

# February 3, 2020 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER** on Monday, February 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 Rod Bassage, Valerie White, Tom Matthew.

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

**B. Agenda Additions/Deletions** – John Shilling motioned to approve with two additions under New Business. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

## **C. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**C.1.** Supervisor Russ Jennings opened the floor to public comment from Branch County. Valerie White, Branch County Prosecutor Valerie White introduced herself. Valerie is fulfilling an appointed term that ends December 21, 2020. She is available to speak before groups as a guest speaker.

## **D MINUTES**

**D.1. January 6, 2020 Township Board minutes** – Ann Strong motioned to motioned to approve. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

**D.2. Planning Commission minutes** – John Shilling motioned to approve November 25, 2019 Planning Commission minutes. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

## **E. TREASURER’S REPORT**

**E.1. January Treasurer’s Report** - Treasurer Ann Strong reported the township’s January balance was \$502,079.84 with January income of \$34,557.06 and expenses of \$28,169.60 giving a February balance of \$508,467.30 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** – Supervisor Russ Jennings stated no new items to report. Fire Chief Mike Sherman stated calls for 2019 were up about 16 percent from 2018.

**F.2. Planning Commission Report** – Supervisor Russ Jennings needs McKenna Wind, Solar, Special Use language for the next Planning Commission meeting the last Monday of February.

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

**F.4. Alganssee web site** – Supervisor Russ Jennings new postings on home page of the web site. Russ encouraged Board members to review the items posted.

### **F.5. Ordinance Violations**

\* Pridgeon Farms – people who left the trash on the property have been ordered by Branch County Court to clean it up. Martha Pridgeon will take care of it.

## **G. OLD BUSINESS**

**G.1.** Mallard Cove – Supervisor Russ Jennings needs negative balance from Treasurer Ann Strong regarding Mallard Cove before drafting a letter to send.

## **H. NEW BUSINESS**

**H.1. Road Commission Contract for 2020** cost sharing to be \$76,658.60. This is about \$15,000 higher than previous year. John Shilling motioned to approve said amount. Support by Harold Shilling. Motion carried.

**H.2. State Representative, Eric Leutheuser’s office** called with a request to use Alganssee Township Hall for a Town Hall meeting Friday, February 14, 2020. Copies of Michigan Bills: SB 622-24 & HB 5208-10 regarding horse-drawn vehicles available on sign-in table. Alganssee residents are encouraged to bring their questions to the Town Hall. Motion by Ann Strong to approve meeting use of the Hall. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

**H.3. CBPU** has set the date for their next household hazardous waste collection: Saturday September 26, 2020. Township will be charged \$33.00 per residence participating in the event. Cost to the Township in 2019 was \$262.00. Harold Sneath motioned to approve 2020 participation level at \$33.00 per residence. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**H.4. Annual bids Sexton and Lawn Care.** Ad needs to be published in both the Daily Reporter and Shoppers Guide. Motion by Ann Strong for advertising expense. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

**I. Bills-** John Shilling motioned to pay \$6,485.90 in bills. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

**J. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**J.1. Zoning Administrator's Report** – Supervisor Russell Jennings read Zoning Administrator, Matt Ashenfelter, January, report, copy provided to the Board.

**J.2. Branch County Commissioner's Report** – Tom Matthew stated the bond process kicks into high gear starting February and into March of 2020. The March 2020 construction bids are due. The State of Michigan is planning for improvements of about \$3.5 billion on main roads over the next five years.

**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, January 7, 2020 – February 3, 2020 report, copy provided to the Board. Federal Poverty Guidelines were presented for Board approval. Motion by Ann Strong to approve. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried. Resolution regarding March, 2020 Board of Review was offered by Board Member, Ann Strong and Second offered by Board Member, Harold Sneath. Roll call vote was noted as follows: Aye: Jennings, Strong, Shilling, Sneath, Gary. Nay: zero. The Alganssee Board of Review will meet on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 12, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Alganssee Township Hall.

**K. Correspondence** – Clerk Anne Gary reviewed: Hearing announcement of Michigan Public Service Commission, Charter Communications deletion of FOX Soccer Plus Channels, Branch County Road Commission request for Township Board of Directors email addresses.

**L. Public Comment** – None.

**M. Next Meeting-** Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the next regular meeting will be Monday, March 2, 2020 7:30 pm at the Alganssee Township Hall.

**N. Adjournment-** Harold Sneath motioned to adjourn. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried. The Alganssee Township Board meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Anne Gary, Clerk