

## GUSTIN TOWNSHIP - ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln, on January 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Klinger.

Present: Supervisor Klinger, Treasurer Leeseberg, Clerk LaVergne, Trustee Ginder and Trustee Brege. Guest: Deputy Clerk Muriel Goddard & Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kennedy.

**Motion by Klinger, seconded by Leeseberg to approve the agenda as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Guest Robert Kennedy introduced himself and his wife. He is a candidate for the 106<sup>th</sup> District House of Representatives. He was a teacher in Oscoda for 38 years and retired in 2010. He would like to give representation in the House for the surrounding counties. He listed several issues of his platform that included: Campaign finance, restoring the public into public education, privatization on the non-professional services in schools, restoring funding back into education, restoring local control to school boards, increase revenue sharing for townships and counties, getting the zoning enabling act retracted, long term renewable energy plan and long term funding sources for highways.

**Motion by Klinger, seconded by Ginder to approve the December minutes as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Treasurer Leeseberg discussed with the board the Treasurer's report. She noted the revenues from tax collections will be on the January report. She noted the date on the top of her report needed to be changed to Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> for the month end. She noted that some delinquent tax collections have been received. She balanced with the Clerk and the bank.

**Motion by Klinger, seconded by Brege to approve the December Treasurer's report as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:**

Zoning administrator Brege reported that he did not get in communication with Mr. Zalenski's daughter. He noted she does not have any power or authority over the trailer park but he would like to keep the lines of communication open with her. He has not had any more correspondence with the DEQ. He reported there were not any permits or calls for the last month. Supervisor Klinger had a phone call and the gentleman will go through the county for the demolition and will pull permits at the county. Supervisor Klinger noted that Denise from Nemcog has not gotten back in touch with him on the questions they had asked her on the ordinance. He will give her another week and then touch base with her.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- MTA Meeting Update. January 21<sup>st</sup> at Curtis Township Hall - 7 pm
- NEMCOG sent a directory of Gustin Township - the township board needs to make sure all information is correct and send back to them.
- MTA Workshops for 2014 - Board of Review Training several dates from February 4<sup>th</sup> - February 27<sup>th</sup>. Sanctuary Inn, Alpena on February 25<sup>th</sup> and in Gaylord on February 26<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the training is \$100.00. The board discussed sending a member of the Board of Review to training and decided to hold off until next year because there were not any real changes from last year.
- Transportation Bonanza pamphlet received. It is at the Lansing Center on February 13<sup>th</sup>. It is sponsored by MDOT and is a training/update session. Cost is \$55.00 by February 7<sup>th</sup> and \$75.00 after that.
- Received an auditor newsletter from Berthiaume & Company.
- Received a National Entertainment Technologies and Corporation pamphlet on Easter egg hunt supplies. Supervisor Klinger will pass this along to the Village. They hold Easter egg hunts and may find the pamphlet useful.
- Michigan Association Clerk Training pamphlet - March 9<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> in Mount Pleasant. Cost is \$600.00 for members and \$650.00 for non-members.
- MTA notice of Annual Meeting. January 28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> at Grand Traverse Resort. This is to educate the local officials.
- MTA education update. There are courses offered to become an Assessor. Can register online.
- Education Roll into Lansing brochure. It is on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> in the Lansing Center Ballroom. MAMC is hosting it and the cost is Free for members and \$60.00 for non-members.
- Chemical Bank information received.
- Uniline Shipping Catalog received.
- C & S Dust Control sent a Christmas Card.
- Election Sources - sent information on grants that were available for election equipment if needed.
- W-2's passed out to township employees.

- W-4 forms passed out to township employees to fill out for the 2014 year.

**BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Klinger updated the board on the meeting that the County Road Commission held and he attended. The meeting was for the township to make suggestions on the Road Commissions five year plan on the roads. Supervisor Klinger talked about the single lane bridge on McConnell Road. The road commission would like grant money to update that however there are other roads that are higher in priority for the grant money. Jessie at the road commission tried to seek different resource committees but it does not meet any criteria for funding. Supervisor Klinger went to the meeting to make sure if there was Federal Funding available that they would fight for it for us. The other roads that are still in the plan and need to be done are F-41 from the Humane Society to M-72 and from Kris Mart (Barlow Road) to M-72. Jessie is trying to find money to help with the projects. He will push them back and try to find some funding for them. Supervisor Klinger told the board he will make his Spring run on the roads as normal and give the board an update on the condition of the township roads.

March Board of Review Organizational meeting will be March 4<sup>th</sup> time to be determined. The usual date for the Board of Review is March 10<sup>th</sup>, however Supervisor Klinger asked the board to give permission for the Board of Review to meet on March 11<sup>th</sup> giving them flexibility to change the date.

**Motion by Brege, seconded by Ginder to give the Board of Review the flexibility to change the date to March 11<sup>a</sup> if needed. Roll Call: Yes - Brege, Klinger, Leeseberg, Ginder and LaVergne. No-None.**

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

Supervisor Klinger discussed with the board the mowing and grave digging bids for the cemetery. The board decided to run two separate ads in the Review for the next two weeks; one ad for the mowing and one for the grave digging services. Clerk LaVergne will create the ads and get them to the Review to run the weeks of January 27<sup>th</sup> and February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Supervisor Klinger also has been in conversation with Rod Cordes of Hawes Township about their cemetery and how they fund it. Supervisor Klinger would like to sit down and discuss with Rod how they operate their cemetery.

Clerk LaVergne noted there was not enough money in the budget to pay for the Township supplies.

**Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Klinger to move \$1.00 from the Contingency Fund 101-500 to 265-726 Supplies Township Hall fund. Roll Call: Yes-Brege, Klinger, Leeseberg, Ginder and LaVergne. No-None.**

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

**Motion by Klinger, seconded by Brege to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$3,866.31 check numbers 8615-8630. Roll Call: Yes-Brege, Klinger, Leeseberg, Ginder and LaVergne. No-None.**

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

The meeting was adjourned by Leeseberg at 7:56 p.m., seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on February 17th at 7:00 p.m.

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Clerk

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Supervisor