

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP – ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln, on January 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Goddard.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Assessor Somers updated the board on the Sales Study numbers. He said the residential class had minor adjustments. In the previous two years study there were 23 sales with a ratio of 49.91%. The agriculture class was 50.64%, the commercial class was 51.02% and the industrial class was 50.53%. Overall he is pleased with the study numbers and his land values fell right in with them. He also told the board he has had some minor computer problems. He was able to fix them but was wondering who he could use when there is a situation he can't fix. Treasurer Leeseberg got in touch with Michael Suiter and he has agreed to help out the township employees with computer issues as they come up.

Commissioner Brege reported from the county level. He noted that Kathy Vichunas had been appointed as the Caledonia Township Supervisor and has stepped down as County Commissioner. They have had interviews and have selected Dan Gauthier and he was sworn in on Friday. The commissioners have been talking about possible mileages. They have talked of a possible law enforcement or a headly roll back mileage. The county budget is ½ million in the red and they are talking about how they can possibly fix that. They are taking steps to cut costs but it hasn't been enough. The county employees are now responsible for more of their costs such as health care.

Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Goddard to approve the December minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Leeseberg presented to the board reports for last month ending December 31, 2017. She balances with the Clerk and the bank.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Ginder to approve the December Treasurer's report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:

Zoning administrator Brege reported he has been on the phone with Mark Younk and also with a lawyer about his property. Mark is in a dispute with his sister. Brege said the board members may be getting some phone calls about the situation. They have been calling about zoning rules. He said other than that it has been quiet.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Planning and Zoning Training workshops available from January to September at various locations. Muriel will give brochure to Pam to ask the planning commission members if they would like to attend.
- MTA capital conference – January 31 at Lansing Center
- Board of Review Training – Feb. 6 – Feb 28 at various locations. Muriel will call members to see if they want to attend.
- Nemcog Directory Update
- Sheriff report was read and placed on file.
- Election Equipment was discussed. There may be a need to purchase additional equipment.
- There will be a budget workshop on February 20th at 5:30 pm prior to the regular board meeting.

BUSINESS:

March Board of Review Dates: Organizational meeting will be March 6th at 5:30 pm. Regular meetings will be March 12th and March 13th from 1:30 – 7:30 pm. Supervisor Goddard will publish the dates in the review.

Property Transfer Affidavit Resolution was discussed.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Ginder to approve the Property Transfer Affidavit resolution 2018-2. Roll call: Yes-Ginder, Goddard, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Property Tax Exemption Resolution was discussed.

Motion by Ginder, seconded by Goddard to approve the Property Tax Exemption resolution 2018-3. Roll call: Yes-Ginder, Goddard, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None. MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Voting Grant Resolution was discussed.

Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Ginder to approve the Voting Grant resolution 2018-4. Roll call: Yes-Ginder, Goddard, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None. MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Township Office Salaries were discussed.

Motion by Ginder, seconded by Goddard to approve a \$1,000.00 increase to the Treasurer and the Clerk salaries to begin in April 2018 the new budget year. Roll call: Yes-Ginder, Goddard, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None. MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Proclamation Host Responsibility Month was discussed.

Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Goddard to approve the signing of the 2018 Social Host proclamation. Roll call: Yes-Ginder, Goddard, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None. MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Clerk LaVergne informed the board that Candace Fulsher was willing to be the Deputy Clerk.

Motion by LaVergne, seconded by Ginder to accept the appointment of Candace Fulsher as the Deputy Clerk. Roll Call: Yes-Ginder, Goddard, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None. MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Clerk LaVergne swore in Candace Fulsher as the Deputy Clerk.

The board received a resignation letter from Trustee Lipscomb. The board will need to appoint a new trustee. There was discussion and the board will advertise for the position.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Leeseberg to advertise for a trustee position in the Alcona Review for 2 weeks. Roll call: Yes-Goddard, Ginder, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None. MOTION CARRIED 4-0

The Clerk noted there needed to be some transfers in the budget.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Leeseberg to move \$59.99 from 101-800 tax roll set up to 253-727 Office supplies Treasurer. Roll Call: Yes-Goddard, Ginder, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None. MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Ginder to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$4,005.94 check numbers 9686-9700. Roll Call: Yes- Goddard, Ginder, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None. MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Supervisor Goddard gave the board members copies of Mikado Twp. and Greenbush Twp. asset tests. She would like the board members to look them over and report back to her next month. Gustin Twp. needs to put one of them in place and the board can decide which one to use. The board should have a hard copy of guidelines to follow.

The meeting was adjourned by Goddard at 7:40 p.m., seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on February 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk

Supervisor