

September 6, 2016 Algansee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER- on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 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 and welcomed everyone. All Algansee Township Board members were present- Supervisor Russ Jennings, Trustee John Shilling, Trustee Bill Avra, Treasurer Ann Strong and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors that signed in were Harold Sneath- 251 Donnell Drive, Greg Richer and Don Vrablic.

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

B. AGENDA- Bill Avra motioned to accept the agenda with the addition of choosing an attorney for the township under new business. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes- Ann Strong motioned to accept the August 1, 2016 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

Algansee Planning Commission Minutes- Bill Avra motioned to accept the July 25, 2016 Planning Commission minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the Income this was month of \$4,555.63 and expenses of \$11,147.90 making our balance for September at \$459,936.09. 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 that Bill Avra and himself attended the August 9th Quincy Fire Association meeting. Bill Avra reported the Fire Department is applying for a grant to purchase a new fire truck that costs \$650,000.00. The average age for the Quincy Fire Department trucks is 25 years. Supervisor Russ Jennings said if the Quincy Fire Department can receive a grant for a new fire truck he would be in favor for purchasing the truck, if not he doesn't see how any of the entities of the Quincy Fire Department can afford to purchase a new truck. The Quincy Fire Department should be saving money for such a purchase. The Algansee Township Board agreed with Supervisor Russ Jennings.

F. 2. Report from Planning Commission- John Shilling reported the Algansee Township Planning Commission met on August 29th and had standing room only because Chris Donato Jr. said he was going to put a restaurant in at the Elephant Walk, 798 E. Central Rd., which is zoned residential. The Master Plan Draft update was presented and legally there is a 60 day public comment period for anyone to make comments about the changes to the Master Plan.

F. 3. Report from Zoning Board of Appeals- Bill Avra reported they didn't meet.

F.4. Website www.algansee.com - Supervisor Russ Jennings reported website is running and the Master Plan changes are highlighted on website so everyone can compare changes to the Master Plan

F. 5. Ordinance Violations- none

G. OLD BUSINESS-

G. 1. Road Concerns with Amish Buggies- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the state legislators are working on language to allow counties to register horse drawn buggies with license plates and charge fees for roads to improve safety of buggies requiring lights. We're waiting to hear back.

G. 2. Any Other Old Business- John Shilling said the Branch County Road Commission is paving Southern and Jonesville Roads and it seems like they could put the blacktop back on Lester Road.

H. NEW BUSINESS-

H. 1. Hammond Road Follow Up- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the township needs to follow up on ditching and more gravel on Hammond. John Shilling motioned to spend \$6,000 for 1 mile of ditching and more gravel on Hammond Road. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

H. 2. Master Plan Draft Update- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the Master Plan update draft is posted on the website and a copy will be at the Alganssee township Hall.

H. 3. Choosing the Township Attorney- Treasurer Ann Strong reported she received a letter from the law firm of Biringer, Lillis, Bappart, & Ange and they are disbanding and we need to respond back to them as to which attorney we will be using. John Shilling motioned to retain Chuck Lillis as the township attorney. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

4. Any Other New Business- none

I. PAYMENT OF BILLS- Township expenses were presented in the amount of \$33,666.67. Bill Avra motioned to pay the bills. John Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report- Zoning Administrator reported he issued 7 zoning permits for the month of August- Zoning Permit #814 issued to Louis Graber at 1237 Lester Road, Zoning Permit #815 issued to Beverly Auger at 143 Crauns Beach, Zoning Permit #816 issued to Randy Sawicki at 208 Dons Drive, Zoning Permit #817 issued to Del Pay Retreat at 189 Dons Drive, Zoning Permit #818 issued to Joel Schwartz at 878 Warren Road, Zoning Permit # 819 issued to Michael Cilla at 314 S. Fremont Rd., and Zoning Permit #820 issued to Tim Atkinson at 148 Crockett Drive. Supervisor Russ Jennings reported Branch County Administrator Bud Norman tried to inspect the Amish school at 878 Brown Road that was split off of John Schwartz property and he was surrounded by about 20 people and was told to leave the property. Bud Norman called the State and the State will handle the inspection.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic reported Infrastructure Issues highlighted first draft of the 2017 County Budget, CHC Transition, Animal Control Building, Phone system E911 (Enhanced 911), Labor Day the unofficial end of summer.

J. 3. Alganssee Library Report- Librarian Jan Clark emailed her September 2016 report as follows- Circulation 410, Attendance 391, Hours 113, Public Computers 101, Wireless 1205, I double checked on this amount for wireless. Juvenile coloring programs 2 with 7 attending. A lot of patrons are coming into Library to read the paper and magazines. The Internet has been very slow, very frustrating to me and patrons. The Coldwater Library Branch knows about the problem and is supposed to be working on the solution. Our Alganssee Friends meeting is Thursday September 8 at 10:00, everybody welcome to join us. The first Fall craft project will be September 24th at 9:30 a.m. We will put together a fall flower wreath. Everybody is welcome. We will be planning more programs for the rest of this year. We also will let everybody know if we are going to have another Book Sale this fall. Watch for our Book Sale in the Shoppers Guide, Still ordering lots of new books and DVD.s for all ages. Come in and check us out! Any questions or suggestions please let us know.

J. 4. Assessor's Report- Alganssee Assessor Erica Ewers gave her September 2016 report as follows- Received two Tax tribunal appeals on August 31; one for Christopher Donato and the other for Donato Properties LLC. Have 28 days to respond to appeal. Special Assessments have been prepared and forwarded to the County Treasurer for all 10 districts plus the Lake Wide Milfoil special Assessment. Nothing new on the AMAR, data entry caught up thru August, third quarter sales have been reviewed with the Equalization office, sales thru September will affect 2017 sales studies. GIS shapefiles were obtained from Dean Walrack during our training on August 29th. Worked with BS&A on September 1st and have the information loaded on to the program, used it to prepare mailing labels for Marion May's special use hearing. Erica attended an income approach class on August 4th in Marshall and also attended a class on valuing lake front properties in Gaylord on August 26th as part of my annual renewal credits, have signed up for a webinar class for the last 4 hours on land divisions that will be held at the end of September. Starting in 2017 we will be required to have 20 hours of renewal credit. Erica is continuing to pick up data at Equalization, Building Inspection and Branch County Abstract & Title Office.

K. CORRESPONDENCE- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported he received correspondence from MTA is holding a workshop on Emergency Services on Oct. 21st, Consumers Energy replaced the township hall meter, Michigan Gas Utilities is holding a public hearing on September 8th, Consumers Energy is holding a public hearing on September 13th, letter from MDARD to Nate Wortz in conformance and letter from MDARD to Darrin and Angela Higbee in conformation with site selection and GAAMPS.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT-none

M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING Monday, October 3, 2016 at 7:30pm.

N. Adjourn- Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm. Suzanne Preston, Alganssee Township Clerk