

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP - ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln, on June 19, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Goddard.

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

Motion by Lipscomb, seconded by Leeseberg to approve the agenda with the correction of the website as www.gustintwp.com.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Assessor Somers updated the board noting the tax roll was done and the warrant is signed. He said the July Board of Review will be 7/18/17 at 6 pm.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Lipscomb to approve the May minutes as presented with the correction of the Gustin Township Webpage address as www.gustintwp.com.

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Leeseberg discussed with the board the Treasurer's report thru May 31, 2017. She noted the expenses and the deposits. She balances with the Clerk and the bank.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Lipscomb to approve the May Treasurer's report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:

Zoning administrator Brege reported he had sent Mr. Holmes who lives on M-72 a letter about the junk that is in his back yard and the junk they are hauling into his back yard. It is a 90-day notice and if he doesn't take action the board will take further action in 90 days. Mr. Holmes called Brege after he received the letter. Brege discussed with Mr. Holmes not to bring in any additional junk. Brege had also received an anonymous letter about this property. Brege will visit them late August early September to see if they have made any progress. Ginder told him of another property on the East side of McConnell by Mill Street that also has junk that is hidden by the trees. Brege discussed with the board information brought to the last planning commission meeting. It was from Dr. Jackie Fitzgerald on a proposed Willow Tree Studio. It will be an arts center with accommodations. It is in the planning stages and the planning commission was very positive about it. It is a "cottage industry" and there is a variance provided for this in the ordinance. She will have to submit a plan if they decide to go further with this. He also noted on the County Commissioner business that there will be a county meeting on June 27 at 7 pm discussing the PILT money. He noted there is not a push to take the money back. He has put together a slide show of the last four years of funding. They have been losing in State and Federal money.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- MRA conference pamphlet - Aug. 15-17 in Kalamazoo.
- Michigan Township Participating Plan board of director's election ballot.
 - **Motion by Goddard, seconded by Lipscomb to vote for Kathleen Vichunas. MOTION CARRIED**
- L-4029 2017 tax rate requests signed copies were received from Oscoda Schools and AMAESD. Gustin Township L-4029 was signed by Goddard and LaVergne and will be sent back to Equalization Department.
- Received a dividend check from Michigan Township Participating Plan for \$263.56.
- Received copies of PA116 legal documents recorded at the County Register of Deeds for Bruce and Amy Buurma Farm Land development rights agreement.
- Clerk LaVergne faxed the County Treasurer a letter stating the township was not interested in purchasing the properties they had listed that were foreclosed upon in Gustin Township. The board had emailed their response prior to the meeting and LaVergne has those emails on file.
- County Commissioner meeting minutes were received and placed on file.
- Sheriff report was read and placed on file.

BUSINESS:

MTA sent a Principles of Governance document that they suggested each township adopt. Gustin Township board will adopt the Principals of Governance document.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by LaVergne to adopt the Principals of Governance document. MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Goddard and Trustee Ginder had a ride around of the township roads with Jesse Campbell, Managing Director of Alcona County Road Commission. Supervisor Goddard had several Road Improvement agreements she discussed with the board.

Motion by Ginder, seconded by Goddard to approve the Road contracts of Dewar Rd. GU1701 for a Single Sealcoat at \$16,385.00, Tait Rd. GU1702 for a Single Sealcoat at \$10,841.00, Stockton Rd. GU1703 for a Single Sealcoat at \$22,715.00, Procunier Rd. GU1704 for a Single Sealcoat at \$10,841.00 and Fowler Rd. GU1705 for a Single Sealcoat at \$10,841.00. Roll call: Yes-Goddard, Leeseberg, LaVergne, Ginder and Lipscomb. No-none.
MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Trustee Lipscomb reported the web page is up and running. She noted there have been 3608 people on the site so far looking at it. There are only 2 links so far and she would like suggestions for additional links to put on the page. Leeseberg suggested the Chamber. Lipscomb will look into it. Lipscomb will continue to gather information to put on the website and would like the board to give her suggestions as to what else could go on it. She is still working on the history and the photos. She would like the board members to look at their own personal information on the webpage and let her know if email addresses are correct and personal information is correct and if the board members would like their phone numbers listed.

Trustee Lipscomb discussed with the board the old books from years past that are in the closet. They date way back and she would like to see them preserved. Deputy Thomas will look into grant funding and see if there is anything available for preservation such as that.

Clerk LaVergne discussed the budget transfers needed.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Leeseberg to take from the surplus \$588.21 for 265-931 repairs/maintenance of township hall. To transfer \$18.00 from 276-970 Improvements to 276-910 Cemetery publishing. Roll call: Yes-Goddard, Ginder, Leeseberg, Lipscomb & LaVergne. No-None.
MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Motion by Lipscomb, seconded by Leeseberg to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$5,802.57 check numbers 9548-9563. Roll Call: Yes-Lipscomb, Goddard, Leeseberg, Ginder and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The meeting was adjourned by Goddard at 7:45 p.m., seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on July 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk

Supervisor