

September 14, 2020 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7:30 pm. Supervisor Russ Jennings called the Alganssee Township Board meeting to order. All members were present except Ann Strong, Treasurer. Supervisor Russ Jennings, 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 the addition of H-3 under New Business to review quotes for tree removal at Fisher Hill Cemetery. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

C-1 Jean Toth asked about Township Board meetings starting at 7:00 pm instead of 7:30 pm. Supervisor Russ Jennings replied any changes to the meeting calendar of the Township Board have to be approved at the Annual Meeting which takes place each year in March.

D MINUTES

D.1. August 10, 2020 Township Board Minutes – John Shilling motioned to approve minutes with language submitted to list specific dollar amounts of Petition 3428 and Petition 3427 regarding Mallard Cove Aquatic Weed Special Assessment District. Also, language stating Township Board passing of each Petition. Clerk Anne Gary will update the minutes to reflect the changes. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

D.2. July 2020 Planning Commission Minutes – Planning Commission did not meet.

TREASURER'S REPORT

September Treasurer's Report – Supervisor Russ Jennings read the Treasurer's report. The Township's August balance was \$550,277.54 with August income of \$34,266.00 and July expenses of \$22,088.66 giving a September balance of \$558,674.59. The Clerk agrees. John Shilling motioned to accept the September Treasurer's report. Support by Harold Sneath. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F.1. Quincy Fire Association (QFA) – Supervisor Russ Jennings and Trustee Harold Sneath attended the QFA meeting. New ladder truck should be in place by now. The QFA meets every two months.

F.2. Planning Commission Report – no report.

F.3. Zoning Board of Appeals – no report.

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

F.5. Ordinance Violations – none.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G.1. One-year subscription for MTA online learning. Supervisor Russ Jennings will send in email addresses for incoming board members to gain access to online classes.

G.2. Trustee John Shilling reported the dust control is complete on designated roads. Process provided improved results over dust control of 2019.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1. Supervisor Russ Jennings discussed board approval for MTA language changes to FOIA documents. Documents were mailed to each Board member for review prior to September Board meeting. John Shilling motioned to approve updated documents for posting to the website. Support by Harold Sneath. Clerk Anne Gary will re-send document to Russ with approval date for posting to website.

H.2. Board approval to issue ticket to Sandra Ely to remove trailer at 291 Winnhoven. Large tree fell crushing unoccupied mobile home and neighbor's fence. Zoning Administrator, Matt Ashenfelter, has sent three letters with no response from Sandra Ely. Harold Sneath motioned to proceed with ticket. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried.

H.3. Sexton Tyler Butters submitted quoted of \$750.00 each to remove two large Cherry trees at Fisher Hill Cemetery. Future storm damage to the trees could cause destruction of headstones at the cemetery. Motion by Harold Sneath to accept the bids. Support by Anne Gary. Motion carried.

I. Payment of Bills August - Bills presented in the amount of \$19,051.51. 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, August report, copy provided to the Board. Supervisor Russ Jennings reviewed highlights of the report.

J.2. Branch County Commissioner's Report – Tom Matthew, August report, copy provided to the Board. Supervisor Russ Jennings reviewed highlights of the report.

J.3. Alganssee Library Report- Supervisor Russ Jennings read library report provided by Janice Clark.

J.4. Assessor's Report- Assessor, Erica Ewers, August 4, 2020 – September 14, 2020 report, copy provided to the Board. Erica discussed recent real estate sales coming in at \$100,000 above valuations. No field work is allowed yet due to COVID-19 restrictions. Verifications of property values are being done with Real Property Statements and survey sheets which leads to additional mailing costs. December Board of Review is scheduled for December 15, 2020.

K. Correspondence - none

L. Public Comment – Supervisor Russ Jennings informed those in attendance that the dump off Ridge Road is closed forever. Residents who chose not to use a Republic Services container at their home will need to go to Republic Services location in Coldwater.

M. Next Meeting- Supervisor Russ Jennings reported the next regular meeting will be Monday, October 5, 2020 7:30 pm at the Alganssee Township Hall.

N. Adjournment- Harold Sneath motioned to adjourn. Support by John Shilling. Motion carried. Board meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Anne Gary, Clerk