

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP - ALCONA COUNTY

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

Present: Supervisor Klinger, Treasurer Leeseberg, Clerk LaVergne, Trustee Ginder, Trustee Brege, Cemetery Sexton Schram and Assessor Somers. Guest: Deputy Clerk Muriel Goddard, Pastor Charles Sheldon, Carol Plunkey & Joe Lukasiewicz.

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Pastor Sheldon discussed with the board the possibility of having his congregation of 10 people meet at the township hall on Sundays from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. They would like to lease the building for a year if at all possible. They would like to use the building for worship service and possibly the kitchenette. Supervisor Klinger noted the hall could only hold a maximum of 25-30 people. Supervisor Klinger had talked to Dave Cook and he can draft up a lease if the board choses to pursue this. Pastor Sheldon noted that they have liability insurance that would cover them. Treasurer Leeseberg noted that the kitchenette would need to be updated and a new hot water heater would also be needed. The board discussed the matter in detail.

Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Brege to present a temporary lease agreement of \$35.00 a Sunday to Pastor Sheldon of the Alcona New Life Church to be reviewed on a quarterly basis because of the expenses that may be incurred by a new lease. It will be reviewed at the October 2014 meeting and then the board will discuss further a year contract.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Klinger will get in contact with Dave Cook the Township attorney to make sure everything is in line with the decision.

Carol Plunkey, representing the Pine River Water Shed gave an update of who they are and what they are doing for our Township and the surrounding counties. There are 6 members on their board. They are out trying to improve the water quality. Gustin Township is in the East Branch of the Pine. Their website is huronpines.org. She presented the board with the projects that are proposed and left literature and brochures of the current projects that are going on.

Joe Lukasiewicz introduced himself to the board. He is a Greenbush Township resident. He is running for the State Senate 36th district. He has as fish and wildlife background. He discussed with the board his background of where he has been and where he has worked in the past. His primary interest is dealing with unemployment in the area. He has a website and a Facebook page with all his information. He distributed brochures with his information and what his interests are.

Motion by Klinger, seconded by Brege to approve the June Regular meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Leeseberg discussed with the board the Treasurer's report thru June 30, 2014. She noted the expenses and the deposits. She balances with the Clerk and the bank. Treasurer Leeseberg said the Constitutional tax was up this year by 2.5% and that her tax collections are ongoing.

Motion by Klinger, seconded by LaVergne to approve the June Treasurer's report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:

Zoning administrator Brege reported that he issued one permit last month. There is nothing new going on with the trailer park. He sent out a correspondence on it but has not heard back from it. The problem on a property in Kilmaster the health department is now involved in it. He noted he has not received the addresses from Pam yet to send out letters on the Zoning change. He will get them from her and get them out in the mail soon. Supervisor Klinger had a phone call about a property on an old homestead with an eyesore on M72 West, East of Hubbard Lake Road. He assured the person that we have sent out newsletters about keeping your property kept up. Cemetery Sexton Schram had a phone call about family matter concerning something on a gravesite. They wanted her to remove something off of the grave. She told them they would have to settle it within their family she could not remove it. Supervisor Klinger has been in touch with Denise and has updated her on the breakdown of the summary on the ordinance. He will be in touch with her when the time comes for starting a Master Plan.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- State of Michigan sent an update on Building Code changes.
- Par Plan news distributed to board members.
- County Road Commission sent a report on all of the county wide projects for the year 2013.

- Village of Lincoln sent a letter on the zoning changes/updates with reclassification that affect Gustin Township. They will hold a public meeting on July 30th at 7 pm at their hall.

BUSINESS:

July board of Review will be July 22 at 6 pm.

Ron Stout submitted a bill for lawn mowing of \$700.00 for two cuttings.

Road update: Seal coat on Hubbard Lake and Fowler Roads are complete. They are trying to get all the seal coats done by the end of the month. Woodman, Cruzen and McConnell are still to get done. McConnell is on the top of the list for gravel. Tait Road and Procunier will most likely be done in the spring of 2015 under the General Maintenance fund of the Road Commission.

FOIA: Discussion was held on having a policy in place. The questions were asked if the current policy the township has in place meets the needs of the township or should it be changed/amended? The board discussed this topic including the charging of fees that was in place. Treasurer Leeseberg suggested that Supervisor Klinger get in contact with Dave Cook to clarify what is required to have in place. Supervisor Klinger will call him and discuss the boards concerns and see what he would recommend. Assessor Somers will take the current policy to the interview and they will let him know if it is acceptable or not.

Resolution 2014-1: Clerk and Deputy Clerk Duties in regard to Elections.

Motion by Klinger, seconded by Ginder to approve the Resolution 2014-1 giving the Clerk and Deputy Clerk the ability to make decisions with the Election Commission.

MOTION CARRIED

Clerk LaVergne presented the Election workers that would need to be trained for the upcoming election.

Motion by Klinger, seconded by Leeseberg to accept the list of Election workers to be trained for the upcoming election. Roll Call: Yes-Brege, Klinger, Leeseberg, Ginder and LaVergne.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Supervisor Klinger discussed with the Board that Assessor Somers contract is due to expire soon. There was a discussion on the contract. Assessor Somers presented the board with a new contract for the next four years expiring in 2018.

Motion by Klinger, seconded by LaVergne to approve the Assessing Contract with Ted Somers for 2014-2018 in the amount of \$8500.00 per year. Roll Call: Yes-Klinger, LaVergne, Ginder, Brege & Leeseberg.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Assessor Somers noted to the board that there have been some complaints on the Field Staff that are out checking on things for the Tax Management Associates. They are out checking his field work and they have not been very presentable or respectful. He has been getting a lot of complaints from other townships in the area. He would like to know if any of the townships property owners have any problems or issues with them when they come to their property.

Clerk LaVergne noted the Election Supplies and the Summer Tax for the Treasurer columns on the budget needed to be amended.

Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Klinger to move \$1600.00 from Election Wages #262-702 to Election Supplies #262-727 and \$2.00 from Treasurer Supplies 253-727 to Summer Tax 253-760. Roll Call: Yes-Brege, Klinger, Leeseberg, Ginder and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Motion by Klinger, seconded by Ginder to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$6,743.03 check numbers 8745-8765. Roll Call: Yes-Brege, Klinger, Leeseberg, Ginder and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The meeting was adjourned by Klinger at 8:38 p.m., seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on August 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk

Supervisor