

June 1, 2020 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER on Monday, June 1, 2020 at 7:33pm. 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 with the change of Payment of Bills, June (not April & May). Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried by roll call vote of each board member-5 Yes.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Knaack and Gary Laterno representing Mallard Cove homeowners regarding Aquatic Weed Special Assessment. Petition 3427 to dissolve Aquatic Weed Special Assessment. Petition 3428 to UPDATE & RENEW the Mallard Cove Aquatic Weed Special Assessment District.

Motion by Gary Laterno with support by Mark Knaack for Alganssee Township Board to have hearing on 3427.

Motion carried by roll call vote of each board member – 5 Yes.

Motion by Gary Laterno with support by Mark Knaack for Alganssee Township Board to have hearing on 3428.

Motion carried by roll call vote of each board member – 5 Yes.

Supervisor Russ Jennings requested Gary and Mark to attend the July 6, 2020 Township Board Meeting where the two hearings will be held back to back. Notice of hearing needs to be published in the Daily Reporter and Shopper's Guide at least 15 days in advance of the meeting. Letters also need to be mailed to each property owner. Russ asked Clerk Anne Gary to provide copy of letter and notice used for Bennett/Donnell Assessment District hearings held in 2019 to sue as a guide for wording of the Mallard Cove hearings.

D MINUTES

D.1. May 4, 2020 Township Board Minutes – Harold Sneath motioned to approve. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried by roll call vote of each board member-5 Yes.

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

June Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Ann Strong reported the Township's May balance was \$562,155.07 with June income of \$40,425.54 and May expenses of \$15,173.16 giving a June balance of \$587,407.45. The Clerk agrees. Harold Sneath motioned to accept the June Treasurer's report. Support by John Shilling. 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 QFA did not meet.

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

* Pidgeon Farms – Some improvement is noticeable.

G. OLD BUSINESS

None

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1. Clerk Anne Gary asked for approval to purchase 20 veteran flag holders for use at Fisher Hill and Lester cemeteries. Motion by Harold Sneath with support by Ann Strong. Motion carried by roll call vote of each board member-5 Yes.

H.2. Election inspector training in June for renewals and new inspectors. County provides the training at no cost to the Township. Township pays \$20 for training per election worker.

H.3. Branch County Equalization form to be signed by Supervisor and Clerk and returned to the County. 0.7879 millage requested to be levied December 1, 2020.

H.4 MTA online learning subscriptions are available.

H.5 Website needs to be updated with new prices for Sexton services. Tabled until July 6, 2020 meeting.

H.6 Clerk Anne Gary provided update on Shilling PA-116 reviews received so far.

I. Payment of Bills June - Bills presented in the amount of \$22,835.40 plus \$4,050.00 to Quality Asphalt Paving half of Donnell Dr. road work for June, 2020. Motion by Harold Sneath with support by John Shilling 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, May report, copy provided to the Board. Only three permits issued. Matt has been able to meet residents outside their dwellings and maintain social distancing. Several pending land split hearings. Hearing will need to be published in newspapers in advance of the hearing. Received some zoning complaints – mostly about lawns not being cut. The Township does not have an ordinance power to enforce lawn cutting. Supervisor Russ Jennings recommended neighbors could pitch in and cut the grass.

J.2. Branch County Commissioner's Report – Tom Matthew, provided a report on Covid-19 statistics.

J.3. Alganssee Library Report- Branch County public libraries are still closed. They might re-open June 8, 2020.

J.4. Assessor's Report- Assessor, Erica Ewers, May 5, 2020 – June 1, 2020 report, copy provided to the Board. Erica presented highlights from her report. The Board of Review will meet July 21, 2020 at 2:00 pm at the Township Hall. State Tax Commission will meet June 8, 2020. Erica has completed all 16 hours of online class instruction.

K. Correspondence – Charter update about Spectrum channel lineup changes.

L. Public Comment – No additional public comment.

M. Next Meeting- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the next regular meeting will be Monday, July 6, 2020 7:30 pm at the Alganssee Township Hall.

N. Adjournment- Harold Sneath motioned to adjourn. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried by roll call vote of each board member-5 Yes. The Alganssee Township Board meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Anne Gary, Clerk