

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP - ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln, on September 18, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Goddard.

Present: Supervisor Goddard, Clerk LaVergne, Trustee Ginder, Trustee Lipscomb and absent Treasurer Leeseberg. Guests: Ted Somers, Assessor, Adam Brege, Zoning Administrator, Claudette Thomas, Deputy Clerk, Barb Schram, Cemetery Sexton, Trevor MacNeill and Stephanie Boyat.

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Stephanie Boyat and Trevor MacNeill presented to the board 989 Dragway. They are interested in building and bringing a raceway to Gustin Township. Currently they are looking at property on F-41. They are in the process of getting a variance and are working with Brege to take the necessary steps to complete the process. They held discussion with the board and explained all they plan to do and what they have in mind. They have been working with ACC to develop a business plan. The total approximate cost of this business will be \$750,000.00. They have investors that are interested in working with them.

Assessor Somers presented to the board a new state approved AMAR review sheet he received. He explained the items he handles and how he takes care of them. Form 4142 he is not sure on and needs to find out more information on it. He said Gustin Township needs to get a poverty exemption in place. The board needs to adopt/approve the Federal guidelines and then the township would be safe. If the board doesn't want to use the Federal guidelines then they need to work on a poverty plan. He explained some of the steps the township has to do to get some things in place. PRE form and property transfer affidavit can be placed on the website. He tabled any decisions the board would make until next meeting when Treasurer Leeseberg would be back.

Motion by Lipscomb, seconded by Goddard to approve the August minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Leeseberg was absent however the board had the reports for last month ending August 31, 2017. She told Supervisor Goddard that she balances with the Clerk and the bank.

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

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:

Zoning administrator Brege reported he had three new land use permits (One pole barn, a garage and a new home on Glore Tr.). He will in a week go check on the Holmes property. He asked about our cemetery and if we still used deeds. He mentioned that Caledonia Twp. and Karie Scott were doing something else and not giving out deeds. He said that the Township could follow up with her if anyone wanted more information. Supervisor Goddard mentioned to Brege and the board that Dave Cook, the township attorney, could write letters to some of the township nuisance properties for clean up under his retainer fee. As of right now, the Township sends a letter and gives the owner so many days to clean up and then if that doesn't work they could have Dave Cook write a letter on behalf of the Township to see if that would work. The planning commission has set up in place procedures for zoning ordinance violations and they can add a letter from Dave Cook to it.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Sheriff report was read and placed on file.
- Notice from NEMCOG for the Village of Lincoln updating their master plan and how the Township wanted the information, on paper or CD.
- MTA medical marihuana facilities information on OPT IN or OPT OUT. This was tabled by Lipscomb and seconded by Ginder to put on the agenda for October's meeting for further discussion
- Huron Pines pamphlet and email invitation for a ribbon cutting event Thursday September 21st at 11:30 am. Buhl Dam removal on Pine River, S. Branch.
- Supervisor Goddard relayed to the board she attended the last DDA meeting. The deal with the Nursing home facility fell thru but they are exploring other options. They are working on a Dollar General to come into the area. She also noted the Chosen Ranch had purchased the old Bruski building and were going to open a Community Center. They will have mentors, meals given out and have computers available.

BUSINESS: No new business

Trustee Lipscomb reported to the board that on the website the number of current traffic was 11,062 hits to date. That is a huge increase and she is maintaining the updates. She is adding items as they come in from Board members.

Clerk LaVergne noted there was one budget adjustment. It is in the Cemetery mowing account for \$125.00.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Lipscomb to move \$125.00 from the surplus to 276-703 account. Roll call: Yes-Goddard, Ginder, Lipscomb and LaVergne. No-None. Absent: Leeseberg.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Ginder to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$10,197.68 check numbers 9604-9623. Roll Call: Yes- Goddard, Lipscomb, Ginder and LaVergne. Absent: Leeseberg. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

The meeting was adjourned by Goddard at 8:06 p.m., seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on October 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk

Supervisor