

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP - ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln, on December 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Goddard.

Present: Supervisor Goddard, Clerk LaVergne, Treasurer Leeseberg, Trustee Ginder, Trustee Lipscomb and Zoning Administrator Brege. Guests: Ted Somers; Assessor.

Motion by Goddard seconded by Ginder to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Leeseberg presented the board with statements for November 30th 2016. She balances with the Clerk and the bank.

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

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:

Zoning Administrator Brege updated the board on the Planning Commission meeting that was held this month. He spoke of a presentation on a couple that are interested in a drag way in Gustin Township. They called it 989 raceway. Brege asked them to come and present what they had in mind. There were several people in attendance and there was an overwhelming negative response from the neighbors about having it in their area. The property had not been purchased yet and they were just presenting their information. He noted the planning commission said that if a vote was to come forward they would most likely turn it down. He also noted he has had phone conversations with a couple of residents on Trask Lake Rd. but he has nothing more to report on it.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Board of Review Update: Assessor Somers noted it was rather uneventful. There were 5 or 6 petitions. Overall it went well and was very quick. Somers told the board he has been doing some new construction work and had been doing some field work and it is going well.
- January 17th MTA chapter meeting will be held at Gustin Township at 7 pm. The board will provide cookies, water and coffee. Each board member is to make cookies to bring.
- Jim Stamas handout.
- Christmas cards were received from John's Home Maintenance and C & S dust control.

BUSINESS:

BOR appointments: There were no responses to the ad placed in the review. The board discussed and decided to re-runt the ad the beginning of January for 2 weeks and run the ad in a box format this time to see if that would get a response.

State Police invoice for the upcoming year was discussed. Clerk LaVergne will send it out with the same fee as last year.

Consumers Energy sent a streetlight contract. They had been over charging the township and the township will receive a credit on the upcoming bill. The contract needed to be signed and sent back.

Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Lipscomb to adopt the resolution for the new Consumers Energy Contract. Roll call: Yes-Goddard, Ginder, Leeseberg, Lipscomb & LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

There was further discussion on the conversion to BS & A for tax collection. Treasurer Leeseberg presented to the board the equalization costs. She noted the \$526.93 cost for the software enhancement they charge. This will be included in the bill from BS & A and the county bill would be less by that amount. She called them and they said the township could pay half this year and half next year if need be. They would bill us directly for the software enhancements. She did not find any grants available for this upgrade to BS & A. On Jan. 24th at 1 pm there will be a presentation on this new software at the County Courthouse and all are invited to see the presentation. She found out the online service fees thru BS & A any property tax payer can look up their information on their site for free and if realtors look up information it would cost them \$2.00. There was further discussion. Treasurer Leeseberg will ask them to invoice the township.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Lipscomb to pay 50% for the new BS & A software for the 2016 year and take the money from the extra fund money available from the budget. Roll Call: Yes-Goddard, Ginder, Leeseberg, Lipscomb & LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Treasurer Leeseberg discussed getting a website for Gustin Township. Zoning Administrator Brege will talk to the IT person at the county and see what he can come up with. He thinks it can be done with a minimal cost. He will report back next month as to what he finds out.

Supervisor Goddard spoke with the board on the results of Mike Gombos of Michigan Township par plan's meeting with Brege. There were a couple of items he recommended be done by the township. One was to mount the fire extinguisher in the hall. Goddard had it done. There also needs to be an annual inspection done on the fire extinguisher. The board discussed this and decided to buy a new one each year. It would be more cost effective then having it serviced each year. Gombos also noted that the board needed to make sure the Planning Commission had a copy of the Open Meetings Act and the Zoning Enabling Act. Brege told the board they are current with the open meetings act and the zoning enabling act. Supervisor Goddard will follow up on this and make sure they have copies of them. Gombos also included a rental agreement for the Township to use if the hall was rented.

A letter of interest was received for the Deputy Clerk position from Claudette Thomas. There was discussion from the board.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Lipscomb to accept the letter of interest from Claudette Thomas and appoint her Deputy Clerk. Roll call: Yes-Goddard, Ginder, Lipscomb, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Goddard will call and notify Claudette.

Clerk LaVergne told the board there were two budget amendments needed. One for \$2.63 for lights and one for \$73.43 for the tax roll set up.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Leeseberg to make the budget adjustment and transfer \$2.63 from 276-703 mowing to 803-200 lights and \$73.43 from 276-703 mowing to 100-800 tax roll set up. Roll Call: Yes-Goddard, Ginder, Leeseberg, LaVergne and Lipscomb. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Leeseberg to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$7,394.54 check numbers 9404-9429 Roll Call: Yes-Goddard, Ginder, Lipscomb, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The meeting was adjourned by Goddard at 8:00 p.m., seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on January 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk

Supervisor