

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP - ALCONA COUNTY

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

Present: Supervisor Klinger, Clerk LaVergne, Treasurer Leeseberg, Trustee Ginder, Trustee Brege, Assessor Somers & Cemetery Sexton Schram. Guest: Deputy Clerk Muriel Goddard & Mr. & Mrs. Moss.

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. & Mrs. Moss addressed the board. She and her husband wanted to meet the board and discuss the trailer park on Barlow Rd. They are from down state and she is the daughter of Mr. Zalenski who owned the trailer park previously. They drove thru it before the meeting and said it was a complete disaster and they were very sorry that this had happened to the property. They will clean it up as soon as the legal paperwork is done. Supervisor Klinger suggested they start with the courthouse to get names of people to help with the cleanup. They are trying to move things as quickly as possible to get it back in their possession. They left their contact information with Supervisor Klinger and they will keep in contact with the board on the progress.

Assessor Somers and Supervisor Klinger were both mailed the findings on the audit. Assessor Somers discussed them with the board. There were six findings. One was the public policy involving the FOIA. The board will need to adopt 10 steps that have been discussed previously. The second finding was the board of review minutes being prepared and not filed with the clerk. Supervisor Klinger noted that will be an easy fix. Also part of the second finding was with the board of review meetings not being adjourned. They have to have an official end time of the meeting. That will also be an easy fix. The third finding was the Board of Review forms need to be turned in to the county within 10 days for the March board of review. They will now do that. The 4th, 5th and 6th findings had to do with sales on a map and how they were prepared. Assessor Somers was not exactly sure how that was going to be fixed. He thought he had the information they needed. There was a lengthy discussion on how this was going to be fixed. Assessor Somers is willing to accommodate them but he is not sure what more he can do. He thinks that all the other townships will be in the same situation and will not be able to pass this part of the audit either. Supervisor Klinger would like to have a plan in place by Nov. 17th the next board meeting on how the township will remedy the situation. Trustee Brege has a form that Supervisor Klinger can use. The township has until December 1st to have a corrective plan of action but Supervisor Klinger would like to have it by the next meeting. Assessor Somers suggested talking to other Supervisors to see what they are doing. Supervisor Klinger will ask for it to be put on the agenda for the MTA chapter meeting next Tuesday to talk about it. Assessor Somers also told the board he purchased a new computer. It will be sufficient for the townships needs. He will pursue the new software he needs. In 2016 the state has contracted to make a new cost manual. They will not be putting the new numbers into the old system then. By the end of 2017 he will have to update to the new BS & A .net system. It will be approximately \$750.00.

Motion by Ginder, seconded by Brege to approve the September regular meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Leeseberg gave a short synopsis to the board on the Treasurer's report thru September 30, 2014. She noted the expenses and the deposits. Treasurer Leeseberg balances with the Clerk and the bank.

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

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:

Brege noted there were no land use permits this month. He was happy the guests were at the board meeting tonight to speak about the trailer park issues. A community member approached supervisor Klinger on a property on Proconier Road with burned trailers on it. There was discussion on addressing the issues of keeping properties cleaned up. The township ordinances are not in place yet and sometimes the townships hands are tied in this kind of situation. The township has not heard anything back on the submission of the ordinances to the county yet. It has not been 30 days yet. The township may have an answer for next month.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- MTA Chapter meeting is October 28th at 6 pm at the Greenbush Township Hall. Dinner will be served.
- Par Plan news passed out to the board members.
- Saginaw Valley provided information on becoming a certified public manager.
- Michigan Association of Township Supervisors conference in Holland MI on Oct. 22-24th.
- Webinar on National Flood Insurance and Local floodplain building code requirements on Oct. 22nd from 10-11:30 am.
- Trick or Trunk- there was discussion on if the board will be able to participate this year. There will be no one available to help this year so maybe next year the board can participate again.

- Supervisor Klinger updated the board on the watershed meeting he attended. He attended two meetings. It had more to do with planning and zoning. He found out the most recent master plan of Gustin Township is from 1994. A master plan is important because it updates the needs of the community. He discussed with the board the topics they discussed in the round table session. He mentioned that we have the Pine River in our township to protect. There are several challenges that the local units face and the townships use the health department when they have issues with septic systems and such. It is about protecting our natural resources with people coming into our community. He said it was worth it to attend.
- Supervisor Klinger would like to keep the master plan in mind. He feels it is very important and would like the township to get it updated.
- Supervisor Klinger noted that when the ordinances get adopted that the township has been working on they will need to be policed. The Board will have to get something in place to have that done.
- Cemetery Sexton mentioned that Gilles funeral home had talked to her about the graves and them not being filled in very well. Supervisor Klinger will get in touch with Howard and discuss it with him.
- Discussion on headstones at cemetery being moved possibly by a lawn mower. Supervisor Klinger will talk to Stout Lawn Service and see what he says.
- Discussion on fill at the cemetery from the graves. Possibly a local excavating company could remove it and possibly the township could purchase some topsoil to have there to finish off the graves.

BUSINESS:

Township NEMCOG Bills. One for the final bill on the ordinances for \$34.84 and one for the yearly membership of \$605.00. Discussion on needing the services for the upcoming year.

Motion by Brege, seconded by Leeseberg to pay the yearly membership with NEMCOG for the upcoming year. Roll call: Yes-Brege, Klinger, Leeseberg, Ginder and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The Road Commission will be having a meeting at the township hall on October 23rd at 7:30 a.m. There was discussion on waiving the fee to rent the hall.

Motion by Ginder, seconded by Leeseberg to waive the \$50.00 hall rental fee for the Road Commission. Roll Call: Yes-Brege, Klinger, Ginder, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Lease agreements: Supervisor Klinger asked Treasurer Leeseberg if the funds are going into the general fund. If they are in the general fund can they be used for building repairs if necessary? Can the funds be transferred from the General Fund to the Building Fund if necessary? Treasurer Leeseberg will email the auditor and see if that is ok.

Franks Key and Lock shop bill for fixing the door handle on the hall was \$115.00.

Snow plow bid from John's Home Maintenance. The bill went up \$55.00. Is now \$480.00 for 12 plows.

Motion by Klinger, seconded by Brege to accept John's Home Maintenance snow plow bill for \$480.00 for the 2014/15 season. Roll call: Yes-Brege, Klinger, Ginder, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Road Update on McConnell Road. Supervisor Klinger discussed with Jesse at the Road Commission on what to do with this road. The road commission would like to do more work than previously planned. They have done testing on the road and they have a good idea of what to do. The cost estimate was \$12,235.50 and it is not to exceed \$12,500.00.

Motion by Brege, seconded by Ginder to accept the agreement with Alcona County Road Commission not to exceed \$12,500.00. Roll Call: Yes-Brege, Ginder, Klinger, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Clerk LaVergne stated the budget was fine this month.

Motion by Klinger, seconded by Ginder to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$5,778.80 check numbers 8812-8831. Roll Call: Yes-Brege, Klinger, Ginder, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The meeting was adjourned by Klinger at 9:08 p.m., seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on November 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk

Supervisor