

September 5, 2017 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER on Tuesday, September 5, 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 Sarah Nowicki, Richard Orłowski, Austin Ray Snyder, Alan & Phyllis Kidder, Tim Arey, David Webb, Cole Trine, Susan Shilling, Teresa & John Coolman, Rick Coon, Rod & Amy Bassage, Fred Avra, Greg Donay, Tim Atkinson, Jim Peters, Bob Creighton, Bob Smith, Greg Parker and Denny Higbee.

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

B. AGENDA- ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS- Ann Strong motioned to accept the agenda with the addition of Deputy Treasurer and gravel roads under new business and to put Austin Snyder's request under first public comment. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Austin Snyder is requesting the Alganssee Township Board allow golf carts on the roads in Alganssee Township. He submitted a petition in support of the request. Supervisor Russ Jennings said he would have to talk to our township attorney to see what ramifications would be and how could we enforce it. Harold Sneath motioned to consult with our township attorney about this matter. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. There wasn't any other public comment.

D. MINUTES- Alganssee Township Board August 7, 2017 Minutes- Harold Sneath motioned to accept the August 7, 2017 Alganssee Township Board minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

Alganssee Township Board Special Meeting August 12, 2017- Harold Sneath motioned to accept the August 12, 2017 Alganssee Township Special Board meeting. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

Alganssee Township Planning Commission July 31, 2017 Minutes- John Shilling motioned to accept July 31, 2017 Alganssee Planning Commission minutes. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT- Treasurer Ann Strong reported township's balance for last month was \$488,850.31, income was \$445.00 and expenses were \$30,218.90, giving the township a balance for September of \$459,076.41. Harold Sneath motioned to accept September 5, 2017 Treasurer's report. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. The Clerk agrees.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS- F. 1. Quincy Fire Association- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported Quincy Fire Department's next meeting will be October 10, 2017 at 5:30pm. 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 for William and Judy Jones property located at 776 Hall Road. John Shilling motioned to approve the land split for William Jones at 776 Hall Road. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

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

F. 4. Website- algansseetownship.com- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the Alganssee Township website has a 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. It doesn't appear any cleanup has started. There is incomplete construction which requires a zoning permit and a Branch County building permit.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G. 1. Quincy Fire Department Millage Request- Supervisor Russ Jennings said it's already been discussed.

G. 2. Request to Make McNitt Road a Dead End Road- John Shilling reported the Alganssee Planning Commission recommends not to close McNitt Road at Colvin Road. John Watson said he is opposed to closing McNitt Road. Supervisor Russ Jennings said he is opposed to closing McNitt Road. Harold Sneath motioned to deny the request to close McNitt Road at Colvin Road. Suzanne Preston supported the motion. Motion carried.

G. 3. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS

H. 1. Request by Austin Snyder- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported this has already been discussed.

H. 2. Deputy Treasurer- Treasurer Ann Strong said she was going to be out of town when the taxes are due. She would like to appoint Sarah Nowicki to be her deputy Treasurer. John Shilling motioned to have pay Sarah Nowick \$80/day for her time as Deputy Treasurer. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

H.3. Gravel for Some Roads in Alganssee Township- Supervisor Russ Jennings said we need to spot gravel a couple gravel roads in the township. John Shilling said he would go with Russ to check out the gravel roads in the township. John Shilling said Hammond Road needs some more gravel on it just south of where the County Road Commission worked on it last fall. John Shilling motioned to spend up to \$5,000 to add more gravel to Hammond Road. Harold Sneath supported the motion. Motion carried.

H. 4. Any Other New Business- none

I. Payment of Bills- Bills were presented in the amount of \$28,722.93. 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 12 permits for August as follows-

1. Zoning Permit #881 property owner Billie Avra at 1112 Fisher Road, parcel code #120-002-300-030-00, type AG, to build a 18 x 27 barn, date issued 8-1-2017, and fee paid \$40.
 2. Zoning Permit #882 property owner Billie Avra at 1130 Fisher Road, parcel code #120-002-300-035-01, type Ag to build a 20 x 24 pole building date issued 8-1-2017, and fee paid \$40.
 3. Zoning Permit #883 property owner Samuel Girod at 671 S. Ray Quincy Road, parcel code #120-034-300-010-98, type Ag, to build an x 28 wash building and a 12 x 20 chicken coop, date issued 8-1-2017, and fee paid \$40.
 4. Permit #884 issued to property owner Dan Wengred at 1098 Campbell Road, parcel code #120-015-400-010-01, type Ag, to build a 16 x 44 addition to existing barn, date issued 8-9-2017, fee paid \$40.
 5. Zoning Permit #885 property owner Martin Schmucker at 1029 Grove Road, parcel code #120-027-300-010-00, type Ag, to build a 28 x 32 barn and an 18 x 24 barn, date issued 8-11-2017, and fee paid \$40.
 6. Zoning Permit #886 property owner Amos Schwartz at 886 Warren Road, parcel code #120-020-400-005-01, type Ag, build 24 x 24 two story house with 12 x 24 lean to and 24 x 28 one story barn, issued 8-15-2017, fee paid \$40.
 7. Zoning Permit #887 property owner Nick Michael at 862 Hall Road, parcel code #120-017-200-025-01, type Ag, to build a 12 x 26 house addition and an 8 x 16 front porch, date issued 8-15-2017, and fee paid \$40.
 8. Zoning Permit 888 property owner Reuben Eicher at 821 Lester Road, parcel code # 120-032-100-015-01, type Ag, to build a 24 x 40 barn, date issued 8-23-2017, and fee paid \$40.
 9. Zoning Permit 889 property owner Henry Rockey- 754 E Channel Drive, parcel code #120-M40-000-009-00, type R 1, to build an 18 diameter above ground pool with a 12 x 15 raised deck, date issued 8-29-2017, fee paid \$40.
 10. Zoning Permit 896 issued to property owner Jeff and Sundae Artz at 157 Lakeshore Drive parcel code #120-L10-000-025-00, type R 1, to build an open deck on channel side, date issued 8-29-2017, fee paid \$40.
 11. Permit 897 issued to property owner Jason Jarrell at 201 South Ray Quincy Road, parcel code #120-010-100-020-00, type Ag, to build a 24 x 27 pole barn date issued 8-29-2017, fee paid \$40.
 12. Zoning Permit 898 property owner Joseph Girod at 655 S. Ray Quincy Rd, parcel code #120-034-300-010-01, type Ag, renew zoning permit #0824 build 10 x 40 breezeway addition, date issued 8-29-2017, fee paid \$40.
- Requesting Special Use Permit to Donald and Imorean Rubley at 491 South Fremont Road parcel code #120-019-400-005-00, type Ag, special use applications delivered, in process for September 25 hearing.
- Requesting Special Use Permit to Joseph Schmucker, Martin & Effie Schmucker and Noah & Laura Girod at 416 Potter Road, 80 acres, parcel code #120-023-200-015-00, type Ag, special use applications delivered, under review by property owners.
- Land Split Request- William & Judy Jones at 776 Hall Road, parcel code #120-018-200-010-00, type Ag, approved and completed.
- Land Split Request- Donald & Imorean Rubley at 491 South Fremont Road, parcel code #120-019-400-005-00, type Ag, 80 acre parcel requesting 2.4/76 acre splits (in process for September hearing).
- Land Split Request- Ronald & Marian Smith at 416 Potter Road, parcel #120-023-200-015-00, type Ag, and property sold on land contract recorded 7-15-2017 to Joseph Schmucker, Martin & Effie Schmucker and Noah & Laura Schmucker- 80 acres to be split 15, 20 & 45 acres.
- Zoning Violation- Amos Schwartz at 886 Warren Road, parcel code #120-020-400-005-01, type Ag, site visit 8-15-2017 property owner is now in compliance they said they are not living in the barn/shop, zoning permit #886 issued for new house and barn on 8-15-2017.
- Zoning Violation- Gerl Pish at 1288 Fisher Road, 120-001-400-025-01, type Ag, 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.
- Alganssee Township Monthly Zoning Reports are being forwarded to the Branch County Building Dept.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic gave his Branch County Commissioners report as follows- County to receive an Energy Award, Housing concerns at the County jail, Pines Behavioral Health is relocating on Michigan Avenue, 911 purchasing 3 consoles not to exceed \$429,000, the County continues to discuss the new Indigent Defense Standards.

J. 3. Alganssee Library Email Report- Alganssee Library Branch Manager Janice Clark's September 5, 2017 Report as follows- Circulation 425, Hours, 121, Attendance 390, loans to Libraries out of Branch County 43 and we borrowed 24 from out of counties Libraries. Our Adult program for August was stepping stones. We had 7 patrons participate, working on their stone in 3 Saturdays and during the week. When children came with parent, Jessie had a craft table all set up which ended up with 8 attending during the month. We have been fall cleaning and along with Erica and Ann Ewers getting ready for the fall book sale. The sale will be September 21 & 22 from 9am to 4pm. The sale will be at 960 Hall road. There are a lot of good books and DVD's cheap! It will be good winter reading. All the proceeds are going towards the summer reading prizes. We would like to have new members for our Friends group. Come and join us Thursday, September 14th at 10am. We will be discussing future programs for all ages. If you have any ideas please come and join us. I am ordering new books and DVD's for all ages every month, come and check us out.

J. 4. Assessor's Report- Supervisor Erica Ewers gave her September report as follows- Permits are sorted and ready for measuring in the coming weeks. I have been preparing a number of mailing lists for special use hearings. I have been entering data each week trying to keep up with the sales and associated paperwork. The land splits are caught up as well. I'm continuing to pick up data at Equalization Department, Building Inspection Department and Branch County Abstract & Title Office.

K. Correspondences- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported Consumers Energy public hearing & MTA workshop.

L. Public Comment-none

M. Next Meeting- Supervisor Russ Jennings said the next meeting will be Monday, October 2, 2017 at 7:30pm.

N. Adjournment- Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm. Suzanne Preston, Clerk