

## GUSTIN TOWNSHIP - ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln, on September 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Klinger.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Assessor Somers told the board he met with MTA people. He does not know what the results are yet. He said they pointed out a couple of things. They said that there needed to be a formal adjourning of the Board of Review meetings and he felt that the inspection of public records probably wasn't going to be good enough. The 10 steps most likely will have to be adopted. Other than that he felt the meeting went well.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Clerk LaVerge gave a short synopsis to the board on the Treasurer's report thru August 31, 2014 because Treasurer Leeseberg was absent. She noted the expenses and the deposits. Treasurer Leeseberg balances with the Clerk and the bank.

**Motion by Brege, seconded by Ginder to approve the August Treasurer's report as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:**

Zoning administrator Brege reported the planning commission meeting went well. The committee voted to send the new ordinance onto the commissioners to accept. The commissioners will have 30 days from today to accept or reject the ordinance. Then the township board can decide to adopt it. The planning commission committee also approved the change from residential to forest recreational and reclassified the economic development to industrial. The reason they did that was the rules to live by on both were identical. He received a letter via email from Mr. Zalinski's daughter on the trailer park. She said she had tried to contact several people and no has responded to her. She attached the letter she had drafted. She would like the township to clean up the garbage and she will reimburse the township back for expenses. She said she cannot get on the property so she would not be able to get it done before she gets possession of it. There was discussion on the issue. Supervisor Klinger suggested that Brege share the letter and information with Attorney Cook and see what he suggested to respond to her. Supervisor Klinger noted he had spoken to Attorney Cook before on this issue and the township would not be able to help her clean it up. The township is not responsible and it would not be in the townships best interest to participate in the cleanup. There was discussion on if the township could recommend businesses to her to use for cleanup. The board felt it could not participate in this because it is a government entity and cannot promote one company over another. Assessor Somers noted there was some activity and ownership transfers on the property recently. He will scan and send the activity to Adam. Brege noted there were no land use permits, calls or complaints.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- MTA Chapter meeting is October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Greenbush Township Hall. Dinner will be served.
- Watershed meeting will be on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the EMS building. Nemcog would like one official board member and the Zoning Administrator to attend. Supervisor Klinger will be attending.
- Road Update: Supervisor Klinger spoke with Jesse at the Road Commission. All the township contracts are closed and finished. He is writing up a contract to do work on McConnell Rd. They will do a small area to the north and try to see what is going on with the road and then next spring they will try to get the south part done. He will try to keep it around \$10000.00. Supervisor Klinger is hoping that the trees they cut down will also help out.
- MTA Township finance seminar is on Oct. 27 and 28<sup>th</sup> in Lansing.
- New Life Church submitted a copy of their liability insurance.
- Stephenson and Gracik sent a notice on the new minimum wage rules that take effect on September 1, 2014.
- Consumers Energy public hearing will be held on September 3<sup>rd</sup> in Lansing.
- The State Construction Codes Commission sent a letter reminding townships to properly administer the State Construction Code Act.
- Allband sent a certificate of insurance for work they are performing in the township.
- DEQ: sent an updated letter on Kelvin Smith of Sunrise Sanitation and the Transfer station. They included a copy of the inspection report and they had 6 violations. The case has been referred to other agencies for escalated enforcement.

**BUSINESS:**

Water heater update: It is still ongoing. One plumber has been to the hall and recommended pulling it out and cleaning and putting it back into use. He didn't recommend buying a new one. He does not do estimates and cannot predict the cost of doing that. It was Bill Ark Plumbing. Andy Cox also has the keys to the hall and will come and assess the water heater and let Supervisor Klinger know what he recommends. Stan Fornier was also contacted by Supervisor Klinger but he does not have time to come to the hall and check it out. As of right now it is plugged in and in use, it is producing hot water and functioning at this time.

Supervisor Klinger had a bill from Stout Lawn Service for \$700.00.

Supervisor Klinger informed the board that on the side door coming into the hall the lock has gone bad on the door. He found out it was \$400.00 to get a new door handle. It will be cheaper to fix it than to replace it. He has talked to a lock and key company out of Alpena and they will pull it apart and fix it when they are in the area. It should be done within 2 to 3 weeks.

Supervisor Klinger would like to talk about the rental fees when Treasurer Leeseberg is in attendance. It will be put on the agenda for next month.

Trustee Brege and Supervisor Klinger have been working on the toilet problems at the hall. Supervisor Klinger submitted a bill for reimbursement for items purchased for the toilet. They will see to it that it is fixed or they will get in touch with a plumber if they can't fix it.

Clerk LaVergne stated the budget was fine this month.

**Motion by Klinger, seconded by Ginder to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$4348.30 check numbers 8788-8807. Roll Call: Yes-Brege, Klinger, Ginder and LaVergne. No-None. Absent: Treasurer Leeseberg.**

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

The meeting was adjourned by Klinger at 7:44 p.m., seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on October 20th at 7:00 p.m.

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Clerk

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Supervisor