

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP - ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln, on May 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Brege.

Present: Supervisor Brege, Treasurer Leeseberg, Clerk LaVergne, Trustee Ginder and Trustee Goddard. Guests: Sara Healy, Terry Lipscomb, Gary Leeseberg and Assessor Somers.

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sara Healy from Gilles Funeral Home spoke of her concerns on the grave digger the township has at Twin Lakes Cemetery. She has complaints on the digging. The graves have not been dug properly and they have had to make them bigger on occasions. After the burial the graves are not being properly covered and he is not filling in the graves fully. He is not putting the top soil or the sod back on the graves after they are filled in. On occasion their vault people have to make the holes bigger. She was notifying the township to see if there was anything that could be done. Brege noted he would call the current grave digger and let him know the concerns and also let him know that the township will be placing an ad in the paper for grave digging services.

Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Goddard to place an ad in the Alcona Review looking for someone to open and close graves at Twin Lakes Cemetery. Roll Call: Yes-Goddard, Brege, Ginder, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Assessor Somers informed the board that he would be getting the new program conversion he needs on May 28th. He has received the disks and they will be doing it remotely. He will ask Nicko from NEMCOG if the township files are done and ready and he will try to get it all done at the same time.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Leeseberg discussed with the board the Treasurer's reports thru April 30th 2015. She noted the expenses and the deposits. She balances with the Clerk and the bank.

Motion by Brege, seconded by Ginder to approve March and April Treasurer's report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:

Zoning administrator Brege updated the board that he sent out letters to three addresses on Trask Lake Road by the cemetery about two weeks ago. He will give it a couple of weeks and then he will address the situation again. He had another phone call about the property on Stockton Rd. but he is not able to get in touch with the owner about the trash issue. Brege will ask at the next planning commission meeting if he can enforce anything on the property. The planning commission is working on the enforcement procedures. He did not have any updates on the trailer park. He will follow up with the daughter in a few weeks.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Cemetery Clean up went well. There was a good turnout of volunteers and had it cleaned up approximately around 1 pm.
- Street Light from Millen Township - they sent a bill for half of the cost.
- Par Plan news was passed out to board members.
- Greenbush Township Master plan- they have updated their master plan and they have to notify the other townships. Gustin Township can order a copy of it if the board would like one.
- Upcoming MTA Chapter Events - May 19th, Volunteer Tourism doing work at the Sturgeon Pt. Lighthouse, June 23, Emergency Officials Conference at the EMS building on M-72 from 6:30-8:30 pm., July 28th MTA picnic in Barton City, Millen Twp. at 6pm. Bring a dish to pass.
- MTA Financial Double Feature Workshops, July 14th in St. Ignace, July 15th in Cadillac, July 28th in Frankenmuth and July 29th in Kalamazoo.
- MTA Managing your Township Team Workshop, June 12th in Kalamazoo.
- Received the 2015 NEMCOG township directory.
- The May 5th election went well. The township had 132 voters.

BUSINESS:

Hawes Cemetery contract was sent out for signatures. They have submitted the contribution already.

The Michigan Par Plan sent back a refund check in the amount of \$51.11 to Gustin Township for a cash dividend distribution. It was for qualifying members and was tied to the member's premium of the 2011-12 underwriting year.

MTA Dues Invoice was received for \$634.08.

Motion by Brege, seconded by Ginder to pay the current year MTA dues in the amount of \$634.08. Roll Call: Yes-Brege, Ginder, LaVergne, Leeseberg and Goddard. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The Grave markers for the Veterans at the Cemetery amount of the invoice was increased from the amount that was given in last month's minutes. The increase was for the freight.

Motion by Ginder, seconded by Goddard to pay \$174.28 to Centeck Cast Metal products for the Veteran Grave markers at Twin Lakes Cemetery. Roll Call: Yes-Brege, Ginder, LaVergne, Leeseberg and Goddard. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

MTA local Chapter dues invoice was received.

Motion by Brege, seconded by Goddard to pay the Local MTA chapter dues for the 2015 year. Roll Call: Yes-Brege, Goddard, Ginder, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The bill was received from Millen Twp. for the street light that is shared by Gustin Township.

Motion by Brege, seconded by Leeseberg to pay the bill from Millen Township for Gustin's share for the street light. Roll Call: Yes-LaVergne, Brege, Ginder, Goddard and Leeseberg. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

A bill was received from Accident Fund for the remainder of the work comp amount due based on the Audit taken.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Leeseberg to pay the remainder due on the work comp audit. Roll call: Yes-LaVergne, Brege, Ginder, Goddard and Leeseberg. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Agreement #GU1503 was received from the Alcona County Road Commission. It is a contract for a Primary Road Agreement for Fog Seal on Hubbard Lake Road for \$6366.00. Brege is also expecting a call from Jim at the Road Commission to do a drive around with him to check out the road conditions in Gustin Township.

Motion by Brege, seconded by Ginder to approve the Road Commission Contract GU#1503 on Hubbard Lake Road for Fog Seal in the amount of \$6366.00. Roll Call: Yes-Brege, Ginder, Goddard, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

There was a discussion with Terry Lipscomb on taking the position of Deputy Clerk for Gustin Township. She agreed to take the position and was sworn in by Clerk LaVergne.

Brege talked about the fence at the cemetery that was damaged by someone driving into it. There has been a police report taken but no one has been identified as of yet. Clerk LaVergne called Lappan Insurance to see if the township was covered and he said to get him some quotes and they would see what they could do. Supervisor Brege will work on getting quotes for it to be repaired.

Assessor Somers advised the Township board that the road commission has been advised not to loan out their equipment or services any longer to area agencies. They are currently working on a policy for that. If they do services they are advised to charge the going rate and not do it on a volunteer basis. The employees can volunteer their time but the equipment would have to be charged for.

Assessor Somers also talked about the township possibly getting some top soil brought into the cemetery for covering the graves after they are dug. He thought it may help with the problems they are having. Possibly could get someone to donate it and then it could be covered with a tarp. He thought 10 yards would be enough. Supervisor Brege will get some estimates and bring it to the board next month.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Ginder to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$4,544.67 check numbers 8970-8990. Roll Call: Yes-Brege, Goddard, Leeseberg, Ginder and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The meeting was adjourned by Brege at 7:54 p.m., seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on June 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk

Supervisor