

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP - ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln, on February 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Klinger.

Present: Supervisor Klinger, Treasurer Leeseberg, Clerk LaVergne, Trustee Ginder, Trustee Brege, Assessor Somers and Cemetery Sexton Schram. Guest: Deputy Clerk Muriel Goddard & Ron Stout.

Motion by Klinger, seconded by Brege to approve the agenda as presented. With the addition of the Mikado Fire Department contract.
MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Assessor Somers spoke on the changes from the State Tax Commission. He has drafted a letter to the board to be placed on file his plan of action with property owners. According to him the State would like accurate records however; assessors cannot invade property owner's privacy. The assessors cannot go to the home if the property owner is not home. Ted will see if they are home and if not he can come back or look at their card to see if there are any additions that need to be made/updated on their card. He received this notice from the State Tax Commission a week ago and these are statewide changes. Ron Stout brought in his bid for the lawn care services at the cemetery.

Motion by Klinger, seconded by Leeseberg to approve the January minutes as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Leeseberg discussed with the board the Treasurer's report thru January 31, 2014. She noted the expenses and the deposits. She balances with the Clerk and the bank.

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

COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:

Zoning administrator Brege reported that he does not have any news on the trailer park. He received a call for a permit but found out it was for another township. He noted that March 4th at 7 pm will be the Planning Commission Meeting. Supervisor Klinger received information back from Denise at NEMCOG. He received answers on questions they had asked and got all of the 2014 State Changes from her. He noted that was a good thing because that new information can go into the book before it is officially done. He noted some items will be changed and put in the book to be understood better. Supervisor Klinger will get back with her a few more times before the meeting. Supervisor Klinger will forward the information he has received from Denise to Brege so that he can look thru it as well before the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- MTA Meeting Update. January 21st at Curtis Township Hall - 7 pm. Supervisor Klinger attended and reported on the meeting. He reported that Robert Kennedy spoke. MTA is looking to collect dues again to go into the scholarship fund. They are suggesting \$25 from each entity. Al Skully was there on behalf of the Road Commission. He would like the townships to contact their State Officials on using the surplus funds they found. Ken Gauthier gave an update on the State Changes. Alcona Township will hold the next meeting on April 22nd at 7 pm at Alcona Township Hall.

Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Ginder to pay MTA dues to support the scholarships. Roll Call: Yes - Brege, Klinger, Leeseberg, Ginder and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

- Magazines were received for playground equipment and a Uniline Magazine for office equipment/supplies.
- Munetrix letter received. They sent a free guest user link for information on finances for different townships. It is thru Nencog.
- Supervisor Klinger received a Nencog salary survey.
- Clerk LaVergne received a MTA Twp Salary Survey. She has questions on it so she will get in touch with Catherine at MTA to get her questions answered.
- 2014 MRWA Annual Conference at Shanty Creek Resort on March 19-21st, \$250 to attend.
- 2014 Michigan Storm water Floodplain Association conference in Battle Creek on March 5-7th, \$180 to attend.
- Up North Prevention proclamation received. They would like the township to accept and support the proclamation for social host awareness month.

Motion by Klinger, seconded by Leeseberg to support the Up North prevention substance abuse policy.
MOTION CARRIED.

- Supervisor Klinger put a notice in the Alcona Review for two weeks for the Board of Review. It will be March 4th at 5:30. Community members will attend March 10th and 11th from 1:30 - 7:30 pm.

- Carl Levin, United States Senate wrote Supervisor Klinger a letter stating he will not run for re-election.
- Mikado Township submitted their fire contract. They are asking for 22.4% of the total which is \$10,354.64. This figure is up from last year. This will be tabled and revisited next month because the township is waiting on DDA figures.

BUSINESS:

Clerk LaVergne asked the board if they would like to have State Withholding held out of their paychecks. There was a brief discussion and the board decided to remain the same and not have any State withholding taken out of their checks.

Supervisor Klinger received the Truth and Taxation form from the County. It will be tabled until next month when the township holds their budget meeting.

Road Communications – Supervisor Klinger noted that Hubbard Lake Road needs to be on the top priority list. He also suggested the dead end of Cruzen road and the dead end of Woodman road. They are both dirt roads and he would like both of them to be looked at and possibly get some work done on them. Barlow Road and F-41 still need to be on the list and Jessie at the Road Commission is looking for Federal Funds for those two roads because they will be expensive.

The township received two mowing bids and one grave digging bid. The grave digging bid was from Howard Hale. The bid was for \$400 to open and close graves. He will provide updated insurance if his bid is accepted.

Motion by Klinger, seconded by Leeseberg to accept the bid of Howard Hale to open and close graves for \$400.00. Roll Call: Yes-Brege, Klinger, Ginder, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The mowing bids were from Ron Stout and Hagland Landscaping. Stouts bid was for 3 years. He will renew his insurance in April. The bid was for \$350.00 per cut and included mowing and weed whipping. The Hagland bid included updated insurance and was for \$395.00 per cut.

Motion by Klinger, seconded by Ginder to accept Ron Stout's bid for \$350.00 per cut. Roll Call: Yes- Brege, Klinger, Ginder, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Supervisor Klinger will notify Hagland Landscaping that the township has accepted another bid and thank them for submitting theirs.

Supervisor Klinger asked the board to generate Budget ideas. There was discussion about a new computer and software for Assessor Somers, a website, setting money aside for legalities for the ordinances (in case the township had to go to court on an issue), and setting aside money for specific road projects that would cost more than normal such as Barlow Road and F-41 projects. Elections were also discussed and there should be about \$3000.00 set aside for that for next year.

The annual budget meeting will be held on March 17, 2014 at 6:15 pm at the Township Hall. Clerk LaVergne will publicize this in the Alcona Review.

Clerk LaVergne noted there was not enough money in the budget to pay for the Township supplies for the Treasurer and Publishing notices for the Cemetery.

Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Klinger to move \$20.59 from the Supervisors Supplies 171-727 to 253-727 Office Supplies Treasurer fund, move \$36.00 from the Supervisors Supplies 171-727 to Publishing 276-910 Cemetery and the balance of \$143.41 of the Supervisors Supplies 171-727 to the Assessors Postage 257-728 . Roll Call: Yes-Brege, Klinger, Leeseberg, Ginder and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The Oscoda Schools summer tax collection letter was received. There are 16 parcels in Oscoda.

Motion by Klinger, seconded by Brege to accept the Agreement from Oscoda Schools for summer tax collection. Roll Call: Yes-Brege, Klinger, Leeseberg, Ginder and LaVergne.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Motion by Klinger, seconded by Leeseberg to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$4412.72 check numbers 8631-8645. Roll Call: Yes-Brege, Klinger, Leeseberg, Ginder and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The meeting was adjourned by Klinger at 8:30 p.m., seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on March 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk

Supervisor