

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP - ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln, on April 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Klinger.

Present: Supervisor Klinger, Treasurer Leeseberg, Clerk LaVergne, Trustee Ginder, Trustee Brege and Assessor Somers. Guest: Deputy Clerk Muriel Goddard

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Assessor Somers informed the board that Gustin Township was selected for a review as part of the State's 2013/14 audit program. Supervisor Klinger and Clerk LaVergne also received letters of the notification. There were 4 counties selected for the review and he does not know when it will take place. They will notify him as per the letter. He was sent a score sheet of the questions being asked. He doesn't exactly know how it will work yet. He discussed the personal property tax. The State wants to phase this out within the next couple of years. He sent out the information with all the personal property tax forms.

Motion by Klinger, seconded by Ginder to approve the March Budget Hearing minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Brege to approve the March Regular meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Leeseberg discussed with the board the Treasurer's report thru March 31, 2014. She noted the expenses and the deposits. She balances with the Clerk and the bank. She explained as of April 16th the township has been paid in full by the county. The county will now notify the delinquent accounts if there are any. The DDA has been paid and full and they did not ask any questions this year. She is closed out with the county and is now working on 2014.

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

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:

Zoning administrator Brege reported that he received two new permits this month. He informed the board of the schedule for the new zoning ordinance adoption that will take place. There are some residential properties that will need to be rezoned as Forest Recreational. He will get the addresses of the properties affected and send them notification of this reclassification. The timeline that is hoped for is May 14, he would like to have all the notifications sent out and have a notice put in the legal classifieds of the Review. June 3rd he would like to have the Public Meeting along with the Regular meeting of the planning commission. They will then submit it to the County Commissioners after the public meeting, The County Commissioners then have 30 days to approve/disapprove of the document. Then at the Regular Board meeting of the township on July 21, he would like to have the ordinance adopted to be effective on July 29th, which is 8 days later. If all goes accordingly this should be the timeline of the events.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Lappan Agency sent a CD with the updated information on the US Specialty Insurance Township policy.
- MATS Spring Education Conference April 23-25 in Frankenmuth for Township Supervisors.
- MTA Workshops in May for Investment IQ, Legal Matters & ABC's of ZBS's for Zoning. May 6th in Big Rapids, May 7th in Gaylord, May 9th in Frankenmuth and May 20th in Battle Creek. Cost is \$99 for each session.
- Rollin on the River 2014 MAMA Annual Conference at the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids. It is June 24-27th and is for Clerks.
- Lake Huron Watershed Summit. Held at Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary in Alpena on Friday, April 25 from 9 am- 3 pm. Cost is \$20.00.
- ITC-Informational pamphlet. Listing several events they are holding from April 2 - August 2nd at several locations.
- Par Plan news passed out to board members
- Received a certificate of liability insurance from Merit Network Inc. for work they will be performing in the township.
- Michigan Township Participating Plan sent information on the election timetable of zones 1, 4 & 7. These are board positions that are up for renewal for 3 year terms. Zone 4 is in Alcona County so they sent information if anyone on the board is interested in running for a position.
- Trustee Ginder passes around a card for Roger Love to be signed thanking him for his service to Gustin Township.
- Election source has stickers for the upcoming election that say I voted. The board gave Clerk LaVergne permission to order what she needed.

- Treasurer Leeseberg discussed with the board information she had been seeing on the MTA Chat room of Treasurers. The information was about extra payments for meetings attended by board members. She and Clerk LaVergne emailed the Auditors to find out what the correct payments would be. The Auditor sent back a document for the correct payment for the statutory duties of the board members. The Township had been paying incorrectly but she said that if we fix it from here on forth she will not write the township up for it.

BUSINESS:

The C & S Dust control contract was received. The board had a short discussion on the details of the contract. The rates were the same as the previous year. Clerk LaVergne will publish this in the paper.

**Motion by Klinger, seconded by Leeseberg to accept the dust control contract from C & S dust control. The Township pays up to 50% of a 300 foot road parcel, not to exceed \$120.00. Roll Call: Yes-Brege, Klinger, Leeseberg, Ginder and LaVergne. No-None
MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

Cemetery Clean up date was set for May 10th at 8 am. In the event of poor weather it will be rescheduled for May 17th at 8 am. Clerk LaVergne will put a notice in the Review.

Trustee Ginder relayed information to the board from Cemetery Sexton Schram. Cemetery Sexton Schram was called by Sarah Gilles of Gilles Funeral Home and was wondering if the board could have it in Howard Hales contract to come back to the graves in month or so after they have settled and see if they need to be filled in more. Some of the graves seem to be sinking in after a month or so. Supervisor Klinger will talk to Howard to see if he could come back and re check them a month or so later so see if they need to be filled in again.

Supervisor Klinger updated the board on the current road conditions with the information he received from meeting with the road commission. He discussed them in priority from the recommendation of Jim at the Road Commission.

#1. Hubbard Lake Road. It has been 3 years since it was done. It should be top seal coated (tar and chipped) for 2 miles approximately. The approximate cost would be \$28,000.00 and the township will get 6-8 years out of that. There is also a Fog Seal they are recommending for an extra \$2500.00 - \$3000.00 a mile. This is a new product out that extends the life of the road another 4-5 years.

#2. McConnell Road. This is a dirt road that has 3 spots that need to be done. Could possibly do one of the spots this year and the other two next year. These are not huge stretches of road.

#3. Dewar Road. Would like to do this road in 2015. Would like to see all on the same timeline and add Stockton road to this year as well. Those are the next two oldest roads for seal coat.

#4. Procunier Road. There are a couple of bad spots that need fill.

#5. Cruzen Road to the north needs to be done for 1500 ft. at a couple of inches of fill.

#6. Woodman Road needs 2 inches of fill for the whole road to the south.

#7. Tait Road west of Cruzen (dirt road) there is a 1500 feet section that needs to be considered.

#8. Pettit Road can wait for a few years.

#9. London Road can wait for a few years.

Supervisor Klinger informed the board that Trask Lake Road West of McConnell turned out great. The Road Commission put in extra money and the road looks great!

Jessie from the Road Commission has found a grant to write for the Bridge on McConnell Road. He will work on that for the Township. Supervisor Klinger will get in touch with Jessie from the Road Commission to write up the quotes for all projects the township would like to have done. After seeing the quotes the Township can see how to get them done with the funds available.

Clerk LaVergne updated the board on the Budget Hearing information. She provided the members with the new budget and discussed the results. She noted that the Cemetery fund needed money transferred to it from the General Fund to cover wages of the Cemetery and mowing.

**Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Ginder to transfer \$3600.00 from the General Fund to the Cemetery Fund . Roll Call: Yes-Brege, Klinger, Leeseberg, Ginder and LaVergne. No-None.
MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

**Motion by Klinger, seconded by Brege to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$29,987.94 check numbers 8678-8695. Roll Call: Yes-Brege, Klinger, Leeseberg, Ginder and LaVergne. No-None.
MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

The meeting was adjourned by Klinger at 8:48 p.m., seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on May 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk

Supervisor