

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP – ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln, on October 16, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Goddard.

Present: Supervisor Goddard, Clerk LaVergne, Trustee Ginder, Trustee Lipscomb and Treasurer Leeseberg. Guests: Ted Somers, Assessor, Adam Brege, Zoning Administrator, Claudette Thomas, Deputy Clerk and John Schlicker.

Concerned Guests regarding the 989 Dragway: Charles Tait, Robert Realy, Sharon Realy, Carl Sonberg, Shelly Sonberg, Leroy Perrin, Gerald Linton, Chuck Goldstrom, Terri Goldstrom, Linda Champagne, Rosemary Love, Roger Love, Fred Champagne, Candace Fulsher and Holly Fulsher.

Motion by Lipscomb, seconded by Ginder to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Assessor Brege addressed the concerned citizens that were in attendance regarding the 989 Dragway that has been proposed. He explained to the concerned citizens the stage that the endeavor was in. He started from the beginning and explained how the procedure came about and what they wanted to do with the property; their ideas of the drag way and the status of where it stands currently. He explained that if they file the paperwork to proceed with their idea it would most likely not happen and would be turned down by the township board. They would need a special land use permit before they could do anything with the property. They have not officially filed any paperwork with the township. He told the citizens that the majority of the township board was against the idea so it would most likely not go thru. Roger Love spoke and thought that the township was hiding the idea and not telling the property owners. Supervisor Goddard explained that Trevor MacNeill and Stephanie Boyat came in for public comment just as he is now and they explained their ideas to the board. They had not filed any paperwork with the township or purchased any property to her knowledge. Therefore the board would not have notified anyone because nothing was happening as of yet. It was only presented as a conversation and had gone no further. If they had started the process and were applying for the special land use permit then the board would have proceeded further with the necessary steps. Chuck Goldstrom talked about his livestock, other property owner's livestock, horses and the property values decreasing if this was to be put in place. He said the noise would be detrimental to the livestock and horses in the area. It would even potentially kill them off and he would lose his livelihood. He suggested that this sort of endeavor belonged at an airport or industrial area where they could handle noises at extreme decibels and where the noise would carry for miles. He said an EPA study would also need to be performed for them to be able to do this as well. He did not think the EPA would allow such an endeavor in this area.

Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Lipscomb to approve the September minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Leeseberg presented to the board reports for last month ending September 30, 2017. She balances with the Clerk and the bank.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Ginder to approve the September Treasurer's report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:

Zoning administrator Brege reported he did not have any new land use permits. He covered the 989 Dragway in the public comment.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- DEQ Letter to Mr. Travis Smith was also sent to Gustin Township. The letter explained his unauthorized activity that he had performed and they were asking him for some information to be responded to by October 13, 2017.
- Sheriff report was read and placed on file.
- MTA chapter meeting Tuesday, October 24th at the Mikado Township hall at 7 pm.

BUSINESS:

MTA medical marihuana facilities information on OPT IN or OPT OUT. There was discussion on this Opt In, Opt Out. The board decided to have Supervisor Goddard take it to our legal counsel David Cook for his recommendation. It was tabled until the next meeting when the board would have further answers. John Schlicker, guest, urged the township to opt in. He suggested that a lot of local money would stay in the township if they were to opt in.

AMAR review sheet: Assessor Somers presented to the board a new state approved AMAR review sheet he received. He explained the items he handles and how he takes care of them. There are a few items that have changed since the last audit. He discussed the property transfer affidavit. He said the township could waive the fee if they chose to by passing a resolution to do so. He also

discussed the MCL 211.7cc requiring interest be charged at a rate of 1.25% per month or fraction of a month to be charged to the owner of property that has been issued a PRE denial notice. Treasurer Leeseberg said she could bill for the current tax year but anything prior would be handled by the County. She will check into it with BS & A on the interest charging. He said Gustin Township needs to get a poverty exemption in place. The board needs to adopt/approve the Federal guidelines and then the township would be safe. If the board doesn't want to use the Federal guidelines then they need to work on a poverty plan. He explained some of the steps the township has to do to get some things in place. Supervisor Goddard has contacted Nancy Swickert for guidelines other townships have adopted. She asked Somers if it would be ok to use the Federal Guidelines for the remainder of this year and then January the board would adopt something when they are able to review the other guidelines. Assessor Somers felt that would be fine.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Leeseberg to sign the resolution in regard to the property transfer affidavit to waive the fee. Roll Call: Yes – Goddard, Ginder, Leeseberg, Lipscomb and LaVergne. No-none.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Snow Plow bid from John's Home Maintenance was discussed. Supervisor Goddard noted the 4 plowing credits from last year. The bid would be \$364.00 this year with the credits applied.

Motion by Lipscomb, seconded by Ginder to accept John's Home Maintenance Snowplowing bid for the 2017/18 year. Roll Call: Yes-Ginder, Goddard, Leeseberg, LaVergne and Lipscomb. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Supervisor Goddard suggested to the board that Clerk LaVergne would like an external back up drive for the Clerk's Computer.

Motion by Lipscomb, seconded by Goddard to allow Clerk LaVergne to purchase an external hard drive from Staples for \$59.99. Roll Call: Yes-Ginder, Goddard, LaVergne, Lipscomb and Leeseberg. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Treasurer Leeseberg received a letter from the Department of Natural Resources regarding the CFDA 10.665. The township will not collect monies from this for the 2017 and 2018 years. It is in accordance with the National Forest Act. It will not be a significant amount of money however she wanted to inform the board.

Trustee Lipscomb reported to the board she attended the Buhl Dam removal celebration. It was in collaboration with Huron Pines and she reported on the event. She reported that on October 12th there was a free produce give away in Mikado. There was no requirement on income to receive the produce and she volunteered for the event. There were over 200 families served and it was in conjunction with NEMSCA. There will be another give away in the near future. She is looking for clean plastic grocery bags without holes in them. She is volunteering for this and they will be put back into service and will be helping to put food on family's tables. She noted the website is still picking up traffic and she has it updated. She is collecting URL links to be put on the webpage.

Assessor Somers updated the board on the tribunal case. He and Supervisor Goddard attended the case in Ogemaw Co. It was a poverty exemption case. The other party did not show up and he is waiting on the determination and expects it to be denied.

Treasurer Leeseberg updated the board with some custodial concerns. She noted something was eating at the doorway and they were trying to take care of it but did not know what it was. She said there were rust spots on the water tank and she was concerned about that. Brege will take a look at it. She mentioned the bathroom door would not shut. Supervisor Goddard will have her husband Mike look at it.

Motion by Ginder, seconded by Goddard to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$4,475.86 check numbers 9625-9640. Roll Call: Yes- Goddard, Lipscomb, Ginder, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The meeting was adjourned by Goddard at 7:50 p.m., seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on November 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk

Supervisor