

October 5, 2015 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER- on Monday, October 5, 2015 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. Alganssee Township Board members present were - Supervisor Russ Jennings, Trustee John Shilling, Treasurer Ann Strong and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Trustee Bill Avra was absent. Visitors that signed in were Branch County Commissioner Don Vrablic and 58th District State Representative Eric Leutheuser.

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

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

C. Public Comment- none

D. MINUTES- Alganssee Township Board Minutes –Ann Strong motioned to accept the September 8, 2015 Alganssee Township Board minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

Alganssee Planning Commission Minutes- Ann Strong motioned to approve the July 27, 2015 Planning Commission meeting minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. The Alganssee Township Planning Commission August minutes haven't been approved yet. The Alganssee Township Recording Secretary Cherie Cochrane said she is resigning tonight as the township's Recording Secretary. Supervisor Russ Jennings accepted her resignation.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

E. 1. Monthly Report- Ann Strong gave her September Treasurer's report as follows- the balance for the September meeting was \$380,678.38. We had expenses this month of \$8,594.23 and income of \$27,230.79, giving us a balance of \$399,314.94. The Clerk agrees. John Shilling motioned to accept Treasurer's report. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the next Fire Board meeting will be October 13th and the finance committee will meet sometime this month.

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

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

58th District State Representative Eric Leutheuser reported on what is going on at the state legislature- eliminated the February election; there will be a presidential election next year, still working on road funding and energy discussions. Supervisor Russ Jennings asked Eric Leutheuser if he knew about the meeting on October 22nd the Branch County Road Commission is hosting a meeting with the Amish, 3 district State Representatives, Branch County Farm Bureau to discuss Amish horses damaging the roads in the county. Eric Leutheuser said he didn't know his schedule for that date. Supervisor Russ Jennings also asked about house bill 4029 about regulating marijuana grow houses. Branch County Commissioner Don Vrablic stated that anytime property taxes cut it affects the local levels of government and not the state levels.

F. 4. Website- www.algansseetownship.com- website is up and running.

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

G. OLD BUSINESS-

G. 1. Meeting with Amish Concerning Roads- will meet on October 22ⁿ at the Branch County Road Commission will host a meeting with the Amish, 3 district State Representatives, Branch County Farm Bureau to discuss Amish horses damaging the roads in the county.

G. 2. New FOIA Procedures- will be added to website.

G. 3. Any Other Old Business- Alganssee Township Planning Commission Chairman Rodney Carpenter asked what happened to the Pricilla Dodd's notes from the Planning Commission meetings that she shared with Cherie Cochrane the township recording secretary. Supervisor Russ Jennings said they would need to contact to contact Cherie Cochrane.

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. Update on Library Capital Funds- Alganssee Township Assessor Erica Ewers reported the Branch District Library Capital Funds has enough money for at least this year to cover all the hours that Alganssee Township has been paying.

H. 2. Gravel Road Report- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported Trent Arver sent a cost estimate of placing and compacting 3 inches of gravel on Colvin Road from Lester to Warren Road a length of 1 mile for \$9,500, Hammond Road from Brown Road to Warren Road a length of 2 miles for \$18,900, Campbell Road from Ray Quincy Road to Wolf Road a length of 0.76 of a mile for \$9,800, Campbell Road from Wolf Road to Potter Road a length of 1 mile for \$12,800 Hall Road from Fremont Road to Ray Quincy Road for a length of 2.5 miles for \$32,100. John Shilling motioned to have the Branch County Road Commission place and compact 3 inches of gravel on Colvin Road from Lester Road to Warren Road a length of 1 mile for and estimated cost of \$9,500. Suzanne Preston supported the motion. Motion carried.

H. 3. Drains at Large bill- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported Alganssee Township's bill for Drains at Large is \$5,128.04 due to Branch County in March 2016.

H. 4. Any Other New Business- none

1. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Township expenses were presented in the amount of \$25,185.37 in the general fund and \$425.00 in the Special Assessment Road Fund. John Shilling motioned to pay bills. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1. Zoning Administrator- Zoning Administrator Amos Barnett reported he issued 4 permits last month- Aaron Porter, James Peiffer, Jeffrey Parshall and Kelly Ingersoll and he gave Sam Schwartz of 581 South Ray Quincy Road a stop work order.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic gave his monthly report as follows- Jail Study, Timeline, Energy Savings, CHC Transition and MSP Transition.

J. 3. Alganssee Library Report- Librarian Jan Clark emailed her October 2015 report as follows- Circulation 420, Attendance 396, Hours 115, Library computer use 132, Wireless use 196, 4 Young Adult Programs w/10 attending, 2 Juvenile Programs w/5 attending. Lots of Fall and Halloween coloring pages and books are ready when children come in. We display all the coloring pages and crafts for all to see. We also have lots of new books and new DVDs for all ages. A patron at Alganssee Library is teaching a class every 1st Saturday of every month through February which is called "Needle-craft Series". Our first craft is "Learn to Crochet "starting tomorrow October 3rd. We just got the flyer out on Facebook and Branch District Web site. I have had at least 5 people respond for tomorrow. The supplies to get started crocheting are provided with money left from program funds for this year from Branch District Library. Come in and check your Library out. We will be glad to see you! Any questions, concerns or suggestions please let us know. 639-9830 or email clarkja@branchdistrictlibrary.org.

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Alganssee Assessor Erica Ewers gave her October report as follows- She has updated all road maintenance and aquatic weed special assessments and Asian Milfoil special assessment, forwarded to Russ Jennings, Ann Strong, Suzanne Preston and the Branch county treasurer's Office, in updating these files found that Whistler Drive's road maintenance expired in 2014 and will not be on the 2015 tax roll. The Aquatic Weed special assessment for Bennett Drive channel and lake expired with the 2015 assessment. They need to decide if they want to renew or go with the Asian Milfoil Assessment. On September 14, 2015 attended a BS&A GIS class that taught how to integrate the GIS parcel shaped file with the data within the BS&A software to create land and ECF maps. This would also allow us to create mailing lists for properties within "x" feet of a subject property, which would help with zoning requests. This data would allow us to print the maps that the State is requesting for the AMAR review for both land and ECF. We just need to be able to have access to the GIS parcel shape file. 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. December Board of Review is set for Tuesday, December 15 at 2:00pm if it is needed, currently we do not have any petitions. Permits are sorted and will be heading out this month to review all new construction. Working to keep data entry up 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. She's continuing to pick up data at Equalization, Building Inspection, and Branch County Abstract & Title Office.

K. CORRESPONDENCE- PAR Plan newsletter, McKenna announcing Chris Korey has been promoted to principal planner.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- Suzanne Preston motioned to increase the 2015-2016 township roads budget by \$9,500. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- will be Monday, November 2, 2015 at 7:30pm

N. Adjourn- John Shilling motioned to adjourn. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm. Suzanne Preston, Alganssee Township Clerk