

October 4, 2018 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 7:00pm. 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 Don Hoopes, Jerry Hagerman, Tom & Cindy Bland, Richard Orłowski, Jerry Clark, Chantal, James & Zach Paxton, Lisa & Jamie Gill, Kim Bontrager, Jennifer Milligan, Mary Alaniz and Fred Avra.

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

B. AGENDA- ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS- John Shilling motioned to accept the agenda with the addition under New Business to approve Election workers. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Sunset Heights Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment District First Public Hearing - Supervisor Russ Jennings called the first public hearing of Sunset Heights Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment District to order and reported a petition presented to the Alganssee Township Board signed by 18 out of 24 property owners of Sunset Heights Aquatic Weed Special Assessment District requesting to dissolve the aquatic weed control special assessment district with Alganssee Township and transition to and be included in the Marble Lake Board Asian Milfoil Aquatic Weed Special Assessment District that was re-established July 28, 2018 at the rate of \$75/property owner directly located on the water and \$37.50/property owner with access only as established under PA 451 of 1994 as amended, Part 309, Inland Lake Improvements of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. Cindy Bland motioned to discontinue the aquatic weed control special assessment district with Alganssee Township and to transition to and be included in the Marble Lake Board Asian Milfoil Aquatic Weed Special Assessment District that was re-established July 28, 2018 at the rate of \$75/property owner directly located on the water and \$37.50 per property owner with access only as established under PA 451 of 1994 as amended, Part 309, Inland Lake Improvements of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. Motion supported by Richard Orłowski. Motion carried.

First Public Hearing for Riley/Whistler Channel Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment District - Supervisor Russ Jennings called the first public hearing of Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment District and reported a petition was presented to the Alganssee Township Board signed by 5 out of 7 property owners of the Riley/Whistler Channel requesting to dissolve the aquatic weed control special assessment district with Alganssee Township and transition to and be included in the Marble Lake Board Asian Milfoil Aquatic Weed Special Assessment District that was re-established July 28, 2018 at the rate of \$75/property owner directly located on the water and \$37.50/property owner with access only as established under PA 451 of 1994 as amended, Part 309, Inland Lake Improvements of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. Don Hoopes motioned to dissolve the aquatic weed control special assessment district with Alganssee Township and transition to and be included in the Marble Lake Board Asian Milfoil Aquatic Weed Special Assessment District that was re-established July 28, 2018 at the rate of \$75/property owner directly located on the water and \$37.50/property owner with access only as established under PA 451 of 1994 as amended, Part 309, Inland Lake Improvements of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. Support by Jerry Clark. Motion carried.

Ann Strong motioned to close the first public hearings for Sunset Heights and Riley/Whistler Channel Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment District. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

Second Public Hearing for Sunset Heights Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment District

Supervisor Russ Jennings called the second public hearing of Sunset Heights Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment District to order. Supervisor Russ Jennings reported there is still money owed from each property owner from this summer's weed control. So each property owner will have estimated amount of \$44 taxed from the old aquatic weed control special assessment district plus taxed \$75 per parcel for the Marble Lake Board Asian Milfoil aquatic weed control district with this year's tax bill. Richard Orłowski motioned to have each property owner have an estimated amount of \$44 taxed from the old aquatic weed control special assessment district plus taxed \$75 per parcel with Marble Lake Board Asian Milfoil Aquatic weed control district on this year's tax bill, then taxed \$75 per parcel for Marble Lake Board Asian Milfoil Aquatic Weed Special Assessment District automatically the following year and on. Cindy Bland supported the motion. Motion carried.

Second Public Hearing for Riley/Whistler Channel Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment District

Supervisor Russ Jennings called the second public hearing of Riley/Whistler Channel aquatic weed control special assessment district to order. Jerry Hagerman motioned to have \$75 billed to each parcel automatically each year from the Marble Lake Board Asian Milfoil Aquatic Weed Special Assessment District. Support by Jerry Clark. Motion carried. Supervisor Russ Jennings reported Riley Whistler Channel have a refund of \$150/parcel. Ann Strong motioned to close the second public hearings for Sunset Heights and Riley/Whistler Channel Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment District. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

Audit Report- Kim Bontrager for Locey CPA went through the audit report as of March 31, 2018. Harold Sneath motioned to pay Kim Bontrager for the audit report now so she can drive back to Sturgis and not have to wait until the end of the evening. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried.

Eagle Scout Project Presentation by Zack Paxton- Zack Paxton gave a presentation on the repair and straightening 102 headstones in Fisher Cemetery with the help of 20 other Boy Scouts. He said there are some larger headstones need repair and straightening, he will need heavier machinery. He will get with the Sexton.

Any Other Public Comment- There wasn't any.

D. MINUTES- September 4, 2018 minutes- Supervisor Russ Jennings would like to add a sentence to paragraph C Public Comment third paragraph about the private Wilmin Road bridge... the property owners need to create a special assessment district to cover the costs associated with contacting an engineering firm to estimate the cost of repairing the bridge. Ann Strong motioned to accept the September 4, 2018 Algansee Township Board minutes with the additional sentence. John Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried.

August 27, 2018 Planning Commission Minutes- John Shilling motioned to accept the August 27, 2018 Planning Commission minutes. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

E. 1. July Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the township's balance for September was \$505,199.96 with income for September was \$33,344.88.87 and expenses for September were \$26,171.69, giving a balance of \$512,373.15 for the month of October. 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 Quincy Fire Association will meet on October 9th at 5:30pm.

F. 2. Planning Commission Report- John Shilling reported the Algansee Planning Commission would like approval to invite our township planner from McKenna to come down to the next meeting.

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

F. 4. Website- alganseetownship.com- it is up and running.

F. 5. Ordinance Violations- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported Algansee Zoning Administrator Matt Ashenfelter will cover in his report the ordinance violations of Gerl Pish at 1288 Fisher Rd.; 120-001-400-025-01 incomplete construction requires zoning permit and Branch County Building permit. Todd Risedorph at 230 S. Stringtown Rd, Quincy, MI 49082, Supervisor Russ Jennings said hasn't been any improvement in cleaning up his property. Ann Strong said to send him another letter since he is disabled. Donato property- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported Algansee Zoning Administrator Matt Ashenfelter will cover in his report the ordinance violation of Chris Donato Jr. at 250 Donnell Drive of operating a business in the R-1 and R-2 zoning districts.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G. 1. Dust Control- John Shilling reported S & M Liquid Tirefill applied the 2nd coat of dust control for Algansee Township's 29 miles of gravel roads for \$0.12/gallon and it worked well.

G. 2. Regravel Corless Road- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported Branch County Road Commission finished putting additional gravel on Corless Rd. It is nice to drive on.

G. 3. Update on the FOIA Request from Emily- Supervisor Russ Jennings explained that "Emily" was requesting copies of all ballots and any papers related to 2016 November election from most of the townships and villages in Michigan and said he hasn't heard if any township heard from Emily.

G. 4. Any Other Old Business- there wasn't any other old business.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H. 1. Zack Paxton Presentation on Fisher Cemetery headstone repair- Zack Paxton did a nice job earlier.

H. 2. Resolution to regravel Corless Road- Supervisor Russ Jennings read the resolution- resolved, that the Algansee Township Board requests the Branch County Road Commission to include in their work the following project: Corless Road grade, place and compact 3 in. 22A gravel (Township line- Fremont Road) 0.52miles at #14,000 per mile. The estimated cost is \$7,280 with 50% of the cost due by October 12th which is \$3,640. Be it further resolved that Algansee Township will pay the remainder of the balance due upon invoice after completion of project listed. Motion was made by John Shilling. The motion was seconded by Harold Sneath to adopt this resolution. The roll call vote was 5 ayes and 0 nays. The resolution was declared adopted by the Algansee Township Board at the meeting held on October 1, 2018.

H. 3. Any Other New Business- there wasn't any other new business.

I. Bills- Harold Sneath motioned to pay \$28,112.65 in bills. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report- Zoning Administrator Matt Ashenfelter October report, see attachment.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic Branch County Commissioner see attachment.

J. 3. Algansee Library Email Report- See attachment of Algansee Library Branch Manager Janice Clark.

J. 4. Assessor's Report- See attachment of Assessor Erica Ewers October assessing report.

K. Correspondences- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported on the correspondence as follows: Someone sent a letter interested in the Algansee Township's Zoning Administrator's position, MTA workshop on township's finances and land use, David and Paulette Stempien vote yes on changing to the \$75 per year weed control.

L. Public Comment-Jen Milligan asked what the township is zoning is on wind farms. Supervisor Russ Jennings told her we have it on hold.

M. Next Meeting- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the next regular meeting will be Monday, November 5, 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 9:00pm. Suzanne Preston, Clerk