

September 4, 2018 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER on Tuesday, September 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 Tom & Cindy Bland- 114 Wright Rd., Jennifer Milligan- 241 Brocklebank Rd., Mary Alaniz- 241 Brocklebank Rd, John and Billie Pollack- 580 Marshall Rd.
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 the correction tonight's meeting is on Tuesday not Monday and under New Business Corless Road to gravel the ½ mile of Corless Road that is in Alganssee Township. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Sheriff John Pollack gave us an update on the Branch County Sheriff's Dept. Jennifer Milligan asked if Alganssee Township has any ordinances on wind turbines. Supervisor Russ Jennings said the township doesn't have ordinances on wind turbines at this time the Alganssee Planning Commission is working on an ordinance.

Cindy Bland asked if they could help repair the headstones in the cemetery. Tyler Butters said it costs approximately \$115 to fix a headstone and base. Supervisor Russ Jennings said we will have to check with our insurance company about the liability of having outside help repairing the headstones. We would like the township insurance agent come down to the next meeting to answer these questions.

Cindy Bland asked about the Wilmin Road Bridge. Supervisor Russ Jennings said it is a private bridge and the Quincy Fire Department will not drive their fire trucks over it because the bridge and the sea wall by the bridge need repair. The bridge and the road beyond is a private drive. Supervisor Russ Jennings said 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. Someone from either the channel or the private drive need to contact the DNR and the Branch County Drain Commissioner to get the process started to have all the property owners that use the channel and the private drive portion pay for a special assessment district to fund the project. The petition needs to have 51% of the property owners in agreement to fund the repairs.

Supervisor Russ Jennings reported a petition was presented to the Alganssee Township Board with 19 out of the 25 property owners of the Sunset Heights and the Sunset Heights II Aquatic Weed Special Assessment District requesting to dissolve 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 per 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.

Supervisor Russ Jennings asked if there was any other public comment. There wasn't any.

D. MINUTES- August 6, 2018 minutes- Ann Strong motioned to accept the August 6, 2018 Alganssee Township Board minutes. John Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried.

July 30 , 2018 Planning Commission minutes- John Shilling motioned to accept the July 30, 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 August was \$525,576.87 with income for August was \$960.87 and expenses for August were \$21,336.50, giving a balance of \$505,199.96 for the month of September. 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 Quincy Fire Association meeting will be October 9th at 5:30pm.

F. 2. Planning Commission Report- John Shilling reported the Alganssee Planning Commission approved Noah Girod special use request at 659 Hamman Rd., #120-033-200-005-97 combine a previous split in 2013 - process new 11 acre split with Joseph Girod of 677 Hamman Rd #12-033-200-005-08 and 685 Hamman Rd #120-033-200-09. Ann Strong motioned to approve Noah Girod's special use request on Hamman Rd. Harold Sneath supported the motion. Motion carried.

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

F. 4. Website- algansseetownship.com- the website's tax link needs to be updated.

F. 5. Ordinance Violations- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported Alganssee Zoning Administrator Matt Ashenfelter will cover in his report the ordinance violation 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 reported there hasn't been any improvement in cleaning up his property. Ann Strong suggested sending him another letter since he has been disabled.

Donato property- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported Alganssee 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 Bid- John Shilling reported S & M Liquid Tirefill applied the 2nd coat of dust control for Alganssee Township's 29 miles of gravel roads for \$0.12/gallon.

G. 2. Hamman Road- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the Branch County Road Commission has finished putting additional gravel and ditching the north side of Hamman Rd.

G. 3. Any Other Old Business- there wasn't any other old business.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H. 1. FOIA Request from Emily- Supervisor Russ Jennings explained that Emily was requesting copies of all the ballots and any other papers related to the 2016 November election. Supervisor Russ Jennings read the letter that Ovid Township's attorney wrote for them to reply to the FOIA request. Ovid Township's Supervisor said we could use their attorney's letter for our reply. Supervisor Russ Jennings said we would pay half the attorney fee and Harold Sneath motioned to use the wording from Ovid Township reply letter for the FOIA reply, only changing the figures to Alganssee Township's figures. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

H. 2. Corless Road Graveling- Supervisor Russ Jennings said Ovid Township was adding gravel to their portion of Corless Road and asked if we could add gravel to our portion of Corless Road to have the entire road regravled. There is a half a mile of Corless Road in Alganssee Township. John Shilling motioned to regravle the half mile of Corless Road that is in Alganssee Township and not to exceed the cost of \$7,000. Harold Sneath supported the motion. Motion carried.

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

I. Payment of Bills- Bills was presented in the amount of \$26,171.69. 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 report attachment.

J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report- Don Vrablic Branch County Commissioners see attached report.

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

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

K. Correspondences-Michigan Public Service Commission public hearing.

L. Public Comment-none

M. Next Meeting- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the next regular meeting will be Monday, October 1, 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 9:15pm. Suzanne Preston, Clerk