

May 7, 2018 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 7:30pm 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. Visitors present that signed in were Linda Lyshol- Branch District Library Director, Greg Parker, Jamie Wietecki Fred Avra, Sheriff John Pollack and Don Vrablic.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- 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 addition of Election Inspectors under New Business. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Rodney Carpenter reported spring is here.

Linda Lyshol the Branch District Library Director reported on the Branch District Library.

Sheriff John Pollack gave us an update on the Branch County Sheriff's Department.

D. MINUTES- April 2, 2018 minutes- Ann Strong motioned to accept the April 2, 2018 Alganssee Township Board minutes. Harold Sneath supported the motion. Motion carried.

March 26, 2018 Planning Commission minutes- John Shilling motioned to accept the March 26, 2018 Planning Commission minutes. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

E. 1. April Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the township's balance for April was \$550,089.47 with income for the month of April was \$2,780.79 and expenses for the month of April were \$24,667.90, giving a balance of \$528,364.08 for the month of May. Harold Sneath motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. 1. Quincy Fire Association- the next Quincy Fire Association meeting will be Tuesday June 10 at 5:30pm.

F. 2. Planning Commission Report- John Shilling reported the Planning Commission approved special use permit Dale and Kim Waligora, Property Code 120-008-400-010-97, they are requesting an 11.46 acres split on E. Central Rd., Quincy, MI. Harold Sneath motioned to accept the special use request from Dale and Kim Waligora, property Code 120-008-400-010-97, they are requesting an 11.46 acres split on E. Central Rd., Quincy, MI. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

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

F. 4. Website- algansseetownship.com- the website up and running.

F. 5. Ordinance Violations- Gerl Pish at 1288 Fisher Rd.; 120-001-400-025-01 incomplete construction requires Alganssee Township zoning permit and Branch County Building permit, court date is June 28, 2018. Dan Davis at 727 Fizz Lane removed large pile of debris- case closed.

Letter signed by neighbors of excessive junk at Todd L. Risedorf, 230 S. Stringtown Rd, Quincy, MI 49082, property code #120-012-100-020-01, he called to say he would send Supervisor Russ Jennings a letter explaining his plan to clean up his property.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G. 1. Quincy Fire Department Budget Proposal- on hold, need to update census figures to correct the percentage of populations of all four entities or need to change the percentages to reflect the history of use.

G. 2. Dust Control Bid- Fred Avra reported he contacted John Plate for a dust control bid, but Fred didn't receive a bid from him. John Shilling motioned to have S & M Liquid Tirefill do the dust control for Alganssee Township's 29 miles of gravel roads this year.

G. 3. Contract with Branch County Road Commission for Sealcoat- Ann Strong motioned to sealcoat 0.51 mile of Lester Road from Fremont Road to Legg Road at \$12,300 per mile and 2.50 miles of Campbell Road from Ray Quincy Road to Fremont Road at \$12,300 per mile. Support by John Shilling. Roll Call Vote- John Shilling- yes, Harold Sneath- yes, Russ Jennings- yes, Ann Strong- yes and Suzanne Preston- yes. Motion carried.

G. 4. Any Other Old Business- none

H. NEW BUSINESS

H. 1. Request for Alganssee Township millage proposal for Quincy Fire Association Capital Fund Budget- Much discussion on whether the Alganssee Township Board should put a millage proposal on the August ballot for Quincy Fire Department Capital Fund Budget and the need to update the census population figures or have it reflect the history of use for the percentage break down of the amount each entity in the

Quincy Fire Department should pay. Suzanne Preston motioned to put on hold the millage request until we have accurate figures. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

H. 2. Election Inspector Training for the next two years- Clerk Suzanne Preston explained who the Alganssee Township Election Inspectors have been for the last election, the need for training every Election Inspector every two years to qualify to work the election and if anyone could think of someone who might be interested in working the elections to let her know so they could get the training. Suzanne Preston said to let her know by the next township meeting.

H. 3. Any Other New Business- none

I. Payment of Bills- Bills were presented in the amount of \$24,667.47. 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 8 zoning permit for May-

1. Zoning Permit 925, property owner Ken Wannemacher at 149 S. Marble Lake Lane, property code #120-005-300-00, R1, to build an 11 x 22 single story addition on lakeside, 4-5-2018, \$40.
2. Zoning Permit 926, property owner Joseph Girod at 685 Hamman Rd, property code #120-033-200-005-09, Ag, to build a 20 x 40 addition and an 8 x 12 covered porch, 4-7-2018, \$40.
3. Zoning Permit 927, property owner Judith Sours at 1293 Fisher Rd, property code #120-012-200-005-00, Ag, to build a 32 x 40 pole barn, 4-9-2018, \$40.
4. Zoning Permit 928, property owner Paulette Porter at 901 E. Central Rd, property code #120-017-200-005-00, Ag, to build a 7 x 7 addition to rear of house, 4-24-2018, \$40.
5. Zoning Permit 929, property owner Chris Schwartz at 1130 Lester Rd, property code #120-026-300-010-02, Ag, to build a lean to on back of existing barn, 4-27-2018, \$40.00.
6. Zoning Permit 930, property owner Donato Properties at 212 Donnell Dr., R1, to build a 7 x 24 new deck add on to existing deck, 4-27-2018, \$40.
7. Zoning Permit 931, property owner Matt & Jen Milligan at 241 Brocklebank Rd, property code #120-008-200-005-01, Ag, to build a 20 x 24 covered porch on rear of house, 4-30-2018, \$40.
8. Zoning Permit 932, property owner Jake Schwartz at 869 Lester Rd, property code #120-032-100-005-03, Ag, to build a 32 x 50 stick built calf barn, 4-30-2018, \$40.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic gave his May report on the Branch County Commissioners- 1. Commission on Aging millage placed on August ballot. 2. Jail Millage placed on August ballot. 3. Approved two part time road deputies and a correction officer. 4. Commission on Aging Lunch program approved for \$5.00 per meal on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday must rsvp. 5. Allow property owners to pay taxes with credit card, the Equalization, Building Inspection and Drain offices are also allowing credit card payments.

J. 3. Alganssee Library Email Report- Alganssee Library Branch Manager Janice Clark emailed her May Report as follows- Circulation 382, Hours 104, Attendance 245, computer use 48, wireless 467. Our Adult program for April was a painting on canvas with a big collection of buttons to glue on the painting to add more effects for the picture. Six patrons attended. April 7th we had our One Book One Community Book discussion with 5 attending.

April 17th was our All County Friends meeting held at Alganssee Township Hall. Refreshments were served by the Alganssee Friends Group. A very successful meeting with all Branch District Friends Attending. Thank You Russ Jennings for giving us permission to use the Township Hall for our large group. The Branch District Board meeting will be held at Alganssee Library Monday May 21st at 5:30. Everybody invited. We are celebrating Mother's Day by giving a flower to every family that comes in to check out a book or movie, all this week! Any questions or suggestions please let me know. Lots of programs for all ages gearing up for a super summer. Come in and check us out! Thank you.

J. 4. Assessor's Report- Assessor Erica Ewers reported the State Treasurer is proposing new legislation to change the requirements of Township Assessing; making minimum assessing district size 5000 parcels and generate \$12 million in property taxes per year. Alganssee has only 1531 parcels and 2017 tax revenue of \$2,738,650.74. Having the option of creating an assessment district or contracting with the county for assessment services. The Michigan Tax Tribunal regarding the appeal for Yates on May 9th at 2:30pm was cancelled worked with Yates on stipulation of value. They were not aware that the appraiser has left off the value of the second lot they purchased and Erica was not aware that they only had one access point across the street rather than two so stipulated on the land value. They paid \$170,000 that was on appraisal and had valued for 2017 at \$204,436 true cash value; stipulated to \$188,644. Stipulation has been approved by the Tribunal. Databases were rolled over the first week of April to 2019. Erica is working on filing. Erica has been collecting new paperwork for 2019 have not started entering any of it yet. She is continuing to pick up data at Equalization, Building Inspection and Branch County Abstract & Title Office.

K. Correspondences-none

L. Public Comment-none

M. Next Meeting- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the next regular meeting will be Monday, June 4, 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 8:10pm.
Suzanne Preston, Clerk