

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP - ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln, on February 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Brege.

Present: Treasurer Leeseberg, Clerk LaVergne, Trustee Ginder, Supervisor Brege, Trustee Goddard, Cemetery Sexton Schram and Assessor Somers.

Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Brege to approve the agenda with the amendment of moving the filling of Trustee position to the beginning of the agenda.

Motion by Brege, seconded by Leeseberg to appoint Murial Goddard as Trustee. Roll call: Yes -LaVergne, Ginder, Leeseberg and Brege. No- None.

MOTION CARRIED

Clerk LaVergne read Trustee Goddard the Oath of Office.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Assessor Somers said he sent out the assessment change notices out this week. He sent in the new quote for the BS & software.

Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Ginder to approve the January regular meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Leeseberg gave a short synopsis to the board on the Treasurer's report thru January 31, 2015. She noted the expenses and the deposits. Treasurer Leeseberg balances with the Clerk and the bank.

Motion by Brege, seconded by Ginder to approve the January Treasurer's report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:

Zoning Administrator Brege said there were not very many updates for zoning. He had a couple of phone calls about items for spring. He did not have any permits and the trailer park has the same status as last month.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Sheriff's Report - we did not receive this month.
- There will be a May and a November Election
- Public Service Commission - hearing notice for Feb. 2nd at 9 am in Lansing.
- Storm Water Flood Plain Annual Conference Feb. 25-27th in Lansing.
- Social Host Awareness Program - Up North Prevention - April is social host awareness month. They sent a proclamation for the board to sign to support it.

Motion by Brege, seconded by Ginder to proclaim April 2015 as social host awareness month.

MOTION CARRIED.

- MTA - is holding classes at the Bavarian Lodge in Frankenmuth on March 30th and 31st. The cost is \$327.00 per person to attend.
- Alcona County Review sent a flyer on an envelope sale they are having.
- Harbortown Marketplace had a flyer on "Selling Saturdays". It is on March 14th 2015 from 10 - 2 pm.
- DEQ -update on Alcona Refuse Transfer station. Jan. 23rd they had an inspection and they continue to improve but they still need to comply on a continued basis. The DEQ will follow up on May 15th to see if he is complying.
- Clerk LaVergne shared information on questions the board had for Patti Truman from the last meeting.
- Recycle Alcona is having a meeting on Feb. 24th; Adam will confirm the time and let the board know.
- Ken Gauthier the representative for MTA for the townships is looking into the audit findings from the State Tax Commission. Supervisor Brege forwarded him a copy of the boards plan. It included how the County Court house is getting the needed information to do the GIS studies and they will include the townships in that; so therefore Gustin Township will be able to be compliant by 2016.
- Treasurer Leeseberg has talked to other Township treasurers and they do not include envelopes with their tax mailings. She asked the board if they wanted to continue to do so or not. There was a discussion and the board agreed that Cindy will no longer include the envelopes with the tax bills.
- Treasurer Leeseberg has talked to Pontem about getting a quote on a link for a website where she could upload tax information for the township people. They would be able to click on a URL link and they would be able to load up their tax information online. Hawes Twp. pays approximately \$900.00 a year however they have their own website.

BUSINESS:

Board of Review Organizational meeting will be on March 3rd at 6 pm. The regular Board of Review meetings will be held on March 10th and March 12th from 3-9 pm both days.

BS & A proposal was discussed by the board. The annual Maintenance Fee will be \$580.00. The total price was \$3470.00; the price for just the software was \$2890.00. Assessor Somers provided the board with the quote. He will need this to comply with what he needs to do for the township. The board will look into putting on the budget for the upcoming year.

Mikado Township Fire protection invoice was received and was in the amount of \$12,748.00. Gustin Township is 29.6% of their calls. The board tabled it until the March meeting.

Stephenson and Gracik submitted a bid for the audit. The amount was not to exceed \$4675.00.

Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Ginder to accept the bid from Stephenson and Gracik for \$4675.00 to complete the bi-annual audit of 2015. Roll Call: Yes-LaVerge, Ginder, Leeseberg, Brege and Goddard. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

There was discussion on the Township salaries of clerk, treasurer and supervisor being reviewed for an increase. As of right now the average of townships around are \$9019.00 for clerk and treasurer and \$6000.00 for Supervisors.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Brege that after talking with the auditor on the budget surplus and how the carry over funds are used in the final figures of next year's budget that if there was an excess of \$3000.00 than the clerk, treasurer and supervisor would get an increase of \$1000.00 each. Roll Call: Yes- Brege, Leeseberg, Ginder, LaVergne and Goddard. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

There were no responses on the Deputy Clerk position posted in the paper. Brege said he would speak to a few more people on the position and see if he could find anyone.

Budget adjustments:

Motion by Brege, seconded by Goddard to move \$63.00 from 400-865 to 265-804. Roll Call: Yes-Brege, Ginder, Leeseberg, Goddard and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Brege to move \$10.06 from 276-703 to 276-970. Roll Call: Yes-Brege, Ginder, Leeseberg, Goddard and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The budget was discussed and worked on for the upcoming year.

March 16th at 6:30 will be the budget hearing and 7 pm will be the regular scheduled meeting.

Motion by Brege, seconded by Ginder to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$4338.72 check numbers 89008-8924. Roll Call: Yes-Brege, Ginder, LaVergne, Goddard and Leeseberg. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The meeting was adjourned by Brege at 9:10 p.m. until the next regular meeting on March 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk

Supervisor