

April 4, 2022 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER on Monday, March 4, 2022 at 7:30 pm. Supervisor Russ Jennings called the Alganssee Township Board meeting to order. Members present- Supervisor Russ Jennings, Treasurer Sarah Strong, Trustees Rod Bassage, Jason Shilling and Clerk Anne Gary.

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

B. Agenda Additions/Deletions – Motion to approve agenda by Rod Bassage. Support by Sarah Strong. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sheriff Pollack said the new jail building is working out well. One benefit of the new space is greater productivity with less staff. Solar Farm Safety training conducted. Marketing plan being used to recruit patrol personnel.

Rob Olney is running for Commissioner to represent the newly drawn district of Butler, Quincy Township, Quincy Village, California Township, Alganssee Township. New district is effective 1-1-2023. Rob & his wife Jan introduced themselves and Rob spoke about his past experience-served previously as a Branch County Commissioner.

D MINUTES

D.1. March 7, 2022 Board Minutes - Motion by Sarah Strong to approve minutes. Support by Jason Shilling. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

April Treasurer's Report – The Township's March balance was \$598,547.10 with March income of \$94,433.33 and February expenses of \$17,466.60 giving an April balance of \$675,513.83. The Clerk agrees. Rod Bassage motioned to accept the April Treasurer's report. Support by Jason Shilling. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F.1. Quincy Fire Association (QFA) – Supervisor Russ Jennings QFD board meeting Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 5:30 pm at the Quincy Village Hall.

F.2. Planning Commission Report – Jason Shilling reported the Township Master Plan was reviewed. No need for changes. Master Plan is reviewed every five years. Proposed motion be made to have Chris Korey review land split ordinance language. Motion to approve hiring Chris Korey by Sarah Strong. Support by Rod Bassage. Motion carried.

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

F.4. Alganssee website – Changes/updates please submit to Sharon Atkinson.

F.5. Ordinance Violations

246 Bickford Drive – will remain an open agenda item until Spring of 2022. Supervisor Russ Jennings will try to reach out to property owner May, 2022 if no progress has been made.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G.1. Update for the American Rescue Funds – no updates.

G.2. Update for Grants – Sharon Atkinson researched for road grants – they are awarded at the County level.

G.3. Google Analytics – no updates.

G.4. Chart of Accounts/Quick Books – Sarah Strong reported it is complete and working.

G.5. Appointment of new Librarian for Alganssee Library – no applications yet. Board was asked if the job posting could be put on the Township website. Approval granted.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1. Update for the Wilmin Bridge – Supervisor Russ Jennings will meet again with Township attorney April 8, 2022 for follow up.

H.2. Approval of Special Assessment Road Budget – Treasurer Sarah Strong presented the April 2022 through March 2023 budget showing projected income of \$14,470.00 and expenses of \$3,300.00. Motion to approve by Anne Gary. Support by Jason Shilling. Motion carried.

H.3. Review language for Road Commission Contract – Clerk Anne Gary presented a cover letter to attach to the Road Commission Contract. Motion by Sarah Strong to approve the letter as written. Support by Rod Bassage. Motion carried.

H.4. Approval of Township Insurance Policy – Clerk Anne Gary presented the invoice for next policy year ending 4/30/2023 in the amount of \$5,107.00. Motion to approve by Rod Bassage. Support by Sarah Strong. Motion carried.

H.5. CD at Maturity – Treasurer Sarah Strong presented rates for CD at maturity in May, 2022. Motion to do a 24-month CD at 0.55% at Southern Michigan by Rod Bassage. Support by Jason Shilling. Motion carried. Motion by Rod Bassage to rescind previous motion and do a 12-month CD at Southern Michigan at 0.35%. Support by Jason Shilling. Motion carried. Signors on the new CD account will be Treasurer Sarah Strong and Clerk Anne Gary. Signatures below by Supervisor and Clerk grant approval.

Supervisor Russ Jennings

Clerk Anne Gary

H.6. Approval of letter to State of Michigan – Clerk Anne Gary presented a letter for approval to show the Resolution roll call vote by the Board opting out of becoming a Charter Township. Motion by Sarah Strong to approve the letter as written. Support by Rod Bassage. Motion carried.

H.7. BOR Appeal for Pete Girod, request for attorney support – Assessor Erica Ewers will seek additional quotes for a tax attorney as initial quote was \$10,000.

H.8. Proposed Township Hall layout, architect cost – Supervisor Russ Jennings asked for approval to hire Scott Morrison at an estimate not to exceed \$3,000. Motion to approve by Rod Bassage. Support by Jason Shilling. Motion carried.

H.9. Duns number update – Treasurer Sarah Strong has started the process of setting up the UIC (Unique Identifier Code) for the Township.

I. Payment of Bills January - Bills presented in the amount of \$36,000.36. 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, March, 2022 report, copy provided to the Board. Matt expects an answer in 2 weeks and a closing date for 244 Crockett Dr. Quincy, MI. All zoning violations will be sold with the property. Three zoning permits for March, 2022.

J.2. Branch Commissioner's Report – Supervisor Russ Jennings presented highlights of the report. The County Board of Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing on the Master Plan. Once the Planning Commission has properly reviewed the Master Plan inclusive of these changes it will be returned to the board for approval or disapproval. Marijuana Regulation Fees. Last year the County received less than \$30,000.00 and this year the amount exceeded \$450,000.00.

J.3. Alganssee Library Report – Alganssee Branch Manager, Lynnell Eash, presented March numbers. Copy provided to the Board. Patrons in the door 278. Programs 19 and Attendees 85.

J.4. Assessor's Report- Assessor, Erica Ewers, March 8, 2022 – April 4, 2022. Copy provided to the Board. March Board of Review statistics, Equalization office paperwork completed.

K. Correspondence – Clerk Anne Gary and Supervisor Russ Jennings reviewed correspondence received.

L. Public Comment – Sharon Atkinson gave numbers about the Township website. Total of 90 users, average stay 2 minutes 13 seconds, most views are on the main page.

M. Next Meeting- The next regular board meeting will be Monday, May 9, 2022 7:30 pm at the Alganssee Township Hall.

N. Adjournment- Jason Shilling motioned to adjourn. Support by Sarah Strong. Motion carried. Board meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Anne Gary, Clerk