

## October 2, 2017 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER** on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Supervisor Russ Jennings thanked everyone for coming and called the Alganssee Township Board meeting to order at the Alganssee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy, Michigan. All Members were present Supervisor Russ Jennings, Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee John Shilling, Trustee Harold Sneath and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors that signed in were John & Teresa Coolman, Tim & Shelby Arey, Richard Orlowski, Austin Snyder, Greg Parker, Sam Christian, Rick Coon, Jean Toth, Jamie Wietecki, Fred Avra and Don Vrablic.

**B. AGENDA- ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS:** John Shilling motioned to accept the agenda with the additions of Zoning Board of Appeals under New Business and under the first Public Comment Kim Bontrager with the Alganssee Township Audit Report will speak first followed by Golf cart request and Sheriff John Pollack.

**C. Public Comment:** Kim Bontrager gave the Alganssee Township Audit Report. Sheriff John Pollack gave the Branch County Sheriff's report.

Request for Golf Carts on Alganssee Township Roads- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported there has been a request to allow golf carts on Alganssee Township roads. Sheriff John Pollack said the Sheriff department doesn't have enough manpower to police the golf carts. Supervisor Russ Jennings said he doesn't think Alganssee Township should allow golf carts on Alganssee Township Roads. Harold Sneath agreed and motioned to table this until there has been discussion with adjoining townships. John Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried.

**D. MINUTES- Alganssee Township Board September 5, 2017 Minutes:** Ann Strong motioned to accept the Alganssee Township Board September 5, 2017 minutes. Harold Sneath supported the motion. Motion carried.  
**Alganssee Township Planning Commission August 31, 2017 Minutes:** John Shilling motioned to accept the Alganssee Township Planning Commission August 31, 2017 Minutes. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

**E. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Ann Strong reported township's last month's balance was \$459,076.41, income \$27,700.00, expenses 28,722.93, giving a balance for October of \$458,053.48. The Clerk agrees. Harold Sneath 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 Quincy Fire Department's meet October 10, 2017 at 5:30pm at the Quincy Village Hall. The Quincy Fire Department is requesting a millage proposal for fire apparatus and equipment of 0.5 mills (\$0.50 per \$1,000.00) on taxable value of all property located in the township, for 10 years beginning with the 2017 tax levy year and running through the 2026 tax levy year (inclusive), which will raise in the first year of such levy an estimated revenue of \$39,865.00 to be used for the purpose of maintaining and purchasing fire apparatus and equipment.

**F. 2. Planning and Zoning Commission Report:** John Shilling reported the Planning Commission approved a land split request for Donald & Imorean Rubley at 491 S Fremont Rd parcel code 120-019-400-005-00, to split off 77.6 acres to Teresa and Terry Franks from their 80 acres leaving themselves 2.4 acres. Also the land split request for Ronald & Marian Smith at 416 Potter Rd, parcel code 120-023-200-015-00 to split off 15 acres and 20 acres from the 80 acres, leaving 45 acres. He said the land is purchased on a land contract which was recorded on 7-15-2017 to Joseph Schmucker, Martin & Effie Schmucker and Noah & Laura Girod. Ron and Marian Smith have a life lease on their house. John Shilling motioned to accept the land split of Donald & Imorean Rubley with Terry and Teresa Franks and also the land split of Ronald and Marian Smith with Joseph Schmucker, Martin & Effie Schmucker and Noah & Laura Girod. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried. Zoning Violation- at 655 S. Ray Quincy Rd, property owner Joseph Girod, parcel code #120-034-300-010-01, two dwellings on one property, he just renewed his zoning permit to fix the violation problem. Potter Road concerns with the new land splits and where the new driveways are going to be put.

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

**F. 4. Website- [algansseetownship.com](http://algansseetownship.com):** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the Alganssee Township website has new web host and they are doing a nice job.

**F. 5. Ordinance Violations:** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported Gerl Pish's property at 1288 Fisher Road a zoning permit was issued over a year ago. There is incomplete construction which requires a zoning permit and a Branch County building permit. John Shilling motioned to start violation procedure.

**G. OLD BUSINESS: G. 1. Quincy Fire Department Millage Request:** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the Quincy Fire Department millage will be on the ballot on November 7, 2017.

**G.2. Lukesport Road-** Supervisor Russ Jennings said he would contact the Branch County Road Commission to do some ditching and add gravel to Lukesport Road.

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

**H. NEW BUSINESS: H.1. Zoning Board of Appeals:** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the Zoning Board of Appeals is requesting to meet to approve last meeting's minutes. Ann Strong motioned to the Zoning Board of Appeals to meet to approve last meeting's minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**H.2. County Building Permits and Building Codes-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the County is

requiring Amish to apply for building permits and to meet county Building codes.

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

**I. Payment of Bills-** Bills were presented in the amount of \$13,512.25. 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 issued 9 zoning permits for the month of September as follows-

Zoning Permit 890 property owner Paul Shilling at 969 Hall, parcel code #120-016-400-015-00, type Ag, structure 20 x 80 lean to on existing barn, date issued 9-1-2017, fee paid \$40.00.

Zoning Permit 891 property owner James Neuenschwander at 789 Lester Rd parcel code #120-031-200-005-00, type Ag, to build an 80 x 200 equipment storage building, date issued 9-6-2017 fee paid \$40.00.

Zoning Permit 892 property owner John Krasula at 264 Donnell Dr., parcel code 120-K10-000-005-99, type R1, structure 18 x 30 addition to an existing pole barn, date issued 9-8-2017 fee paid \$40.00.

Zoning Permit 893 property owner Kerry Ackerman at 148 Sandy Beach Ct., parcel code 120-L40-000-008-00, type R1, structure 10 x 16 shed, date issued 9-15-2017, fee paid \$40.00.

Zoning Permit 894 property owner Enos Schwartz at Warren Rd property code 120-020-400-005-02, type Ag structure 12 x 14 addition to existing house w/ 2<sup>nd</sup> story roof tie in, date issued 9-15-2017 fee \$40.00.

Zoning Permit 895 property owner Reuben Girod at 631 Hamman Rd., parcel code 120-033-200-005-10, type Ag, structure 40 x 42 two story house, date issued 9-20-2017, fee \$40.00.

Zoning Permit 899 property owner John Girod at 611 Hamman Rd., parcel code 120-033-200-005-95, type Ag, structure 14 x 16 barn, date issued 9-20-2017, fee \$40.00.

Zoning Permit 900 property owner Art Michaelis at 143 Lake Shore Dr., parcel code 120-L10-000-032-00, type Ag, 16 x 24 wood deck (lakefront), date issued 9-21-2017, fee \$40.00.

Zoning Permit 901 property owner Sam Schwartz at 556 S. Ray Quincy Rd., parcel code 120-027-100-010-00, type , 14 x 40 lean to addition to existing barn, date issued 9-27-2017, fee \$40.00.

Special Use Permit- Donald & Imorean Rubley at 491 S Fremont Rd., parcel code 120-019-400-005-, type Ag, approved split, date issued 9-25-2017, fee \$120.00.

Special Use Permit- Schmucker, Schmucker, Girod at 416 Potter Rd. parcel code 120-023-200-015-00 type Ag approved 9-25-2017 fee \$120.00.

Land Split- Rubley Donald & Imorean, 491 S Fremont Rd., parcel code 120-019-400-005-00, type Ag, 80 acre parcel requesting 2.4 acre and 76.6 acre splits.

Land Split- Smith Ronald & Marian, 416 Potter Rd., parcel code 120-023-200-015-00, type Ag property sold on land contract recorded 7-15-2017 to Joseph Schmucker, Martin & Effie Schmucker, Noah & Laura Girod, requesting 2 splits 15 acre, 20 acre and the remaining 45 acre parent parcel.

Zoning Violation- Gerl Pish at 1288 Fisher Road, parcel code 120-001-400-025-01, type Ag, phone contact made on 9-25-2017 advised Mr. Pish to come to today's meeting and address Planning commission with his plan for violation resolution. Violation letters sent 6-12-2017, 7-5-2017, final notice 8-8-2017 sent Mr. Pish and Robert Miller Trust (land contract lien holder). No response as of this date.

Zoning Violation- Michael Taylor at 777 Lake Shore Dr., parcel code 120-L10-000-009-00, type R1, violation notice sent 10-2-17 to property owner for setback violation on lakeside shed.

Algansee Twp. Zoning Permits are scanned and forwarded twice monthly to the Branch County Building Dept.

**J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report:** Don Vrablic gave his Branch County Commissioners report as follows- ribbon cutting for the Animal Control building on October 6, 2017, Energy Services Coalition (ESC) Award, Concerns with County Jail overcrowding in female housing, CHC Transition to ProMedica still scheduled for January 2018, Legislative update regarding auto insurance reforms and reform of OPED, Road Construction meeting with MDOT, Unemployment rate of 3.9%.

**J. 3. Algansee Library Email Report:** Algansee Library Branch Manager Janice Clark's October Report as follows- Circulation 382, Hours 113, Attendance 365, Loans to Libraries out of Branch County (Mel) 44, patrons borrowed 33 from Mel. In house computer use 86m Wireless use 756. We finished stepping stone project with 2 more programs this month, a total of 10 Adults attending. More projects coming in October. Along with Adult projects the children worked on crafts available for their age group with 10 attending through the month. Lots of fall crafts available for October for Adults, Young Adults and children every Saturday 9am until we close 12pm. We have lots of new books for all ages and lots of new children non-fiction. Any questions or suggestions please let us know.

**J. 4. Assessor's Report:** Supervisor Erica Ewers gave her October report as follows- I received a Michigan Tax Tribunal Appeal for Yates on September 27 and we have 28 days to respond so I will be working on this in the coming week. Special Assessments were submitted to the County Treasurer's office. This is the last year for the Asian Milfoil Special Assessment will appear on the tax bills and the spraying will take place the summer of 2018. This will need to be renegotiated in 2018 for winter tax bills. We have several aquatic weed special assessments district that might want to spend this summer investigating this option and whether they want to switch to the lake wide spraying and cancel their individual districts. I has been entering data each week and entering splits as they come in. I have also been working on special use mailings. Received email from BS&A software regarding the cost manual that will be implemented next year and with that update there are new hardware requirements for the computer. When I ran the test on Algansee computer and it passes the minimum requirements. The memory just passes and it recommends it be increased. The computer was purchased in 2015. I will have to look at to verify this is correct and see if this can be increased without replacing computer, then make a decision. I'm continuing to pick up data at Equalization Dept., Building Inspection Dept. and Branch County Abstract & Title Office.

**K. Correspondences:** none

**L. Public Comment-** Pricilla Dodd asked about who would be policing the golf carts on the road.

**M. Next Meeting:** Supervisor Russ Jennings said next meeting will be Monday, November 6, 2017 at 7:30pm.

**N. Adjournment:** Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk