

September 11, 2023 Alganssee Township Board Minutes

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER on Monday, September 11, 2023 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 Sharon Atkinson Deputy Supervisor and recorder of Minutes.

ALSO ATTENDING THE MEETING – Bennett Drive Residents: Robert Beckman, Shila Bowes, Barry Demko and Donnell Drive Residents: Janet Sikes, Sandee & Gerald Rogers, Elmer & Pamela Moses and Jack & Diane Greear.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Supervisor Russ Jennings led the United States Pledge of Allegiance.

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

C. PUBLIC COMMENT: Property at 119 Wright Road has a camper that is skirted and with out buildings, property is 100% homestead owner lives Tekonsha.

C.1. Bennett Dr assessment for validity of petition for paving of entrance to Bennett Dr Supervisor Russ Jennings opened hearing for request for share cost with Donnell Dr repaving entrance, stated petition was valid. Motion by Shila Bowes to approve the validity of the petition. Support by Barry Demko. Motion carried. Motion to close hearing by Shila Bowes. Support by Barry Demko. Motion carried.

C.2. Bennett Dr assessment for the amount to be assessed for each property owner Supervisor Russ Jennings opened hearing, cost to repave road \$39824.00 and share of cost to repave entrance \$9780 for total of \$49604.00, final number will include mailings postage and envelopes and newspaper ad \$87.80, divided by 26 property owners for \$1907.80 divide that by 3 years and the approximate cost to each property owner will be \$635.95 per year. Each property owner will receive a letter in the mail with the final assessment once we have the final numbers. You can prepay the whole 3 years assessment amount and not have to pay the 6% interest charge which needs to be paid by October 27, 2023. This has to be submitted to the treasurer by October 28, 2023 in order to have it on the tax roll. Motion by Shila Bowes to approve new assessment district to include the entrance repaving \$9780. Support by Barry Demko. Motion carried. Motion by Shila Bowes to close the hearing. Support by Barry Demko. Motion carried.

C.3. Donnell Dr assessment for validity of petition for paving Donnell Dr and entrance to Donnell Dr Supervisor Russ Jennings opened hearing for request repaving Donnell Dr and entrance, stated petition was valid. Motion by Gerald Rogers to approve the validity of the petition for Donnell Drive. Support by Janet Sikes. Motion carried. Motion to close hearing by Gerald Rogers. Support by Janet Sikes. Motion carried.

C.4. Donnell Drive assessment for the amount to be assessed for each property owner Supervisor Russ Jennings opened hearing, paving of Donnell Dr cost of \$31280.00 plus \$9780.00 for entrance for total of \$41060.00, final number will include mailings postage and envelopes and newspaper ad \$87.80, and taking the \$10,000.00 from the current assessment which will reduce the amount to \$31060.00 and divided by 42 parcels will give approximate cost of \$739.52 for each property owner. Divided by 3 years will give you an amount of \$246.51 per year. Each property owner will receive a letter in the mail with the final assessment once we have the final numbers. You can prepay the whole 3 years assessment amount and not have to pay the 6% interest charge which needs to be paid by October 27,

2023. This has to be submitted to the treasurer by October 28, 2023 in order to have it on the tax roll. Motion to approve new assessment district for approximate cost \$31060.00 for paving of Donnell Dr and entrance. Motion by Gerald Rogers. Support by Janet Sikes. Motion carried. Motion to close the hearing by Gerald Rogers. Support by Janet Sikes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

D.1. August 1, 2023 Board Minutes – Motion by Sarah Strong to approve the minutes. Support by Jason Shilling. Motion carried.

D.2. Special Board August 9, 2023 Minutes – Motion by Rod Bassage to approve the minutes. Support by Sarah Strong. Motion carried.

D.3. May 23, 2023 Planning Commission Minutes – Motion by Sarah Strong to approve the minutes. Support by Rod Bassage. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER’S REPORT - August Treasurer’s Report – The Township’s August balance was \$642,704.84 with August income of \$39638.09 and August expenses of \$11605.15 giving an September balance of \$670,737.78. The Township Supervisor agrees. Rod Bassage motioned to accept the September Treasurer’s report. Support by Jason Shilling. Motion carried.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F.1. Quincy Fire Association (QFA) – Supervisor Russ Jennings reported QFD next meeting is Thursday October 12th at 5:30 P.M at the Quincy Historical Museum. Tanker truck is over 20 years old and was damaged in a fire and the insurance company does not want to pay, replacement of the truck is \$1.1 million dollars, the truck was sent to a company that the department has had bad luck with before and it is sitting in the weeds. Mike Sherman is going to contact the insurance company in a week or so. To replace it would be 4 years to get it.

F.2. Planning Commission Report – Request for rezoning Archerwater Sports Property was denied. Motion to approve the denial of rezoning application made by Rod Bassage. Support by Sarah Strong. Motion carried.

F.3. Zoning Board of Appeals – None.

F.4. Alganssee website – Website traffic is down we have had no one in the last 28 days.

F.5. Ordinance Violations – Ordinance violation 201 S. Ray Quincy Road Lance and Megan Gulick storing junk and trash in large garbage bags and putting in the ground, Russ Jennings sent a letter August 10, 2023 and spoke. Stopped in again on September 9, 2023 and will do a second letter if no clean up given another 30 days.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G-1 Mandatory Ballot Drop Box installation deadline – Purchase of a ballot box on a pedestal at \$1725.00 which will hold 500 ballots and there are miscellaneous items required, state will reimburse township. Will need security cameras upon installation. There will be additional costs for installation. Motion to approve purchase by Sarah Strong. Support by Rod Bassage. Motion carried.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1. Report Structural Inspection for Township Hall floor, required 150 lbs. per sq. ft. – Foundation is stone and is fine. Had 2 contractors and one does not want to work on the floor.

H.2. Report cost for new Township Hall – Supervisor Russ Jennings, Jason Shilling has gotten us a quote for 4000 sq ft building at the S. Ray Quincy and Central Road property.

Builders state we could get a blueprint from Jonesville Lumber. Need to decide size of rooms and other information. \$315,000.00 was what builder state could be done for.

H.3. Update for Nine Days of Voting for State and General Elections – Supervisor Russ Jennings explained that nine days prior to election will be done in conjunction with all the municipalities at the Dearth center and then election day will be held at our location.

H.4. Shredding of old documents – Sharon Atkinson will get a quote on just the clerk items.

H.5. Review resumes and appoint new Township Clerk – Candidates interviewed, motion by Rod Bassage to approve for clerk Judith Mansfield. Support by Sarah Strong. Roll call vote, Rod Bassage Yes, Sarah Strong Yes, Jason Shilling No, Russ Jennings No. Motion denied. Motion by Jason Shilling to approve for clerk Sharon Atkinson, no support motion does not move forward. Motion by Sarah Strong to approve for clerk Chantal Paxton. Support by Jason Shilling. Roll call vote, Sarah Strong Yes, Jason Shilling Yes, Rod Bassage Yes, Russ Jennings Yes. Motion carried.

I. Payment of Bills September- Bills presented in the amount of \$11,605.15. 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, August, 2023 Report. Matt provided copies to the Board. Zoning permits issued: 10, Planning Commission Hearings: 1, Land Splits Processed: 0, ZBA Hearings: 0, Zoning Violations: 2.

J.2. Branch Commissioner's Report – Commissioner spoke on jail will come down late fall early spring, 2024 budget, October 14, 2023 recycle, road patrol addition approved.

J.3. Library Report – Teresa Shilling gave a report things are going really well, August no programming per county policy due to fair. Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) project on Tuesday but due to rain had to change but the kids had a good time. First adult craft maxed out with people. Book buddies had 6 children have fulfilled requirements for the month.

J.4. Assessor's Report - Assessor, Erica Ewers gave Girod tribunal update, software portal update and data entry up to date, no map updates from GIS and no new updates on Veterans legislation still pending. Copy provided to the Board.

K. Correspondence – Spectrum and Consumers Electric.

L. Public Comment – Motion was made by Rod Bassage to add Chantal Paxton to the following accounts: Century Bank, Southern Michigan Bank and Honor Credit Union, Sarah Strong supported the motion. Motion passed.

M. Next Meeting - The next regular board meeting will be Monday October 2, 2023 7:30 pm at the Alganssee Township Hall.

Adjournment - Sarah Strong motioned to adjourn. Support by Jason Shilling. Motion carried. Board meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Minutes Recorded by Sharon Atkinson