

February 5, 2018 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

6:30 Budget Workshop- All Alganssee Township Board members were present Supervisor Russ Jennings, Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee John Shilling, Trustee Harold Sneath and Clerk Suzanne Preston and worked on the 2018-2019 fiscal year Budget.

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER on Monday, February 5, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. Supervisor Russ Jennings 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.

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. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Lawn Care and Sexton Bids- the Alganssee Township Board reviewed the bids for lawn care and sexton bids:

Tyler Butters- present at the meeting- lawn care bid of \$10,500 and sexton bid of grave openings Adult \$400, child \$250, infant \$150, cremation \$175.

Art Preston- was not present at meeting- lawn care bid of \$8,500.

Trayh Harvey- lawn care bid of \$10,000.

Hall's- lawn care bid of \$9,500, foundation bid at \$0.40 per square inch.

Lucas Cronkhite- sexton bid oversize \$450, Adult \$400, youth \$310, infant \$250 and cremation \$200.

Steve Weight- lawn mowing bid of \$17,850.

John Shilling motioned to appoint Tyler Butters as the Alganssee Township Sexton. Support by Ann Strong.

Motion carried. Harold Sneath motioned to appoint Tyler Butters to do the Alganssee Township lawn care. Motion carried.

D. MINUTES- January 2, 2018 minutes- Ann Strong motioned to accept the minutes with the correction in paragraph H. 1. The first two sentences should read "*Supervisor Russ Jennings reported Alganssee Township's share of the Quincy Fire Association 2018-2019 budget is 2.6% more than last year. Alganssee Township's share last year was \$54,760 and our share for this year is \$55,424.*" Harold Sneath supported the motion. Motion carried.

December 4, 2017 minutes- Ann Strong motioned to accept the minutes. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

November 27, 2017 Planning Commission minutes- John Shilling motioned to accept the minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

E. 1. February Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the township's income for January was \$28,093.00 and expenses were \$6,709.87, giving a balance of \$464,292.58 for the month of February. 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 the next meeting will be February 13th at 5:30pm, haven't heard back from Strategic planner that was hired last year to evaluate the Quincy Fire Department. Harold Sneath reported he attended the Quincy Fire Department Budget meeting on January 9th. Harold reported Quincy Township and Quincy Village approved the Capital Improvement Plan and Butler Township did not approve it.

F. 2. Planning Commission Report- John Shilling reported the Planning Commission is working on updating their wind and solar zoning requirements. They would like permission to contact the Township Planner. Ann Strong motioned to give Planning Commission Chairman permission to contact our Township Planner. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

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

F. 4. Website- algansseetownship.com- the website is now up and running. Russ said he is having a hard time downloading minutes.

F. 5. Ordinance Violations- the court date for Gerl Pish has been postponed.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G. 1. 2017 County Drain Assessment of \$6,628.32 is due March 2018

G. 2. Bickford Drive Aquatic Weed Control- Bickford Drive Aquatic Weed Special Assessment was petitioned indefinitely in 2002 with 167 feet of county drain included in petition (south side of lot 120-B10-000-001-00). At that time was owned by the State of Michigan, then the township, then Dan Coville and now Delores Hensley and Patricia Glinski (purchased July 2016). They don't want to have to pay for aquatic weed control on the county drain. There needs to be a new petition with new measurements to have that assessment changed.

G. 3. Quincy Fire Department Update- already discussed in Quincy Fire Department committee report.

G. 4. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS

H. 1. Request for Board of Review Member- Supervisor Russ Jennings asked if we knew of someone who would serve on the Board of Review. Fred Avra said he would serve on the Alganssee Township Board of Review. Harold Sneath motioned to appoint Fred Avra to the Alganssee Township Board of Review. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

H. 2. Adoption of Moratorium for Solar Farms and Wind Turbines- John Shilling motioned to have a moratorium for no solar farms or wind turbines farms or energy farms for two years or until Alganssee adopts an ordinance for this. Harold Sneath supported the motion. Motion carried.

H. 3. Any Other New Business- none

I. Payment of Bills- Bills were presented in the amount of \$9,783.95. 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 had issued 2 zoning permit for January-

Zoning Permit #918 issued to Noah Girod at Potter Rd., parcel code #120-023-200-015-02, type Ag, build 1768 sq. ft. home, 24x20 garage, 10x16 shed, date issued 12-18.

Zoning permit #921 issued to Gary Mohre at 222 Bickford Dr, parcel code #120-B10-000-015-00, type R1, to build a 26x1248 double wide home date issued 1-25-18.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic reported the Branch County Commissioners 1. County is looking for a new airport manager, 2. County is mandated to start Pension-OPEB reporting, 3. Water line break at jail, costs came in under the predicted \$10,000, 4. County approved Commission on aging request for a bookkeeper, 5. Do you believe there will be another six weeks of?

J. 3. Alganssee Library Email Report- Alganssee Library Branch Manager Report- Circulation 299, Hours 110, Attendance 305, computer use 76, Wireless 649, We had a coloring contest for all ages with 5 participating. Top prize went to an Adult which was a pound of chocolate covered cranberries, candy and pencils to children. The "Take the Winter Reading Challenge" ended the 31st of January. We had 5 Young Adults participate at Alganssee. Three names were drawn and prizes given out. The prizes were a Photography Drone, A Kindle Fire, and a Reader's Gift Package. The prizes were furnished by Branch Districts new Teen Center. All Libraries in Branch County gave same prizes for top Readers. The Young Adults from here were very happy with their prizes. The Challenge was Number of hours each teen read through January. Planning programs for Summer Reading, I have 2 scheduled so far. I am ordering new books and DVD's for all ages and taking some old out of system. Any questions or suggestions please let us know. Come and check out your Library!

J. 4. Assessor's Report- Supervisor Erica Ewers reported there isn't a hearing date set for Michigan Tax Tribunal Appeal for Yates. Alganssee Township Board of Review will meet on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 15, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Erica will working on setting values this week for 2018 and will be working entering new construction after that. Personal Property Statements are coming in slowly. All Veterans Exemption applications have been received. Erica is working on the last of the data entry. Erica is continuing to pick up data at Equalization, Building Inspection and Branch County Abstract & Title Office.

K. Correspondences- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the township received a notice from MTA about Zoning Board of Appeals workshop and Charter emergency contact information and Charter proof of liability insurance.

L. Public Comment- violation of trash and trailer on Fizz Lane.

M. Next Meeting- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the next meeting will be Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7:30pm at the Alganssee Township Hall.

N. Adjournment- Harold Sneath motioned to adjourn. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.
Suzanne Preston, Clerk