

January 4, 2021 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 7:30 pm. Supervisor Russ Jennings called the Alganssee Township Board meeting conducted via Zoom technology to order. All members were present- Supervisor Russ Jennings, Treasurer Sarah Strong, Trustee Jason Shilling, Trustee Rod Bassage, and Clerk Anne Gary.

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

B. Agenda Additions/Deletions – Agenda changes by Supervisor Russ Jennings. Meeting start time will be 6:30 pm February 1, 2021 to hold the Budget Workshop prior to the 7:30 pm Board Meeting. Line items to be reviewed under New Business H-2. Motion to approve agenda with changes by Rod Bassage. Support by Jason Shilling. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT – Supervisor Russ Jennings introduced applications from Sharon Atkinson and Shane Metzger for open positions on Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. Sharon attended meeting via Zoom.

After Board review and commentary, Rod Bassage made a motion to nominate Sharon for the Planning Commission. Support by Jason Shilling. Motion carried.

Sarah Strong made a motion to nominate Shane Metzger for Zoning Board of Appeals. Support by Anne Gary. Motion carried.

Supervisor Russ Jennings will follow up with both Sharon and Shane regarding additional training. One remaining vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals to be filled.

D MINUTES

D.1. December 2020 Board Minutes Motion by Jason Shilling to approve minutes. Support by Rod Bassage. Motion carried.

D.2. September 2020 Planning Commission Minutes – Approval of minutes skipped by Township Board as Planning Commission has not met to approve their September 2020 minutes.

E. TREASURER’S REPORT

January Treasurer’s Report – The Township’s December balance was \$520,819.07 with December income of \$50.00 and December expenses of \$12,943.19 giving a January balance of \$507,925.88. The Clerk agrees. Rod Bassage motioned to accept the January Treasurer’s report. Support by Jason Shilling. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F.1. Quincy Fire Association (QFA) – Next meeting for the QFA is Thursday, February 11, 2011 at 5:30 pm.

F.2. Planning Commission Report – no report.

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

F.4. Alganssee website – no reported website issues.

F.5. Ordinance Violations – no open issues.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G.1. MTA online courses are available for all members of various boards of the Township on a one-year paid subscription valid through August of 2021. Supervisor Russ Jennings encourages participation by each Board Member to take courses pertaining to role on the Board.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1. Approval for QFD 2021 budget Alganssee Township portion should be \$6,000. Supervisor Russ Jennings will follow up next week with QFD. Motion by Sarah Strong to table issue until next board meeting. Support by Jason Shilling. Motion carried.

H.2. Budget Workshop start time. Motion by Anne Gary to start workshop at 6:30 pm Monday 2-1-2021. Support by Sarah Strong. Motion carried.

Budget Workshop line items.

- Cemetery Refund from \$0 to \$80
- Clerk Mileage from \$200 to \$350
- Township Board Supplies from \$200 to \$250
- Township Board Twp Newsletter from \$350 to \$373.85
- Public Works Dust Control from \$14,500 to \$14,802.90

Motion by Rod Bassage to approve listed budget line item increases and to table line item regarding Tyler Butters invoices versus receipts until board meeting 2-1-2021. Support by Jason Shilling. Motion carried.

H.3. CBPU household hazardous waste participation with the City of Coldwater. Cost to Algansee Township for year 2020 was \$330.00. Ten households participated from our Township. The rate charged per household is \$33.00 (not based on quantity household brings to dispose). Event occurs annually in September. Motion to participate again in 2021 by Sara Strong. Support by Jason Shilling. Motion carried.

H.4. Appointment Board of Review current members for two-year term. Supervisor Russ Jennings listed Matt Ashenfelter, Billie Avra, David Dryer for renewal. Motion by Sarah Strong to approve. Support by Jason Shilling. Motion carried.

H.5. Board of Review online training required by the State of Michigan. Cost is \$90.00 for the group rate. Training is due for completion by the end of February, 2021. Motion by Jason Shilling to approve \$90.00 check payable to MTA. Support by Sarah Strong. Motion carried.

H.6. Forfeiture Reports since last Board Meeting. None – which completes the record for calendar year 2020. Clerk Anne Gary will submit report to Michigan State Police.

H.7. Poverty Exemption Resolution to allow 2-years without re-filing. Township has treated all poverty exemptions in the past on a re-file basis every year. Typically occurs at the July Board of Review meeting. Motion by Rod Bassage to continue with re-file process yearly. Support by Jason Shilling. Motion carried.

I. Payment of Bills December - Bills presented in the amount of \$8,954.41. Jason Shilling motioned to approve payment of the bills. Support by Rod Bassage. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J.1. Zoning Administrator's Report – Matt Ashenfelter, December report, copy provided to the Board. The Planning Commission hearing date to be rescheduled. Matt will remain in contact with John & Renee Grove family regarding wind turbine proposal hearing.

J.2. Branch County Commissioner's Report – No report.

J.3. Algansee Library Report- Supervisor Russ Jennings read library report provided by Janice Clark. No patrons allowed inside the building. Still providing curbside service during posted library hours. Grab and Go bags have been popular.

J.4. Assessor's Report- Assessor, Erica Ewers, December 8, 2020 – January 4, 2021 report, copy provided to the Board. Personal Property Statements were mailed out December 29. December BOR met on December 15 at 2 pm in parking lot at the Hall. Reviewed 12 petitions – all but one was approved.

K. Correspondence – Charter and holiday cards.

L. Public Comment – Supervisor Russ Jennings needs to update email address for Rod Bassage and verify that Rod receives a key to the Hall. Question regarding duration of building permits – valid for one year. Assessor Eric Ewers will pick up the check at the Hall for BOR training and submit form to MTA for online training along with payment. Supervisor Russ Jennings will notify the BOR members when the group training will occur.

M. Next Meeting- The next regular board meeting will be Monday, February 1, 2021 7:30 pm at the Algansee Township Hall with Budget Workshop at 6:30 pm on February 1, 2021. If meeting in person is restricted, notifications of a Zoom Board meeting will be distributed.

N. Adjournment- Sara Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Rod Bassage. Motion carried. Board meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Anne Gary, Clerk