

June 6, 2022 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

Pending Board Approval at 7-11-22 Board Meeting

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER on Monday, June 6, 2022 at 7:32 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 by Jason Shilling to approve agenda with addition of item 6. Aquatic weed bill under New Business. Support by Sarah Strong. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

C.1. Sheriff John Pollack presented highlights from his monthly report 2022 for Alganssee Township. The old jail is almost empty. No additional funds will be required for construction of the Evacuation/Large Evidence Barn. A timeline for completing the entire jail project will be presented in June to the Board of Commissioners. Two tier wage scale eliminated for County employees providing an increase from \$16.00 per hour to \$23.00 per hour. Two new marine patrol boats will bring the age of 5 boats to less than 10 years. New radio system is completed. Drug drop off collected 69 pounds.

C.2. Lynnell Eash, Alganssee Library Branch Manager, presented numbers for April and May of activity at the Alganssee Branch Library. The Friends of the Alganssee Library will hold a raffle for an American Flag afghan. Tickets are \$1.00 each and drawing will be November 11, 2022. Supervisor Russ Jennings thanked Lynnell for her time of service as interim Branch Manager. Teresa (Shilling) Kunkel is slated to be the next Branch Manager pending final Library Board approval.

C.3. 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 spoke about his past experience-served previously as a Branch County Commissioner. One of Rob's goals is to get a second shift established for County patrol.

C.4. Clerk Anne Gary will be out of the office June 9–June 12.

MINUTES

D.1. May 9, 2022 Board Minutes - Motion by Sarah Strong to approve minutes with correction of May balance to 676,334.47. Support by Jason Shilling. Motion carried.

D.2. April 26, 2022 Planning commission Minutes – Motion by Sarah Strong to approve minutes. Support by Anne Gary. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

June Treasurer's Report – The Township's May balance was \$676,334.47 with May income of \$11,406.95 and April expenses of \$26,119.08 giving a June balance of \$661,622.34. The Clerk agrees. Rod Bassage motioned to accept the June Treasurer's report. Support by Jason Shilling. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F.1. Quincy Fire Association (QFA) – Next QFD board meeting Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 5:30 pm at the Quincy Village Hall.

F.2. Planning Commission Report – Re-zoning request from R-2 to Commercial was denied May 24, 2022. Matt Ashenfelter expressed this likely could be a recurring re-zoning request.

Land splits approved May 24, 2022: Hall, Brocklebank, and Central Roads, 611 Hamman Road.

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

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

F.5. Ordinance Violations – None.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G.1. Update for the American Rescue Funds – Second installment of ARPA funds are pending per Treasurer Sarah Strong.

G.2. Update for Grants – Sharon Atkinson recommended the Board finalize grant projects by January 1, 2023 in order to meet grant application deadlines.

G.3. Librarian Alganssee Library – Supervisor Russ Jennings thanked Lynnell Eash for her time of service as interim Branch Manager. Teresa (Shilling) Kunkel is slated to be the next Branch Manager pending final Library Board approval.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1. Update on BS&A Public Records for Alganssee Township website – Annual Service/Support Fee November 1, 2021-November 1, 2022 is \$2,100.00. Adding the assessing data (Option 2) to the BS&A public records will not raise the annual fee. If the Township changed to Option 1, viewers of data would be charged \$3/record for any parcel(s) not considered their primary parcel. Motion by Rod Bassage to approve Option 2. Support by Sarah Strong. Motion carried.

H.2. Resolution vote for Gravel, and Chip & Seal contracts

Gravel 2022 Contract Total Township Cost: \$11,303.23

Motion by Jason Shilling to proceed with roll call vote. Support by Rod Bassage.

Jason Shilling-Yes, Rod Bassage-Yes, Russ Jennings-Yes, Sarah Strong-Yes, Anne Gary-Yes

Chip & Seal 2022 Contract Total Township Cost: \$8,852.60

Motion by Jason Shilling to proceed with roll call vote. Support by Rod Bassage.

Jason Shilling-Yes, Rod Bassage-Yes, Russ Jennings-Yes, Sarah Strong-Yes, Anne Gary-Yes

H.3. Qualifying Statement/Annual Audit – Treasurer Sarah Strong will set a date for the annual audit and qualifying statement.

H.4. Short term rental signs on lake properties – After much discussion, a motion to consult with McKenna Associates Inc. regarding current sign regulations language in Section 13.12 Signs was not advanced.

H.5. BOR Appeal, Pete Girod, 891 Lester Rd, moves to State Tribunal – Assessor Erica Ewers requested approval to consult with an attorney before appearing at State Tribunal with a current court date in Kalamazoo of July 12, 2022. Motion by Rod Basage for attorney services. Support by Sarah Strong. Motion carried.

H.6. Aquatic Weed bill – Treasurer Sarah Strong requested clarification on the bill being presented for payment as a Special Fund Expense.

I. Payment of Bills January - Bills presented in the amount of \$32,786.04. Rod Bassage motioned to approve payment of the bills. Support by Jason Shilling. Motion carried.

J. SPECIAL REPORTS

J.1. Zoning Administrator's Report – Matt Ashenfelter, May, 2022 Report. Copy provided to the Board. Zoning permits issued: 9, Land splits approved: 4, Zoning complaints: 1, Zoning violations issued: 4

J.2. Branch Commissioner's Report – Supervisor Russ Jennings presented highlights of the report. Annexation and De-Annexation proposals, Village of Quincy and Quincy Township public hearings, will be continued at the Commissioner's Board Meeting, 4:35 pm, June 7, 2022. EMS response times are about 70% in Branch County. Various agencies have put together proposals to resolve EMS issue state-wide. County is experiencing higher medical costs due to increased employee usage. This is the first year on file that the flexible spending account needed pre-funding. County will be re-paid as the year progresses.

J.3. Alganssee Library Report – given during Public Comment.

J.4. Assessor's Report- Assessor, Erica Ewers, May 10, 2022 – June 6, 2022 Copy provided to the Board. Girod's representative has requested a change in the scheduled date of July 12 for Michigan Tax Tribunal appeal. Erica requested BS&A hold contract proposal until updated information reviewed by the Township Board at June 6, 2022 board meeting. July Board of Review will be July 19, 2022 at 2 pm. Currently 23 forms to act on.

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

L. Public Comment – The fill installed by the Road Commission only lasted a few days in the culvert between Ferguson and Briggs roads running along Fisher Road. Sink hole has re-appeared. Supervisor Russ Jennings will contact the Road Commission.

Zoning Administrator, Matt Ashenfelter, will be on vacation June 25-July 4. Matt will take phone calls but will not be conducting on site visits.

M. Next Meeting- The next regular board meeting will be Monday, July 11, 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 8:50 pm.

Anne Gary, Clerk