

July 1, 2019 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER on Monday, July 1, 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 Anne Gary. Visitors that signed in were Aaron Sneath, Austin Carpenter, Earl Waterstraat, Barry Demko, Sandra Rogers, Gerald Rogers, Carol Partridge, Don Vrablic, Chris Donato, James Hedges, Sue Mistor, Jeff Mistor, Steve Bogia, Katie Boggia, Dennis Bell, Danny Bell, Joan Oldham, Dave Oldham, Jean Toth.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Supervisor Russ Jennings led the pledge to the American flag.

B. Agenda Additions/Deletions – Under New Business: Word “Check” was revised to “Letter” and Item 5. Report from Anne Gary was added. John Shilling motioned to accept Agenda as revised. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Separate Assessment Districts for Donnell and Bennett Drives. Chris Donato raised the objection that Donnell & Bennett Drives have always been together and an audit should be done of how improvements have been paid for each Drive. Signatures for each petition were reviewed by Supervisor Russ Jennings. The combined assessment district was officially dissolved following motion by Gerald Rogers, second by Chris Donato representing Donnell Drive and motion by Earl Waterstraat, second by Dennis Bell representing Bennet Drive and motion by Harold Sneath with support by Ann Strong.

New petitions need to be drafted and wording may be different for Bennett and Donnell. The language needs to be more specific on how the assessments will be calculated. Those drafting the petitions should consult with Russ Jennings, Supervisor, and Erica Ewers, Assessor, for guidance on the wording of each petition.

D. MINUTES- June 3, 2019 Township Board minutes – Date corrected from May 6, 2019 to June 3, 2019 and ordinance violations moved to F.2 under Planning Commission Report. Ann Strong motioned to approved revised minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

May 28, 2019 Planning Commission minutes- John Shilling motioned to accept the May 28, 2019 Alganssee Township Planning Commission minutes. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER’S REPORT

E.1. June Treasurer’s Report - Treasurer Ann Strong reported the township’s June balance was \$521,108.23 with June income of \$1,170.00 and June expenses of \$11,913.59 giving a July balance of \$510,364.64 (revised from the \$499,047.19 shown on the Clerk’s Balance & Check Report). The Clerk agrees with the revised amount. Russ Jennings motioned to accept revised Treasurer’s report. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F.1. Quincy Fire Association - Next Quincy Fire Association meeting will be on Thursday, August 8th at 5:30pm.

F.2. Planning Commission Report – Special Use Permit, 554 Calvin Road, Jake and Salome Girod. John Shilling motioned to approved. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

Hold off on implementing a new wind ordinance as other Townships are working on approving new draft(s) and use the same consultant as Alganssee, McKenna. Ann Strong motioned the Board wait on wording of a new wind ordinance. Motion carried.

F.3. Zoning Board of Appeals – Lot size changes on Crockett Drive request were denied petition.

F.4. Alganssee web site – Is up and running.

F.5. Ordinance Violations – Pridgeon Farms: Supervisor Russ Jennings will contact Martha Pridgeon regarding eviction of the renters. 109 Wright Road has been purchased with no name(s) of the owner(s).

G. OLD BUSINESS

G.1. Review mold issue at Township Hall – Cindy Bland still interested in treating the laws books to remove the mold and return to the shelves in the Township Hall. Ledgers in the back room two file cabinets need to be sent to the State of Michigan if Township discontinues storing the ledgers.

G.2. Dust Control for Gravel Roads – Complete except for one side of Lester Road.

G.3. New gravel for Campbell and Warren Roads – Still Old Business.

G.4. Any Other Old Business – none.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1. Request for Perpetual Flower Fund – Erica Ewers will check with other Township cemeteries regarding perpetual flower practices.

H.2. Truth & Taxation 2019, (0.7893), 2018 (0.7920) – Amount allowed by the County has continued to decrease. It is based on a formula from 1973/74. Calculations are pre-determined based on the formula.

H.3. Letter received for Amish Community in care of Alganssee Township – Letter needs to go to Paul Schmucker. John Shilling will deliver to Paul.

H.4. Congratulations to Zackery Paxton awarded Eagle Scott Honor – Zack's project was head stones repaired at Fisher Cemetery. Job well done!

H.5. Report from Anne Gary – report attached. - More research needs to be done with Julia from Senior Living to verify the Senior Living website is legitimate and will not create SPAM issues if link is posted on the Township website. – Veteran Grave maker flag holders. John Shilling motioned to purchase 15 at \$14.49 each. Harold Sneath support. Motion carried.

H.6. Any Other New Business – none.

I. Bills- Harold Sneath motioned to pay \$28,072.09 in bills, plus a check for postage, to mail Summer tax statements. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

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

J.2. Branch County Commissioner's Report – County Commissioner, Don Vrablic, June report, see attachment.

J.3. Alganssee Library Report- Alganssee Library Branch Manager Janice Clark's report read by Supervisor Russ Jennings.

J.4. Assessor's Report- Assessor, Erica Ewers, June 4, 2019 – July 1, 2019 report, see attachment.

K. Correspondence – MTA Hot Topics Planning & Zoning Event August 14, 2019.

L. Public Comment – Austin Carpenter stated a porch under construction did receive a roof and appears to be larger than the original foot print request. Matt Ashenfelter will check out the situation. – Jean Toth questioned the hearing and vision tests done at the local Amish Schools. Don Vrablic said testing was done through the Health Department using mobile labs.

M. Next Meeting- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the next regular meeting will be Monday, August 5, 2019 at 7:30 pm at the Alganssee Township Hall.

N. Adjournment- Harold Sneath motioned to adjourn. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. The Alganssee Township Board meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Anne Gary, Clerk