

# May 6, 2019 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER** on Monday, May 6, 2019 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. He thanked everyone for coming. All members were present- Supervisor Russ Jennings, Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee John Shilling, Trustee Harold Sneath and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors that signed in were Joan & David Oldham, Sandra & Jerry rogers, Greg Parker, Anne Gary, Don Reid, Susan Shilling, Diane & Jim Hill, Jeff & sue Mistor, Sarah Strong, Fred Avra, Austin & Bobbi Wood, Rod Bassage, Kevin Decker, Linda and Dan Pelgrin, James Weitecki, Kelli Rice, Don Vrablic and Greg Moore

**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 to move to the first Public Comment the assessment for Donnell and Bennett Drives and interview the people who are interested in the clerk's position. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT**- Kevin Decker from Decker Agency went over the township's insurance. Assessment for Donnell and Bennett Drives- Most of the property owners in attendance did not want another assessment. Brick Pavers Construction went ahead and patched the potholes for \$1,462.50. Many of the property owners said they should have gotten several quotes before patching the pot holes for that price. Clerk's position interviews- township Board interviewed Sarah Strong, Bobbi Wood and Anne Gary for the Clerk's position.

**D. MINUTES- April 1, 2019 Township Board minutes**- Ann Strong motioned to accept the April 1, 2019 Alganssee Township Board minutes. Support by Harold Sneath motion. Motion carried.

**March 25, 2019 Planning Commission minutes**- Harold Sneath motioned to accept the March 25, 2019 Alganssee Township Planning Commission minutes. Support by John Shilling motion. Motion carried.

## **E. TREASURER'S REPORT**

**E. 1. May Treasurer's Report**- Treasurer Ann Strong reported the township's April balance was \$546,211.87 with April income of \$240.00 and April expenses of \$46,881.55, giving a May balance of \$499,570.32. The Clerk agrees. John Shilling motioned to accept Treasurer's report. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

## **F. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**F. 1. Quincy Fire Association**- Quincy Fire Association meeting will be on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

**F. 2. Planning Commission Report**- John Shilling made a motion to approve the special use request land split less than 40 acres for Kelli Kaufmann at 1204 Brown Road, #120-036-300-005-00. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

John Shilling made a motion to approve the special use request land split less than 40 acres for Brent Everline at 1160 Grove Road, #120-026-200-015-00. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

John Shilling made a motion to approve the special use request for rezoning for Kristen McLaughlin on Crockett Drive, #120-008-100-030-01. Harold Sneath supported the motion. Motion carried.

Supervisor Russ Jennings reported planning commission secretary is requesting 4 drawer filing cabinet. Ann Strong motioned to purchase a 4 drawer filing cabinet. John Shilling supported the motion. Motion carried.

**F. 3. Zoning Board of Appeals**- did not meet.

**F. 4. Website- [algansseetownship.com](http://algansseetownship.com)**- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported made a few changes on the home page.

**F. 5. Ordinance Violations**- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported he had sent a letter to Todd Risedorph at 230 S. Stringtown Rd, Quincy, MI 49082, property code #120-012-100-020-01, about the excessive junk in his yard. Supervisor Russ Jennings reported he has received a letter from Todd Risedorph's doctor and he will be disabled until May 2019. Kelli Rice, Todd Risedorph's sister, said he is slowly getting things cleaned up. Sent letter to Shila Boes 270 Donnell Drive- excessive junk is cleaned up. The yard mowed. Violation closed. Sent letter to Sam & Josephine Graber 587 S. Ray Quincy Rd- excessive trash. Trash out of pit. Violation closed. Sent letter to Pridgeon Farms Grove Road- excessive trash. Pridgeon's sent letter to trailer owner to pay up or be evicted.

## **G. OLD BUSINESS**

**G. 1. Review mold issue at Township Hall**- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported not to put old law books in totes because only makes mold worse. John Shilling said to wait a month to see what Cindy Bland finds out.

**G. 2. Ordinance for Prohibition of Marijuana Establishments in Alganssee Township**- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported he put it on the website.

**G. 3. Dust Control for Gravel Roads-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported The Branch County Road Commission has the first 3.5 miles of dust control is free. Dust control is \$0.14 per gallon. The first coat is \$350 per mile and the second coat will be \$280 per mile. Harold Sneath motioned to have Branch County Road commission put on the dust control for our approximately 30 miles of gravel roads. Ann Strong supported the motion. Roll Call vote 5 yes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

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

## **H. NEW BUSINESS**

**H. 1. Assessment for Donnell and Bennett Drives road maintenance** - already discussed.

**H. 2. Gravel road repair** - Supervisor Russ Jennings reported he would talk to the Branch County Road Commission to see if someone could drive the gravel roads with him to discuss which gravel roads need repair.

**H. 3. Appoint Township Clerk-** already interviewed them.

**H. 4. McKenna draft language to Remove Zoning Ordinance Requirement for Special Use Approval for Land Splits less than 40 acres-** John Shilling motioned for McKenna to draft language to remove zoning ordinance requirement for special use approval for land splits less than 40 acres. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

**H. 5. CBPU, requesting for Alganssee Township to participate in the Hazardous Household Waste Program-** Harold Sneath motioned for the township to participate in the Hazardous Household Waste Program. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried.

**H.6 Review Newsletter-** Ann Strong motioned to approve the summer newsletter. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

**H. 7. Resolution to Manage and Control of Mute Swan on Lakes-** Harold Sneath motioned for the township to participate in the management and control mute of mute swan on the lakes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**H. 8. Any Other New Business-** there wasn't any new business.

**I. Bills-** John Shilling motioned to pay \$17,239.18 in bills. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

## **J. SPECIAL REPORTS**

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

**J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report-** Don Vrablic's gave his May report.

**J. 3. Alganssee Library Email Report-** Alganssee Library Branch Manager Janice Clark's May report, see attachment

**J. 4. Assessor's Report-** See attachment for Assessor Erica Ewer's May assessing report.

**K. Public Comment-** Fred Avra wonder if the Branch County Road Commission is done grading the gravel roads. Fred also put in a good word to vote for his daughter Bobbi Wood for the Clerk's job. Joy Wood is asking the township to share this winter's heat cost for the library. This winter's heat bill was \$1900. Suzanne Preston motioned to have the township pay \$950 to Stafford Store to share the heat cost for the library. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

**L. Correspondences-** Consumers Energy is having a public hearing on May 20<sup>th</sup> in Lansing. Special assessment for spot spraying aquatic weeds, they are already included in the county aquatic weed spraying. Biz-A-Recycling is asking for donations. McKenna's Chris Khorey has been promoted so the township will be having a new planner soon.

**M. Next Meeting-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the next regular meeting will be Monday, June 3, 2019 at 7:30pm at the Alganssee Township Hall.

**N. Adjournment-** Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried. The Alganssee Township Board meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm.

Supervisor Russ Jennings called the Alganssee Township Board special meeting to order at 9:52 to decide on which candidate to choose the Alganssee Township Clerk. John Shilling suggested paper ballot. Anne Gary received the most votes. Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Suzanne Preston. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00pm.

Suzanne Preston, Clerk