

## June 4, 2018 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER** on Monday, June 4, 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 Jean Toth- 544 Hamman Rd, John Richardson- 557 Hamman Rd, Don Vrablic- Branch County Commissioner, Janet Sikes- 231 Donnell Dr., Fred Avra- 1011 Campbell Rd and Jamie Wietecki- 260 Donnell Dr.

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

**B. AGENDA- ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS**- Ann Strong motioned to accept agenda with addition of Truth and Taxation Rate Request and Summer Newsletter under New Business. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT**- John Richardson of 557 Hamman Road said 30 to 40 cars go by his house every day. He said the dust is bad. Supervisor Russ Jennings explained to him the gravel roads in the township should receive dust control spray soon because it has been ordered. The road needs to be ditched and have additional gravel added to it before it is sprayed.

Jean Toth of 544 Hamman Road asked about whatever happened to State Senator Mike Shirkey's meeting with the Amish. She said it is hard to see the Amish buggies at night. Supervisor Russ Jennings said we have tried to have the Amish put better lighting on their buggies at night.

Jamie Weitecki wondered when they will start spraying for weeds in the channels on the lakes. Supervisor Russ Jennings said they have started spraying the channels.

Janet Sikes of 231 Donnell Drive said she has lived here for 10 years and every 4<sup>th</sup> of July she has a neighbor that shoots off fireworks that drives the neighbors crazy. Supervisor Russ Jennings said to call the Sheriff's department. Janet said he also dumps tires on his property that can house rodents. Supervisor Russ Jennings said to call the Branch County Health Department because Alganssee Township doesn't have any authority in that area. She said people are paying him money to play airsoft games on his property. She didn't think you could run a business in a residential area. Supervisor Russ Jennings said you can't run a business in a residential area and our township Zoning Administrator Matt Ashenfelter will cover this in his report later on in the meeting. Supervisor Russ Jennings asked if there were any more Public Comments. Jean Toth asked if the Amish building in the northwest corner of Fremont Road and Lester Road had received a zoning permit. Supervisor Russ Jennings said they had. There wasn't any other public comment.

**D. MINUTES- May 7, 2018 minutes**- Ann Strong motioned to accept the May 7, 2018 Alganssee Township Board minutes with the following change in paragraph H. 1. Second sentence should read *Alganssee Township Board agrees to the need to update and change the bylaws of the Quincy Fire Department to reflect the history of the calls instead of by population*. Harold Sneath supported the motion. Motion carried.

**April 30 , 2018 Planning Commission minutes**- John Shilling motioned to accept the April 30, 2018 Planning Commission minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

### E. TREASURER'S REPORT

**E. 1. April Treasurer's Report**- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the township's balance for May was \$528,364.08 with income for the month of May was \$37,173.29 and expenses for the month of May were \$24,667.90, giving a balance of \$540869.47 for the month of June. 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**- the next Quincy Fire Association meeting will be Tuesday June 12 at 5:30pm at the Quincy Village Hall. Supervisor Russ Jennings said he needs support from the township at the meeting.

**F. 2. Planning Commission Report**- John Shilling reported the Planning Commission approved special use permit Jeff Pabian at 716 E. Channel Drive, Property Code 120-007-300-025-02, they are requesting an accessory building larger than allowed. Harold Sneath motioned to accept the special use request by Jeff Pabian at 716 E. Channel Drive, Property Code 120-007-300-025-02, requesting an accessory building larger than allowed. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**F. 3. Zoning Board of Appeals**- they did not meet last month, but will meet on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**F. 4. Website- [algansseetownship.com](http://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. 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. Supervisor Russ Jennings received letter from Todd Risedorf stating all

vehicles on property are plated and he has been in the hospital with feet problems and it will take a while to clean up. Supervisor Russ Jennings suggested we give him a few months to clean up, township board agreed.

## **G. OLD BUSINESS**

**G. 1. Quincy Fire Department Budget Proposal-** on hold, need to update the bylaws of the Quincy Fire Department for all four entities to pay by the history of calls instead of population.

**G. 2. Dust Control Bid-** John Shilling reported he called S & M Liquid Tirefill do the dust control for Algansee Township's 29 miles of gravel roads this year and was told we are on the list to spray Algansee Township's gravel roads soon. John reported he told them we are interested in 2 applications. Supervisor Russ Jennings said he and John will try to meet with the Branch County Road Commission to see about applying more gravel to some of the gravel roads in the township.

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

## **H. NEW BUSINESS**

**H. 1. Truth and Taxation 2018 Tax Rate Request-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the township received the 2018 tax rate millage request from the Branch County Equalization Department of 0.7902, which is less than last year's request of 0.7940 and the last few years requests as follows- 2016- 0.8035, 2015- 0.8035, 2014- 0.8035, 2013- 0.8104, 2012- 0.8104. Ann Strong motioned to accept the tax millage rate request of 0.7902. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

**H. 2. 2018 Algansee Township Summer Newsletter-** John Shilling motioned to approve the 2018 Algansee Township summer Newsletter. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**H. 3. Any Other New Business-** none

**I. Payment of Bills-** Bills were presented in the amount of \$10,271.53. Harold Sneath motioned to pay the bills. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

## **J. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report-** Zoning Administrator Matt Ashenfelter reported he issued 3 zoning permits for May-

1. Zoning Permit 933, property owner David Weber at 216 Donnell Dr., property code #120-H10-000-021-00, R1, to build an 10 x 20 open deck & 10 x 16 open deck, 5-9-2018, \$40.
2. Zoning Permit 934, property owner Mark C. Hildebrand Trust at 298 S. Fremont Rd., property code #120-007-300-215-00, R2, to build a 30 x 60 roof over existing structure, 5-9-2018, \$40.
3. Zoning Permit 935, property owner James Toth at 409 S. Fremont Rd, property code #120-019-200-015-03, Ag, to build a 40 x 60 pole building, 5-24-2018, \$40.

**J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report-** Don Vrablic gave his June report on the Branch County Commissioners as follows- 1. Jail Millage placed on August 7th ballot. 2. Three Free Weekend- makes fishing, off road riding and state park entry easy. 3. Approved project for crack sealing and painting at the Branch County memorial airport. 4. Farmer's market will be relocated to the northwest corner of the downtown Coldwater at the 4 corners and the fair is fast approaching. 5. Commission on Aging Lunch program approved for \$5.00 per meal on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday must rsvp.

**J. 3. Algansee Library Email Report-** Algansee Library Branch Manager Janice Clark emailed her June Report as follows- Circulation 369, Hours 121, Attendance 323, Computer use 48, Wireless 569. The Branch District Board Meeting was held at Algansee Library May 21st with 20 attending. The Algansee Friends served water and cookies. Thanks to Erica for always baking cookies for our yearly meeting. We gave out a large tray of flowers for Mother's Day week to all patrons that came in and all seemed very pleased. We had our second Young Adult program with 3 attending for Art fun. The pictures are proudly displayed in our Library. Sign-up for Summer Reading is getting started. This year everybody can sign-up on line and keep track of their progress on line. Lots of cool prizes for all ages. All instructions are on Branch District Site or go to any of our Libraries for help. We have 2 programs set for Algansee Summer Reading. The first is on Friday June 15th at 2 pm. Libraries Rock with Paleo Joe who is a Paleontologist, Author and Storyteller. Everybody is invited, please come and join us. The second Program for this month is Wednesday, June 20th at 4 pm. Dynamic School Assemblies bring us Caribbean Steel Drums. We will wake up Algansee and have fun. Everybody is also invited to Rock the Library. More Programs to come so come and support your Library and enjoy! Any questions or suggestions please call 639-9830 or email clarkja@branchdistrict.org.

**J. 4. Assessor's Report-** Assessor Erica Ewers reported the new proposed legislation has been given House Bill 6049 and Senate Bill 1025 and the House Bill is scheduled for hearings on June 6 per MTA Insights. The new assessing manual was scheduled to be updated today but they ran into problems and rescheduled. May was spent catching up on data entry so that the updates can be submitted to the Equalization Department. Erica prepared a number of mailing lists for Zoning Administrator Matt Ashenfelter for special use hearings and the upcoming ZBA hearing. She is continuing to pick up data at Equalization, Building Inspection and Branch County Abstract & Title Office.

**K. Correspondences-** Consumers Energy public hearing, Michigan Utilities Public hearing, Schoneboom getting signatures for special use request to replace the bridge down by him.

**L. Public Comment-** none

**M. Next Meeting-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the next regular meeting will be Monday, July 2, 2018 at 7:30pm at the Algansee Township Hall.

**N. Adjournment-** Harold Sneath motioned to adjourn. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk