

September 3, 2019 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER on Tuesday, September 3, 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 Nick & Sarah Robertson, Jim & Shirley Neunschwander, Chris Donato, Sandy Rogers, Gerald Rogers, Judy Platek, David Oldham, Randy Zachrich, Jean Toth, Earl Waterstraat, Barry Demko, Mary Agostini, John Krasula, Jeff & Sue Mistor, Fred Avra, Billie Avra.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Clerk Anne Gary led the pledge to the American flag.

B. Agenda Additions/Deletions – Ann Strong motioned to approve the Agenda. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT- Supervisor Russ Jennings opened the floor for general public comment before turning the floor over to public comment regarding Separate Assessment Districts for Donnell and Bennett Drives.

Unfunded Ordinance Violations. Shed 5x5 (Rubbermaid style) came 2 feet onto neighbor's property. Minimum requirement is 7 feet side property setbacks. Zoning Administration issue. Matt Ashenfelter, Zoning Administrator, recommended to get a survey done and the setback issue will be addressed.

Judy Platek requested clarification regarding line of sight. Her neighbor's unkept vegetation still blocks her view to get out of her driveway. Matt Ashenfelter, Zoning Administrator, demonstrated line of sight as it pertains to the intersection. The neighbor has cut the weeds back 30 feet according to the markings Matt placed on the pavement 30 feet each way. Judy requested the Board take up a Bligh Ordinance. Supervisor Russ Jennings asked for a motion to initiate review of possibly establishing a Blight Ordinance in Alganssee Township. No motions were made by any of the Board members present.

Jean Toth discussed poor visibility on Warren Road regarding seeing Amish students as they walk to school. An article recently published in the Daily Reporter where Senator Shirkey discussed need for safety regulations to address transportation risks of the Amish.

C.1. Russ Jennings asked Clerk Anne Gary to report on the validity of the signed petition(s) and tax assessor roll(s) for Bennett Drive and Donnell Drive. The signatures and names on the roll(s) matched. Gerald Rogers motioned to accept and Chris Donato, Jr. second the motion for Donnell Drive. Earl Waterstraat motioned to accept and Barry Demko second the motion for Bennett Drive. Motion to proceed approved for Bennett Drive and Donnell Drive.

C.2. Property owners with dwellings will be assessed \$60.00 per year. Also, property owners on entrance to Donnell Drive off Central Road will be assessed \$60.00 per parcel per year. Gerald Rogers motioned to approve and Dave Oldham second the motion to approve for Donnell Drive. Earl Waterstraat motioned to approve and Barry Demko second the motion for Bennett Drive.

Motion to approve the validity and the assessment role by the Board of Trustees made by Harold Sneath, support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

D. MINUTES- August 5, 2019 Township Board minutes – Harold Sneath motioned to approve Township Board Minutes. Second by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

July 2019 Planning Commission minutes- none received.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

E.1. August Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Ann Strong reported the township's July balance was \$545,453.74 with August income of \$370.00 and July expenses of \$18,785.80 giving an August balance of \$527,037.94. 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 – John Shilling expressed concern that the Quincy Fire Association will not follow the agreement guidelines of the Association. When the new fire engine was purchased, only one quote was

received. Alganssee Township is not obligated to pay toward the new fire engine. Russ Jennings stated he hopes Alganssee Township can afford to remain in the Association.

F.2. Planning Commission Report – John Shilling shared concerns about expanding operation at 789 Lester Road. Property is in agriculture zone. Family members representing answered questions from the Board about various activities taking place on the property. Russ Jennings asked for a motion regarding Salvage, Special Use. John Shilling motioned. Support by Harold Sneath. Motioned carried with 3 yea's and 2 nay's.

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

F.4. Alganssee web site

F.5. Ordinance Violations

* Pridgeon Farms: Renters have been evicted.

* Complaint at 109 Wright Drive – asked Don Vrablic to assist. No response yet from the Health Department.

* Review of property at 789 Lester Road for expansion of salvage and junk.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G.1. Dust control update for gravel roads – done.

G.2. New gravel for Campbell and Warren Roads – done.

G.3. Request to shred documents that have exceeded record retention. Motion by Ann Strong with support by John Shilling to approve \$100.00 expenditure for shredding.

G.4. Any other old business – none.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1. Request to renew rent agreement for Alganssee Library – tabled for now.

H.2. Several election items and updates reviewed by Anne Gary. Harold Sneath motioned to approve expenditure of about \$700.00 for new lap top for the electronic poll book. Support by Ann Strong. Motioned carried.

I. Bills- Harold Sneath motioned to pay \$49,332.54 in bills, plus expense for new lap top. 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, August 5, 2019 – September 3, 2019 report, copy provided to the Board.

K. Correspondence – Michigan Gas Utilities, notice of Hearing, Caywood Propane Gas, Inc., Charter Communications, adjustment to Quarterly Franchise Fee Payment.

M. Next Meeting- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the next regular meeting will be Monday, October 7, 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 8:35 pm.

Anne Gary, Clerk