

## November 6, 2017 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER** on Monday, November 6, 2017 at 7:30pm. Supervisor Russ Jennings thanked everyone for coming and called the Alganssee Township Board meeting to order at the Alganssee Township Hall, 378 S. Ray Quincy Rd. Quincy, Michigan. All Members present Supervisor Russ Jennings, Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee John Shilling, Trustee Harold Sneath and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors signed- Antonia Dauster, Greg Parker, Jamie Wieteki, Richard Orlowski, Austin Snyder, Don Vrablic, Fred Avra, John and Teresa Coolman.  
**Pledge-** Clerk Suzanne Preston led us in the pledge to the American flag.

**B. AGENDA- ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS:** John Shilling motioned to accept the agenda with the additions of Antonia Dauster from the Branch District Library under C. Public Comment and under H. New Business the Zoning Board of Appeals will meet this Friday. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**C. Public Comment:** Antonia Dauster from Branch District Library introduced herself and said Branch District Library is having conversations with community and will be in this area on Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.

**D. MINUTES- Alganssee Township Board October 2, 2017 Minutes:** Harold Sneath motioned to accept the Alganssee Township Board October 2, 2017 minutes. John Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried.  
**Alganssee Township Planning Commission September 25, 2017 Minutes:** John Shilling motioned to accept Alganssee Township Planning Commission Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> Minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**E. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Ann Strong reported township's last month's balance was \$458,053.48, income \$600.00, expenses \$13,512.25, giving a balance for November of \$445,141.23. The Clerk agrees. John Shilling motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

### F. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**F. 1. Quincy Fire Association:** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported Quincy Fire Department's next meeting will be December 12, 2017 at 5:30pm at the Quincy Village Hall.

**F. 2. Planning and Zoning Commission Report:** John Shilling reported they discussed solar energy zoning.

**F. 3. Zoning Board of Appeals:** The ZBA did not meet last month

**F. 4. Website- algansseetownship.com:** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the Alganssee Township website has new web host Creative Design and they are doing a nice job.

**F. 5. Ordinance Violations:** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported Gerl Pish's property at 1288 Fisher Road, incomplete construction which requires a zoning permit; the court hearing date is scheduled for November 28<sup>th</sup>.

### G. OLD BUSINESS:

**G. 1. Don't Forget to Vote Tomorrow:** Supervisor Russ Jennings reminded everyone to vote tomorrow for the Quincy Fire Department millage request and those that are in the Coldwater School District to vote on the school millage request. Election polls are open tomorrow at the township hall from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

**G.2. County Supervisors Meeting Report-** Supervisor Russ Jennings said County Supervisors are against legalizing golf carts on road because of safety. Supervisor Russ Jennings said need to look at entire township.

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

### H. NEW BUSINESS:

**H.1.2017 Branch County Drain Assessments:** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the 2017 Branch County Drain Assessments are out and Alganssee Township's share is \$6,628.32 which is due March 2018.

**H.2. Branch County Road Commission Annual Meeting** - Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the Branch County Road Commission Annual Meeting will be Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.

**H. 3. Alganssee Township 2017 Winter Newsletter-** John Shilling motioned to approve the Alganssee Township 2017 Winter Newsletter as presented. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

**H. 4. Approval of November 7, 2017 Election Inspectors and pay-** The Clerk presented the November 7<sup>th</sup> election inspectors as follows Joanne Finley, Deb Vanderpool, Joy wood, Bob & Vicki Migrin and Suzanne Preston. Ann Strong motioned to accept the election inspectors as presented and to pay them. Harold Sneath supported the motion. Motion carried.

**H. 5. Zoning Board of Appeals meeting-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting will be Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

**H. 6. Any Other New Business-** none

**I. Payment of Bills-** Expenses were \$8,222.27 plus election inspectors. John Shilling motioned to pay bills. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

11-7-17 \$1,648.15 election inspector's pay added to expenses = \$9,870.42

## **J. SPECIAL REPORTS:**

**J. 1. Zoning Administrator Report-** Zoning Administrator Matt Ashenfelter said he issued 10 zoning permits- Zoning Permit 902 property owner David Miller at 180 Brocklebank Road, parcel code 120-005-300-010-02, type R-1, structure 20 x 20 house addition, date issued 10-9-2017, fee paid \$40.00.

Zoning Permit 903 property owner Janet Hawes at 789 Campbell Road parcel code 120-019-200-005-00, type Ag, to build a 36 x 64 pole barn, date issued 10-4-2017 fee paid \$40.00.

Zoning Permit 904 property owner Martin Schmucker at Potter Road, parcel code 120-023-200-015-01, type Ag, structure 38 x 48 two story house, 28 x 32 shop and a 28 x 72 barn, date issued 10-12-2017 fee paid \$40.00.

Zoning Permit 905 property owner Louis Graber at 1130 Lester Road, parcel code 120-026-300-010-02, type Ag, structure 32 x 44 one story house w/ 12 x 21 covered porch and relocated 2 out buildings, date issued 10-19-2017, fee paid \$160.00 (violation fee).

Zoning Permit 906 property owner Dale Waligora at 210 Brocklebank property code 120-008-100-005-98, type R2 structure 16 x 32 in ground pool, date issued 10-20-2017 fee \$40.00.

Zoning Permit 907 property owner Jerry Eicher at 1253 Lester Road, parcel code 120-036-100-005-02, type Ag, structure 10 x 36 covered front porch, date issued 10-20-2017, fee \$40.00- framing started.

Zoning Permit 908 property owner Louis Graber at 1237 Lester Road, parcel code 120-036-100-005-01, type Ag, structure 32 x 66 lean to on existing barn, date issued 10-20-2017, fee \$40.00.

Zoning Permit 909 property owner Tyler Longstreet at 488 Fremont Road, parcel code 120-019-300-005-99, type Ag, 50 x 30 pole barn, date issued 10-26-2017, fee \$40.00.

Zoning Permit 910 property owner Herbert Woods at 180 Crockett Drive, parcel code 120-M30-000-013-00, type R1, 6 x 30 covered front porch, date issued 10-26-2017, fee \$40.00.

Zoning Permit 911- Simon Eicher 880 Lester Road parcel code 120-029-400-020-01 type Ag approved split, date issued 9-25-, 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, completed.

Land Split- Smith Ronald & Marian 416 Potter Rd parcel code 120-023-200-015-00 type Ag property sold on land contract recorded 7-15-17 Joseph Schmucker Martin & Effie Schmucker Noah & Laura Girod request 2 splits 15 acre 20 acre & remain 45 acre parent parcel complete.

Zoning Violation- Gerl Pish at 1288 Fisher Road, parcel code 120-001-400-025-01, type Ag, civil action law suit filed 10-13-2017, citation issued, court date rescheduled for Tuesday 11-28-2017 with attorney Chuck Lillis.

Zoning Violation- Louis Graber at 1130 Lester Road, property code 120-026-300-010-02, type Ag, building without permit, wrote permit #905 and \$160 fee collected.

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, violation resolved with the property owner removing shed.

Alganssee Township Zoning Reports are now scanned and forwarded twice monthly to the Branch County Building Department.

**J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report:** Don Vrablic gave his Branch County Commissioners report as follows- CHC Transition to ProMedica still scheduled for January 2018, Energy Services Coalition (ESC) Award, power outage for most of Coldwater 24 hour period October 7 & 8, ribbon cutting for the Animal Control building on October 6, 2017, County approved resolution in opposition to any reduction or elimination of federal funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, Courthouse elevator repaired, County Proclamation establishing the Tuesday after Thanksgiving as a day where citizens work together, Fee Increase- County Clerk's fee increase in vital records from \$18.00 to \$20.00, Legislative update regarding auto insurance reforms and reform of OPED.

**J. 3. Alganssee Library Email Report:** Alganssee Library Branch Manager Janice Clark's November Report as Circulation 327, Hours 104, Attendance 328, In house computer use 79, Wireless 780, 4 Adult programs with 42 attending, 3 Juvenile programs with 14 in attendance. Programs for Adults were Pumpkin Flower arrangements and Milk jug witch. Patrons that were here joined in on the crafts all had a fun time. All materials were free and patrons took their projects home. The children that came in during the month did Halloween and Fall coloring and crafts available at Kids table. The Coldwater Board was here for their monthly meeting. Alganssee Friends provided water and Erica baked tasty cookies. There are pictures of the crafts on Branch District-Alganssee Facebook. Enjoy!

**J. 4. Assessor's Report:** Supervisor Erica Ewers gave her November report- forwarded our response to the Michigan Tax Tribunal regarding Appeal for Yates on October 23. Also met with Mr. Yates and measured the entire home again due to concerns at March Board of Review over size of garage, will be reviewing data this week. Data export including names, addresses and Principal Residence Exemptions were sent to the County on November 2 for the printing of tax bills. An export was sent to Tax Management Associates on November 2 for continuing Principal Residence annual audit, submitted the Supplemental Special Assessment Report to the State Tax Commission on November 3. All new construction and prior year follow up was reviewed and/or measured, if completed, October 17 thru October 20, 150 locations were reviewed, some had multiple permits. Data entry is caught up. Dec. Board of Review will be held on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, continuing to pick up data at Equalization Dept., Building Inspect. Dept. and Branch County Abstract & Title Office.

**K. Correspondences:** Consumers Energy Public Hearing Nov.16, 2017, Coldwater Twp. has updated their Master Plan, DEQ Seawall permits issued to Barb Lloyd- 245 Donnell Dr. and Norm & Teresa Wasielewski- 757 Lakeshore Point.

**L. Public Comment-**Fred Avra said the Quincy Fire department will double their fire budget if the millage passes he said we need a fire department that is more responsible. Rodney Carpenter said we do need fire protection but we need to control the spending. Supervisor Russ Jennings said Bill Avra and he have tried to get the fire department to save money, but they spent it all. There weren't any other comments.

**M. Next Meeting:** Supervisor Russ Jennings said next meeting will be Monday, December 4, 2017 at 7:30pm.

**N. Adjournment:** John Shilling motioned to adjourn. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm. Suzanne Preston, Alganssee Township Clerk