

March 2, 2020 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER on Monday, March 2, 2020 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 Paul Shilling, Rod Bassage, Andrew Fink, David Nastally.

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

B. Agenda Additions/Deletions – John Shilling motioned to approve with one addition under New Business for review of PA-116. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

C.1. Supervisor Russ Jennings opened the floor to public comment. Andrew Fink introduced himself as a candidate for State Representative. Andrew lives in Hillsdale and is married with five children. He supports pro-life and voiced several concerns as to why he is running for State representative. Educated at Hillsdale University and University of Michigan law school. Formerly a Marine Corp attorney. Andrew is now in private practice and describes himself as mission-focused.

C.2. Sheriff John Pollack provided updates regarding the new jail. Due to results of the soil borings, the proposed site has moved to the Southeast portion of the lot. The budget for the new jail construction is back in line. Requests for bids were sent out 2-28-2020. Fifth annual "Shop with a Cop" was a success 12-19-2020. Department has received approval to hire two additional deputies.

D MINUTES

D.1. February 3, 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 January 27, 2020 Planning Commission minutes. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

E.1. March Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Ann Strong reported the township's February balance was \$508,467.30 with February income of \$997.27 and expenses of \$6,485.90 giving a March balance of \$502,978.67 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(QFA) – Supervisor Russ Jennings shared the request from Quincy Fire Department for Alganssee Township to relinquish any future claims of ownership of the new truck purchased at a price of \$666,000. At the time of purchase, Quincy Fire Association refused to get more than one quote to present for purchase of the new fire engine. Alganssee Township is not making payments directly on the truck. However; the Township does make sizeable quarterly payments to the QFA. Motion by Ann Strong to have an attorney review by HaasCayood PC of said request. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

F.2. Planning Commission Report – continues to work on wind turbine language and special use permits for less than 40 acres.

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

F.4. Alganssee web site – Supervisor Russ Jennings stated web site is up and running.

F.5. Ordinance Violations

* Pridgeon Farms – court order has not happened regarding Pridgeon Farms (Martha Pridgeon).

G. OLD BUSINESS

G.1. Mallard Cove – Supervisor Russ Jennings will send a letter out to Mallard Cove residents encouraging them to participate in the Marble Lake Association weed control program and discontinue their current weed control program.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1. Road Commission Contract for 2020 Twenty percent discount if 50% of Township shared expense is paid by May 1, 2020. This will be approximately \$24,016 for gravel roads and \$28,634 for seal coat roads. Roll call vote: Aye's: John Shilling, Harold Sneath, Russ Jennings, Ann Strong, Anne Gary.

H.2. Requirement and approval for Deputy Clerk Anne Gary, Clerk, shared request for approval of pay scale of \$14 per hour for position of Deputy clerk. When asked for an estimate of number of hours worked prior to election day, Anne estimated 20 hours. Deputy Clerk will also work at the Precinct on election days. Motion by Ann Strong for approval of pay scale. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

H.3. Review Bids for Sexton and lawn care Supervisor Russ Jennings opened the two closed bids. Arthur Preston of Bronson, MI and Butters Excavating of Coldwater, MI. Preston bid was \$8,090 for lawn care for one- year contract. Butters bid was \$12,000 for one-year contract to cover mowing/trimming every two weeks. Butters offered to lock in contract price for two years. Motion by Harold Sneath to accept Butters two-year bid. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

H.4. Consider revising Board Meeting Schedule Tabled until Annual Meeting March 28, 2020.

H.5. Cemetery lot encroachment, Lot 361, Lester Cemetery Mrs. Mary Jensen has discussed with Sexton, Tyler Butters, need to get a replacement cemetery lot close to Lot 361 in Lester Cemetery. Mrs. Jensen has her original Cemetery Deed from March 29, 1999. When the weather improves, Tyler and Clerk, Anne Gary, will meet with Mrs. Jensen at Lester Cemetery for selection of replacement lot. Motion by Ann Strong to give replacement lot to Mrs. Jensen. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried. Discussion by the Board to explore computer documented Cemetery lots as plots for both Fisher Hill and Lester cemeteries are difficult to read. Tyler said Jackson, MI has a company that he deals with regarding other cemeteries his company services.

H.6. Board of Review (BOR): Organizational meeting Tuesday, March 3rd at 2:00 pm.

H.7. BOR upcoming dates: Wednesday, March 11th 9 am – noon and 1 pm to 4 pm.

Thursday, March 12th 1 pm – 4 pm and 6 pm – 9 pm.

H.8. Presidential Primary Election: March 10th 7 am – 8 pm. Sample ballots on sin-in table for Board Meeting.

H.9. Drain Commissioner, Mike Herd: Will be at Alganssee Township Hall Friday, March 6th at 9 am for review of drain the needs repaired.

H.10. Annual Meeting: Saturday Mach 28th at 10:00 am. Publish notice of meeting 15 days in advance in both the Daily Reporter and the Shoppers Guide.

H.11. Paul Shilling PA-116: Four parcels submitted for prior approval by the Board pending Soil Conservation and County approval. Motion by Harold Sneath to approve. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

I. Payment of Bills- Harold Sneath motioned to pay \$8,126.80 in bills. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J.1. Zoning Administrator's Report – Matt Ashenfelter, February report, copy provided to the Board.

J.2. Branch County Commissioner's Report – Tom Matthew, not present, no report.

J.3. Alganssee Library Report- Alganssee Library Branch Manager Janice Clark's report was sent via email.

J.4. Assessor's Report- Assessor, Erica Ewers, February 4, 2020 – March 2, 2020 report, copy provided to the Board. Notices of assessment mailed 2-26-2020. No poverty exemptions submitted as of this date.

K. Correspondence – Supervisor Russ Jennings reviewed letter from McKenna. Their rates are increasing as of March 1, 2020. Chris Cory's rate will be approximately \$120.00 per hour.

L. Public Comment – None.

M. Next Meeting- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the next regular meeting will be Monday, April 6, 2020 7:30 pm 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 8:46 pm.

Anne Gary, Clerk