

July 6, 2020 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER on Monday, July 6, 2020 at 7:30 pm. Supervisor Russ Jennings called the Alganssee Township Board meeting 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 – John Shilling motioned to approve the Agenda with addition of item number 4 under New Business to discuss Township response to lime sludge dumping. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Laterno representing Mallard Cove homeowners regarding Aquatic Weed Special Assessment will return with Mark Knaack to the Board's August 10, 2020 meeting. Due to the Clerk's schedule, hearings were postponed until August 10th meeting and letters will be mailed to Assessment District property owners by July 24, 2020.

Dennis Parker of Hamman Road, Quincy, MI spoke to the Board about the dumping of lime sludge by Rocky River Development LLC out of Sylvania OH. Both Matt Ashenfelter, Township Zoning, and Russ Jennings, Township Supervisor, provided comments to the concerns. Russ had checked with the Township Attorney – who stated scientific document in writing would be required before the Township may take action. Matt said if the dumping violates procedure, the company must get a permit. The volume of dumping is as a rate of 10 truckloads on less than an acre of farm land.

D MINUTES

D.1. June 1, 2020 Township Board Minutes – Ann Strong motioned to approve. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

D.2. February 24, 2020 Planning Commission Minutes – John Shilling motioned to approve. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

July Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Ann Strong reported the Township's June balance was \$587,407.45 with June income of \$721.06 and June expenses of \$45,231.58 giving a July balance of \$561,243.11. The Clerk agrees. John shilling motioned to accept the June Treasurer's report. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F.1. Quincy Fire Association (QFA) – Will discuss under New Business.

F.2. Planning Commission Report – Met at Pine Ridge Church to accommodate group size and social distance due to back log of requests.

F.3. Zoning Board of Appeals

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

F.5. Ordinance Violations

* Pridgeon Farms – Some improvement is noticeable. Moton by John Shilling to remove Pridgeon violation agenda item going forward. Support by Anne Gary. Motion carried.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G.1. Mallard Cove Aquatic Weed Special Assessment tabled until August 10, 2020 Board meeting.

G.2. Web site to be updated to reflect current cemetery pricing for burial expenses. Clerk, Anne Gary, will provide a copy of Sexton Tyler Butter's price list.

G.3. Supervisor, Russ Jennings, proposed the Township Board consider the Premium Pass for online training for all MTA courses for all Boards of the Township. Motion by Harold Sneath to approve expenses of \$1,900 for the one-year Premium Pass. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1. Request from QFD to sell old rescue/pumper truck to provide funds for new ladder truck. The pumper truck does not work. The Township's sunk cost in the truck is about \$6,400. QFD will receive about \$20,000 from the sale of the old truck. Motion by Harold Sneath to allow QFD to keep the \$6,400 of sunk cost to apply toward purchase of a new truck. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

H.2. BOR will meet 7-21-2020 at 2:00 pm at the Township Hall. Taxpayers are allowed to do an appeal at the 7-21-2020 BOR but may not re-appeal. New appeals only will be heard.

H.3. Primary election will be Tuesday, August 4, 2020 from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm.

H.4 Approval for lime sludge testing for heavy metals and arsenic at an estimated cost of \$175.00. The Township is not obligated to get testing done. Neighboring properties have rights to pursue injunctions. Motion by John Shilling with support by Harold Sneath to do a one-time testing at a cost of \$175.00 or less. Motion carried.

I. Payment of Bills July - Bills presented in the amount of \$45,231.58. Motion by Harold Sneath with support by John Shilling to pay the bills. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J.1. Zoning Administrator's Report – Matt Ashenfelter, June report, copy provided to the Board. Four permits issued. R-1 specifies Residential request type and Ag specifies Agricultural request type. Packages will be going out to the Planning commission.

J.2. Branch County Commissioner's Report

J.3. Alganssee Library Report- Library started curb side service June 16, 2020.

J.4. Assessor's Report- Assessor, Erica Ewers, June 2, 2020 – July 6, 2020 report, copy provided to the Board. Erica requested approval of the wording she prepared for "Resolution for Procedures for Conducting Personal Property Discovery & Canvass". Motion by Ann Strong with support by Harold Sneath. Roll call vote: John Shilling – Yes, Harold Sneath – Yes, Russ Jennings- Yes, Ann Strong – Yes, Anne Gary -Yes. Motion carried.

K. Correspondence

L. Public Comment – Dead trees at Fisher Hill Cemetery. Likely future head stone damages could occur if the trees are not removed. Sexton Tyler Butters to get estimates on removal of three trees at Fisher Hill.

M. Next Meeting- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the next regular meeting will be Monday, August 10, 2020 7:30 pm at the Alganssee Township Hall.

N. Adjournment- Ann Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried. Board meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Anne Gary, Clerk