

May 4, 2020 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER on Monday, May 4, 2020 at 7:30pm. Supervisor Russ Jennings called the Alganssee Township Board meeting conducted via Zoom technology to order. All members were present- Supervisor Russ Jennings, Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee John Shilling, Trustee Harold Sneath, and Clerk, Anne Gary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Clerk Anne Gary led the United States Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Agenda Additions/Deletions – Harold Sneath motioned to approve the Agenda. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried by roll call vote of each board member-5 Yes.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Decker, Risk Manager, Decker Agency, gave an overview of the renewal of the Township policy. The Township has added Public Officials Liability Coverage (Wrongful Acts) based on the recommendations of Decker Agency. The \$159.00 for the coverage represents a 3.4% additional cost on the base renewal of \$4,606.00.

D MINUTES

D.1. March 4, 2020 Township Board Minutes – Harold Sneath motioned to motioned to approve. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried by roll call vote of each board member-5 Yes. Due to the Governor’s “Stay at Home” order, Supervisor Russ Jennings cancelled the **April 6, 2020** Township Board meeting. Advance notice of the cancellation was provided at the Hall, Township website and on the WTVB website.

D.2. February 24, 2020 Planning Commission Minutes – minutes tabled for approval by Township board as Planning Commission has not met to approve their meeting minutes.

E. TREASURER’S REPORT

E.1. April Treasurer’s Report - Treasurer Ann Strong reported the Township’s March balance was \$502,978.67 with April income of \$100,778.45 and March expenses of \$9,224.31 giving an April balance of \$594,532.81. The Clerk agrees. Harold Sneath motioned to accept the April Treasurer’s report. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried by roll call vote of each board member-5 Yes.

E.2. May Treasurer’s Report - Treasurer Ann Strong reported the Township’s April balance was \$594,532.81 with May income of \$31,729.40 and April expenses of \$64,107.14 giving a May balance of \$562,155.07. The Clerk agrees. John Shilling motioned to accept the May Treasurer’s report. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried by roll call vote of each board member-5 Yes.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F.1. Quincy Fire Association (QFA) – Supervisor Russ Jennings reported \$19,000 of the \$23,000 excess from the Capital Budget paid for two full time fire fighters 24 hours per day as back-up for emergency personnel during the month of April, 2020. Additional reinforcement, if needed, regarding COVID-19 emergencies. QFA has now returned to regular hours as volunteers.

F.2. Planning Commission Report – Planning Commission did not meet.

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 – Supervisor Russ Jennings will call Martha Pridgeon. Excess trash needs to be cleaned up now.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G.1. Mallard Cove – Supervisor Russ Jennings stated Mallard Cove residents are required to update their assessment for aquatic weed control. This would require a representative for Mallard Cove going door to door to get signatures. Due to COVID-19 issues; getting signatures not likely. Russ will contact Scott with the weed control service for Mallard Cove and inform Scott the Township will not pay for the weed control.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1. Approval for QFD Agreement - Motion by Harold Sneath for approval of the modified ownership language of new fire truck. Changes in language recommended by Township attorney. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried by roll call vote of each board member-5 Yes.

H.2. Tom Matthew County Commissioner - No report. Not present at the meeting.

H.3. Monthly Zoom meetings - Cost for Zoom runs \$20.00 per month. Matt Ashenfelter agreed to continue to host the Zoom meetings for the Township Board. Matt will submit for reimbursement for the Zoom membership fees. Motion by Harold Sneath with support by Ann Strong to continue the Zoom service to use

when in-person meetings are not feasible. Advance notice of alternate meeting arrangements (not meeting in-person at the Hall) will be posted at the Township Hall and on the Township website. Motion carried by roll call vote of each board member-5 Yes.

I. Payment of Bills April and May - Bills presented in the amount of \$64,107.14 for **April, 2020**. Motion by Harold Sneath with support by Ann Strong to pay the bills. Motion carried by roll call vote of each board member-5 Yes. Bills presented in the amount of \$15,173.16 for **May, 2020**. Motion by John Shilling with support by Harold Sneath to pay the bills. Motion carried by roll call vote of each board member-5 Yes.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J.1. Zoning Administrator's Report – Matt Ashenfelter, April report, copy provided to the Board. Only two permits issued. Matt has been able to meet residents outside their dwellings and maintain social distancing. Matt is working with the Planning Commission to get meetings scheduled using Zoom technology until in-person meetings are allowed to resume. Residents have been understanding regarding delays for decisions on requests to be submitted.

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

J.3. Alganssee Library Report- Branch County public libraries are closed through the end of May, 2020 and may be continued if Governor's executive orders extend "Stay at Home".

J.4. Assessor's Report- Assessor, Erica Ewers, March 3, 2020 – May 4, 2020 report, copy provided to the Board. Erica presented highlights from her report.

K. Correspondence – Some utility work is being done along Ray Quincy Road for installing high speed internet service.

L. Public Comment – No additional public comment.

M. Next Meeting- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the next regular meeting will be Monday, June 1, 2020 7:30 pm using Zoom technology. Matt Ashenfelter will send out the Zoom meeting invitation.

N. Adjournment- Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried by roll call vote of each board member-5 Yes. The Alganssee Township Board meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Anne Gary, Clerk