPORT-** Ann Strong gave her October Treasurer's report as follows- the balance for the October meeting was \$399,314.94. We had expenses this month of \$25,610.37 and income of \$1,272.50, giving us a balance of \$374,977.07. 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-** Supervisor Russ Jennings said Bill Avra and he attended October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**F. 2. Report from Zoning Board of Appeals-** they didn't meet.

**F. 3. Report from Planning Commission-** John Shilling reported nothing new.

**F. 4. Website- [www.alganseetownship.com](http://www.alganseetownship.com)**- website is up and running. Supervisor Russ Jennings said he talked to Dave Cleland about putting the FOIA and Library information on the website.

**F. 5. Ordinance Violations-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported Larry Parks now owns abandoned house at 218 Donnell Drive.

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

**G. 1. Meeting with Amish Concerning Roads-** there will be a meeting in November with Amish, State Representatives, and Branch County Farm Bureau to discuss Amish horses damaging the roads in the county.

**G. 2. Colvin Road-** Ann Strong motioned to approve the resolution to have Branch County Road Commission put 3 inches of gravel on Colvin Road. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**G. 3. Any Other Old Business-** none

**H. NEW BUSINESS- H. 1. Report on Emerging Issues for EMS and Fire Departments Seminar-** Supervisor Russ Jennings gave us an update on the seminar he attended.

**H. 2. Branch County Road Commission Annual meeting-** will be Thursday December 10, 2015 at 2:00pm.

**H. 3. Newsletter-** Supervisor Russ Jennings presented the Alganssee Township Winter Newsletter. Suzanne Preston motioned to approve newsletter with changes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

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

**1. PAYMENT OF BILLS-** Township expenses were presented in the amount of \$35,309.31 in the general fund and \$2,950.00 in the Special Assessment Road Fund totaling \$38,259.31. Bill Avra motioned to pay bills. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

## **J. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**J. 1. Zoning Administrator-** Zoning Administrator Amos Barnett reported he issued 6 permits last month- Rick Coon, Samuel Schwartz, Jerry Snellenberger, Preston Farms, Robert Elder, and Jake Schwartz.

**J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report-** Don Vrablic gave his monthly report as follows- Sale of Community Health Center with management plan to Pro Medica, Jail- it would cost more to remodel any building at prison, animal control- hoping to have on same campus as jail able to repair present building, working on budget.

**J. 3. Alganssee Library Report-** Librarian Jan Clark emailed her November 2015 report as follows- Circulation 438, Attendance 449, Hours 119, Library computer use 122, Wireless use 156, 1 Adult Program w/8 attending, 4 Young Adult programs w/10 attending, and 2 Juvenile programs w/10 attending. Our first Needle crafts program went really good with 8 attending. Our next program is Saturday November 7 at 9:45 till noon. The lady teaching the class is very good and patient. The first class we learned how to crochet a dish cloth or scarf. This Saturday's project will be learning to knit a hat or scarf. We will serve a cup of tea to help calm our nerves!! We will have different classes every first Saturday of the month until spring. If anybody is interested 13 and above please call us at Alganssee Library 639-9830. All items needed for crafts are furnished with program money from Branch District Library. We also have all crafts for all ages on Wednesday at 4:30 or we always have crafts set up for all ages. Everybody is welcome. Come in and use your Library, lots of new books, DVDs, Books on CD for all ages. Any questions or suggestions please let us know!

**J. 4. Assessor's Report** – Alganssee Assessor Erica Ewers gave her October report as follows- Michigan Tax Tribunal Hearing date has been set for November 18, 2015 at 1:30 pm at the Calhoun County Building chambers for Tri State Premier Properties, LLC. Erica has met with owner and reviewed the property and made corrections to the lot size and proposed stimulating to those values. However, he is only interested in stipulating at \$150,000 true cash value and Erica is at \$165,800 down from \$197,410. Neither change impacts taxable value. December Board of Review is set for Tuesday, December 15 at 2:00pm if it is needed, currently we do not have any petitions. Consumer Price Index for 2016 taxable Value was released by State Tax Commission and will be going up 1.003 or 0.03% (2015 was 1.016). Residential sales studies received from Equalization last week reviewed and sent back with suggested changes waiting to hear from them. Erica has reviewed all permits and some that didn't. The list of those that didn't have permits was given to Amos. Several had not started or were getting started so these will be reviewed in December. November update for tax bills was finalized and sent to Equalization today. Working to keep up data entry to date as well as working on making sure all items are fine tuned for AMAR review. New rules and forms regarding next phase of personal property changes are starting to come in and trying to keep up with all of these changes. Erica is continuing to pick up data at Equalization, Building Inspection, and Branch County Abstract & Title Office.

**K. CORRESPONDENCE-** MTA workshop on writing, adopting and enforcing Zoning.

**L. PUBLIC COMMENT-** none

**M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING-** will be Monday, December 7, 2015 at 7:30pm

**N. Adjourn-** Bill Avra motioned to adjourn. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm. Suzanne Preston, Alganssee Township Clerk