

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP – ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln, on December 18, 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, Barb Schram, Cemetery Sexton & John Schlicker.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Assessor Somers updated the board on the Board of Review last week. He said there were two; poverty and a veteran's exemption. The one didn't have an amount but they have provided it to him since the meeting. He noted there is a person looking to get a poverty exemption that just moved here. He has some paperwork that he will be looking at to see what they can do. He just received a property tax exemption application sample that he will look at and make some changes for Gustin Township. He will send it to the board members to look at and possibly adopt at the next board meeting. He will need this in place for the ADARS review.

**Motion by Goddard, seconded by Ginder to approve the November minutes as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

**Motion by Goddard, seconded by Lipscomb to approve the November Treasurer's report as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:**

Zoning administrator Brege reported he had attended the Planning and Zoning meeting. Mr. Phinney was present there and wants to split up his property to sell. If he decides to do it the planning commission will allow him to sign off on it. He received a phone call from Wendy France. It was regarding solar farm information. It was a company called Cyprus Creek out of Florida. They are interested in purchasing property in Gustin Township. He gave the information to the planning and zoning committee to review and put something in the zoning ordinance. The ordinance would have to be amended. Brege also noted he outlined 6 different properties for blight and has discussed them with Supervisor Goddard. They would like to pursue at least one in the spring. Supervisor Goddard would like to have money put in the next year's budget for the blight in case the township would have to take any of them to court. Three of the properties discussed have had formal complaints on them.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Board of Review Update – done in Public comment.
- Received a notice from AMAESD. A resolution to impose a summer property tax levy in 2018. The board is requesting the township collect the summer school taxes. The township is to notify them if they do not want to do that.
- Sheriff report was read and placed on file.
- Par plan news passed out.
- Alcona County Road Commission: received a copy of the 2016 ACT 51 report for money spent on township roads.

**BUSINESS:**

The State Police invoice was discussed. The current charge is \$1800.00 for the year. The board agreed to send it out and keep it the same for the upcoming year.

Supervisor Goddard informed the board that the pump froze again. She had Sam from Tait's well drilling come in to look at it again. He got the water going again but recommended that it be rebuilt. Supervisor Goddard and her husband Mike took it to Alpena and had it rebuilt and it was put back on and has been working fine. Mike also fixed the toilet because it was running continuously and wouldn't stop. He replaced the guts inside the toilet.

The Equalization bill was received from the County for \$1790.81 for tax bill services.

The Clerk noted there needed to be some transfers in the budget.

**Motion by Goddard, seconded by Leeseberg to move \$153.39 from 101-800 tax roll set up to 265-931 Repairs and Maintenance Hall. Roll Call: Yes-Goddard, Ginder, Leeseberg, LaVergne and Lipscomb. No-None. MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

Two Christmas Cards were received. One from C & S Dust Control and one from John's Home Maintenance.

Treasurer Leeseberg told the board her external hard drive was not working and she needed a new one for back up protection.

**Motion by LaVergne, seconded by Leeseberg to purchase a new external hard drive for the Treasurer Leeseberg.  
Roll Call: Yes-Goddard, Ginder, Leeseberg, Lipscomb and LaVergne. No-None. MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

Guest John Schlicker asked the board what they did with their decision on the Medical Marijuana Facilities. Supervisor Goddard answered and said that the board had opted out.

**Motion by Ginder, seconded by Lipscomb to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$5,121.95 check numbers 9662-9683. Roll Call: Yes- Goddard, Lipscomb, Ginder, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None.  
MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

The meeting was adjourned by Goddard at 7:05 p.m., seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on January 15th at 6:30 p.m.

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Clerk

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Supervisor