

# August 5, 2019 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER** on Monday, August 5, 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 Austin Carpenter, Rodney Carpenter, Barry Demko, Sandra Rogers, Gerald Rogers, Chris Donato, Aaron Sneath, Don Reid, Greg Parker, Dennis Parker, Joyce Clark, Earl Waterstraat, Fred Avra, David Weber, Stephanie Weber, Judy Platek.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**- Supervisor Russ Jennings led the pledge to the American flag and reminded those present to vote Tuesday, August 6, 2019. Township Hall will be open 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM on Tuesday for voting.

**B. Agenda Additions/Deletions** – Under New Business: Russ Jennings motioned to add Item number 4. Zoning Permit. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT**- Separate Assessment Districts for Donnell and Bennett Drives. Signatures for each petition were reviewed by Supervisor Russ Jennings. Bennett Drive: 19 signatures of parcels with dwellings, 2 signatures of parcels without dwellings out of 26 total parcels representing 77% of total parcels. Donnell Drive: 27 signatures of parcels with dwellings out of 42 total parcels representing 64% of total parcels. Discussion focused on setting the annual fee and definition of parcel(s) to be charged the annual assessment. Assessment amount proposed to be \$60.00 per year per parcel with a dwelling. Parcels without a dwelling would not be assessed the \$60.00 annual fee. Bennett Drive: Earl Waterstraat motioned to proceed, Barry Demko second the motion. Donnell Drive: Gerald Rogers motioned to proceed, Joyce Clark second the motion. Trustee Harold Sneath motioned to approve with support by Treasurer, Ann Strong. Motion carried. Bills pertaining to Bennett Drive and bills pertaining to Donnell Drive will have to be handled separately. Supervisor Russ Jennings suggested the residents impacted by the separating of the Assessment Districts consider forming an Association in the future.

Judy Platek of 350 Crockett Drive shared photos with the Board she took of her neighbor's property to show the overgrown vegetation they see outside windows of their home. Issues include rats, sick raccoons, and horses parked on the adjacent property defecating close to the water's edge of the lake. Property also has a Tee Pee with a fort located behind the Tee Pee. Suggested resources to use to register complaints: Drain Commission, DEQ, Health Department. Zoning Administrator Matt Ashenfelter did meet with the neighbor recently. Supervisor Russ Jennings reminded those present Alganssee Township does not have a Blight Ordinance; the Township does have an established Junk Ordinance.

David and Stephanie Weber of 729 E. Central Road asked questions regarding a rumor of future Dollar General store might be located at the Northeast corner of Central and Fremont Roads. Board members have not received any inquiries. The property in question is zoned rural residential. Existing businesses located at the intersection of Central and Fremont Roads are grandfathered as they were established before Zoning.

**D. MINUTES- July 1, 2019 Township Board minutes** – Ann Strong motioned to approve revised minutes. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**June 24, 2019 Planning Commission minutes**- John Shilling motioned to accept the June 24, 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 \$510,364.64 with July income of \$64,000.02 and June expenses of \$28,910.92 giving a July balance of \$545,453.74. The Clerk agrees. Harold Sneath motioned to accept Treasurer's report. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

## **F. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**F.1. Quincy Fire Association** - Next Quincy Fire Association meeting will be on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Russ Jennings proposed contacting attorney again regarding Quincy Fire not living up to the Bylaws of fire protection coverage. Harold Sneath motioned to contact attorney. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**F.2. Planning Commission Report** – John Shilling nothing new to report.

**F.3. Zoning Board of Appeals** – ZBA did not meet.

**F.4. Alganssee web site** – Some new postings.

**F.5. Ordinance Violations** – Pidgeon Farms: Request to vacate given to renters by Martha Pidgeon. Renters will be evicted if they have not moved out within 10 days. Full course of the eviction could take up to 3 months.

**F.6. Complaint at 106 Wright Drive** – Health Department contacted. Form submitted.

## **G. OLD BUSINESS**

**G.1. Review mold issue at Township Hall** – old laws books have been removed from the shelves in the Township Hall and destroyed. Proposed to leave the Ledgers in the back room two file cabinets. John Shilling motioned with support by Anne Strong. Motion carried.

**G.2. Dust Control for Gravel Roads** – Complete except for one side of Lester Road. John Shilling will call the County again regarding Lester Road. Request will be made for a second application; which should be cheaper than first application of dust control.

**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 Document Shred** – Anne Gary will provide estimate updates and shred event will remain as new business until shred vendor selected and documents organized for shred.

**H.2. Recycle old computers and printers** – Erica Ewers will advise Supervisor Russ Jennings when the old hardware is ready for transport to Caudill & Sons which will pay the Township for the recycled items.

**H.3. Request to sell cemetery lots back to the Township** – Clerk Anne Gary reviewed research she did from sources of Secretary of State site, State of Michigan, and Michigan Townships Association site. Copy of proposed language for Sale of Cemetery Lot(s) to Township provided to each Board member. Harold Sneath motioned to approve form. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

**H.4. Zoning Permit** – Supervisor Russ Jennings gave a summary. The homeowner has a vested interest as permit(s) were issued. Zoning Administrator, Matt Ashenfelter, has stated the permit for the expansion of the original footprint of the existing porch was issued in error. The Township may take it to the ZBA at Township costs. If the ZBA does not approve, the Township would have to pay vested interest to remove porch. Rodney Carpenter, Chairman of the Planning Commission, provided history of two permit(s) issued: First permit was issued to maintain existing porch after payment of \$40.00 permit fee. Second permit was issued to expand footprint of existing porch after payment of \$40.00 fee. The outcome produced a legal nonconforming issue.

John Shilling motioned to take issue to the ZBA. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried. An ad will need to be published in the newspaper plus circulation for letters.

**H.5. Any Other New Business** – none.

**I. Bills-** Harold Sneath motioned to pay \$28,910.92 in bills, plus payment to Election Inspectors. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

## **J. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**J.1. Zoning Administrator's Report** - Zoning Administrator, Matt Ashenfelter, July report, copy provided to the Board.

**J.2. Branch County Commissioner's Report** – no report.

**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, July 2, 2019 – August 5, 2019 report, copy provided to the Board.

**K. Correspondence** – Charter Communications Franchise renewal, MTA membership sticker for 2019-2020, copy of 2019 July Board of Review minutes, Branch ISD, Reading Community Schools. Branch ISD and Reading given to Treasurer Ann Strong for her files. DEQ permit, 234 Bickford Drive, copy sent to Eric Ewers. Request for more information from Sexton Tyler Buttes regarding headstone damages to be provided to Township Insurance Company. CBPU 2019 Household Hazardous Waste Event will take place on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Schlubatis Hall, Branch county Fairgrounds.

**L. Public Comment** – Deeds issued for Cemetery Lots are not recorded with the County of Branch. Requests for printed copies for recent and current Township meetings be provided at the meetings. Supervisor Russ Jennings stated Minutes are also posted on the Township website.

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

**N. Adjournment-** John Shilling motioned to adjourn. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried. The Alganssee Township Board meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Anne Gary, Clerk