

September 3, 2013 Algansee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 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. Visitors that signed in were James Wieteki- 260 Donnell Drive, Pete & Marge Inde- 761 Lakeshore Point, Peg Edwards- 185 Lakeshore Drive, Joyce Clark- 243 Donnell Drive, Arlene Parker- 501 Colvin Road, Linda Belcher- 812 Bennett Drive and Don Vrablic- Branch County Commissioner.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Clerk Suzanne Preston led us in the pledge to the American Flag.

B. AGENDA- Suzanne Preston motioned to approve agenda with additions of Public Act 51-Branch County Road Commission's Annual Report, Broken Headstones in Cemeteries and Mistor's lawsuit under New Business. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported that James Wieteki of 260 Donnell Drive is willing to sit on the ZBA as an alternate. Bill Avra motioned to approve James Wieteki as ZBA alternate. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

Linda Belcher presented a petition for Donnell and Bennett Drives for road maintenance of \$60 per year indefinitely. Supervisor Russ Jennings said the first public hearing will be on October 7, 2013 at 7:15. If that public hearing is approved by the property owners of Donnell and Bennett Drives then the second public hearing will be held at 7:25 on October 7, 2013.

D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes- John Shilling motioned to accept August 5, 2013 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

Algansee Planning Commission Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the August 2, 2013 Algansee Township Planning Commission minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

E. 1. Monthly Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the last township meeting, August 5, 2013, was \$354,589.11. We had expenses this month of \$24,278.72 and income of \$23,738.00 giving Algansee Township a balance for this September 3, 2013 meeting of \$346,297.05. 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- Trustee Bill Avra reported Quincy Fire Chief Kurt Barve would like to hire Trainer, Joshua Englehart to help the fireman stay in shape. After discussion the Algansee Township Board felt that would not be a good use of township funds.

F. 2. Report from Algansee Township Planning Commission- John Shilling reported the Algansee Planning Commission recommends each permit be a different color. The board members agreed.

F. 3. Report from Algansee Township Zoning Board of Appeals- Bill Avra reported the ZBA is requesting the township attorney Chuck Lillis to be at the next ZBA meeting on September 6, 2013. John Shilling motioned to approve the attendance of our township attorney at the next ZBA meeting on September 6, 2013. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

F. 4. Website- www.alganseetownship.com- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the website is running.

F.5. Ordinance Violations- 1025 Grove Rd.- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported court order to clean up property in 45 days, court costs would be waived. Burlew Rd- property cleaned up case closed.

G. OLD BUSINESS-

G. 1. Asian Milfoil Weed Problem in Lake Chain- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the Aquatic plant control has been approved for special assessment.

G. 2. Placement of Buoys around Island on Marble Lake- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the placement of 2 buoys on west side of island and need to file an application to place buoys on east side.

G. 3. Teal Drive- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported a letter has been sent to Teal Drive property owners to notify them their road maintenance contract expired, they need to petition for new road maintenance.

G. 4. Whistler & Riley Drives- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported a letter was sent to the Whistler and Riley Drives property owners to notify them the aquatic weed control and road maintenance assessments for Whistler and Riley Drives were not added to the 2012 winter taxes due to Branch County treasure department error. Assessments will be doubled on 2013 winter taxes.

G. 5. Old Fisher Church- Old Fisher Church property sold at state auction.

G. 6. Township Hall phone- the phone service at the township hall has been switched to DMCI.

G. 7. West Channel Drive- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported first coat of the chip and seal on West Channel Drive is complete and the cul-de-sac was widened to 100 feet.

G. 8. Any Other Old Business- there wasn't any other old business.

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. Library Capital Improvement Plan of Service 2014 fiscal year- John Shilling motioned to table until next month. Support by Ann strong. Motion carried.

H. 2. Louis Graber Zoning Permit- the zoning permit issued to Louis Graber stated he needed a 53 foot setback from center of road and it should have read 83 feet from center of road. We'll need ZBA hearing to fix the problem.

H. 3. Act 51- John Shilling reported he read the Branch County Road Commission's Annual Report Act 51 and he found some errors in the report about Alganssee Township. He'll mention it when we meet with the Road Commission.

H. 4. Fisher Cemetery Headstones- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported there are broken headstones in Fisher Cemetery that need to be repaired. The Clerk said she would contact the Sexton George Baker to repair them. Supervisor Russ Jennings reported there is a dead tree in Fisher Cemetery that needs to come down. John Shilling said we need to get bids to take it down. The Clerk said she would advertise for bids to remove the dead tree.

H. 5. Mistors' Lawsuit- Mistors' are suing the township and everyone on Donnell and Bennett Drives. Supervisor Russ Jennings said he would talk to our township attorney about this lawsuit.

H. 6. Any Other New Business- none

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Expenses were presented in the amount of \$32,088.35. 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 reported he issued 7 zoning permits in August- David Dyer, Ron Ewers, Noah Girod, Jake & John Schwartz, Bryon Smith, Earl Waterstreet and Preston Farms.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic gave the Top 5 Monthly Report- Tire grant agreement, Hazardous waste collection, Bridge repair, Space camp, and Budget process.

J. 3. Alganssee Library Report- Alganssee Librarian Jan Clark emailed her July report as follows- Circulation-673, Attendance-463, Hrs.-92, computer use-203, wireless-192, Young adult program-1 with attendance-3, Juvenile programs-2 with attendance-3, books loaned to Melcat-97, Melcat check-outs to our patrons-62, worked at Library booth at Branch County fair and now cleaning bookshelves.

J. 4. Assessor's Report – Alganssee Assessor Erica Ewers reported she has the final Asian Milfoil special assessment roll prepared- copy to Drain Commissioner & County Treasure's Office, County Equalization interested in Township's opinion about putting more information out on the website, Michigan Tax Tribunal for Chris Girod- August 21 completed our response now waiting for hearing date, Data entry continues to be kept up to date, New construction review will begin in September, working on Special Assessments that are due in September, Working with the Register of Deeds office, Equalization, GIS, and Building Inspection to obtain all the documents needed to continue to keep the files up to date and picking up items from Branch County Abstract & Title Office.

K. CORRESPONDENCE- Mich. Gas Utilities, David Locey holding Thank you picnic Sept. 6th.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- will be on Monday, October 7, 2013 at 7:15pm starting with Donnell and Bennett Road Maintenance public hearing.

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