

## GUSTIN TOWNSHIP - ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln, September 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Brege.

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

**Motion by Goddard, seconded by Leeseberg to approve the agenda.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Assessor Somers said he was going to talk about the Board of Review but it was on the agenda so he will wait. Supervisor Brege mentioned that Claudette Thomas was possibly interested in the Board of Review vacant position. He will get with Chuck Boyer to get a letter of resignation before the board appoints another member. The next board of review will be December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Treasurer Leeseberg discussed with the board the Treasurer's reports thru August 31<sup>st</sup> 2015. She noted the expenses and the deposits. She balances with the Clerk and the bank.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

Zoning administrator Brege updated the board and said the Makala farm would be putting a cemetery plot on their property. The township does not have any governance over that. It is handled thru the register of deeds office and the health department. He noted that he has been in the trailer park and looked around. They have new roofs on some of the trailers. They are fixing it up. There was discussion that the township has not seen a license yet for the opening of it. They need one to operate. Supervisor Brege will get in touch with Harry Harvey to see if he knows anything about it. There was discussion about a property on F-41. It appears they have done some clean-up of cars in the yard. Later in the fall Supervisor Brege may send another letter to the property if he feels it necessary on the clean-up.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- MTA classes being held on November 17 and 18<sup>th</sup> at Comfort Suites in Mt. Pleasant. They are on township finances, creating a vision for your township and linking with the community.
- Road Commission Financial report was received by the township. It is a report the township receives each year on the area spending for each townships on roads.

### **BUSINESS:**

Received an invoice for NEMCOG yearly membership. The invoice was \$605.00 and would be good thru 9/30/16. There was discussion and the board decided not to renew for the upcoming year.

There was discussion on seeking a new member for the board of review. Supervisor Brege will confirm with Chuck Boyer that he is resigning. They have moved out of town so he thinks that will be the case.

**Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Goddard to put an ad in the review seeking applications for board of review members. Roll Call: Yes-Goddard, Leeseberg, Ginder, Brege and LaVergne. No-None.**

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

Received a quote from John's Home Maintenance for snow plowing. They owe the township for 5 plows that were not performed last year. The invoice was for \$280.00 for next season.

**Motion by Brege, seconded by Goddard to accept the snow plow bid from John's Home Maintenance for next year with the credit from last year. Roll call: Yes-LaVergne, Brege, Ginder, Goddard and Leeseberg. No-None.**

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

There was discussion about the grave digger at the cemetery. He would like to be paid upon each burial. The township has not received his liability insurance to date. The township pays bills currently at the monthly meeting. There was discussion on the payment of terms for the township. The clerk will look in the Clerk handbook and on the MTA website to see if there are such policies the township could put in place for general accounting principles for all of the vendors to have on file. Supervisor Brege will also consult Dave Cook to see if he has something on hand for that.

The township board had a cemetery deed to sign and return to Brenda Cordes. There was a question on the lot so Supervisor Brege will consult Dave Cook on the procedure if it was an already deeded lot and if we can re issue a new deed if the current lot owners are deceased and so are the rest of their family members.

Supervisor Brege's wife is currently working on a college document for a grant writing class. She created a document using the Twin Lakes Cemetery of Gustin Township. The requests for funding information she has put together for Gustin Township included the roads being improved and for some trees to be removed. There may be grants available for funding in cemeteries such as the document she has created for class.

Supervisor Brege updated the board on the information he had on the well at the hall he would like dug up. He said the people he had originally thought were interested in helping him are not interested anymore. He will take a free weekend to look at it to see if he can find it. Muriel will ask her husband if he is interested in helping Supervisor Brege. Supervisor Brege will also get in contact with Tait well drilling to get an estimate to see how much it would be for them to find it for the township.

**Motion by Brege, seconded by Goddard to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$14,658.05 check numbers 9065-9087. Roll Call: Yes-Brege, Goddard, Leeseberg, Ginder and LaVergne. No-None.**

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

The meeting was adjourned by Brege at 7:55 p.m., seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on October 19th at 7:00 p.m.

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Clerk

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Supervisor