

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP – ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln, on November 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Goddard.

Present: Supervisor Goddard, Treasurer Leeseberg, Clerk LaVergne, Trustee Ginder, and Trustee Goldstrom. Guests: Ted Somers, Assessor, Adam Brege, Zoning Administrator and Jim Perrell, Gustin Township resident.

Motion by Leeseberg , seconded by Goldstrom to approve the agenda with the additions.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Perrell discussed his concerns with the board about some of the blight in Gustin Township. He had a list of several properties he would like the zoning administrator to check out. He asked what our rules and regulations and procedures were on the blight issues and what the board was doing to get areas cleaned up. Supervisor Goddard and zoning administrator Brege explained to him the procedures and let him know the board has a few active cases currently that they are pursuing. They explained it is very expensive to follow thru with taking the property owners to court; however, the township has set aside some money this year in the budget to handle a couple of cases.

Brege on behalf of the County Commissioners reported that the budget will be wrapped up in a couple of days. The county has changed insurance providers and they will save a lot in doing so and they have made several other cuts as well. He has high hopes the budget will break even and be in balance.

Motion by Ginder, seconded by Goldstrom to approve the October minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Leeseberg discussed with the board the Treasurer's report thru October 31, 2018. She noted the expenses and the deposits. She balances with the Clerk and the bank.

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

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:

Zoning administrator Brege reported there were 2 land use permits for last month and both were for pole barns. He updated the board on Mrs. Becker. She is in the process of finding the titles for the vehicles on the property to get rid of them. As far as the garbage she told him she has no one to help her clean it up. Brege suggested the board give her more time on the clean up process. Supervisor Goddard will contact Attorney Cook and let him know we are giving her a longer timeline. Brege said the Fowler letter has been sent and when he received the letter he called Brege right away and said he would cooperate. Brege is keeping an eye on the Holmes property.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Sheriff report was read and placed on file
- Department of Licensing Tips Sheet received.
- Consumers Energy sent a letter on the budget. They will be reviewing the budget plan every four months with the actual energy use and will adjust the bill accordingly if needed.
- Received a dividend check from Lappan Agency for a work safe year.
- Leeseberg discussed with the board the use of the main part of the hall by the State Police troopers. She would like to see if the utility expenses are increased because of the extra use. Clerk LaVergne will prepare a spreadsheet for the next meeting comparing the utilities for the past few years.
- Supervisor Notes: Supervisor Goddard noted she attended the Road Commission meeting on the RTF funding. She told the board that Gustin Township will not have to contribute to the Barlow Rd. project coming up next year. She passed out the funding report to each board member. She discussed with the board that when the Supervisors met they discussed the Attorney issue. All the townships agreed they would like the same attorney for all the townships to use on a collaboration basis. If all the townships had the same attorney, it may save them all money. Marlena MacNeill, Alcona Township Supervisor had a list of recommended names she shared with the Supervisors and they were waiting on a proposal from one of the firms and she will pass it on once she receives it. Goddard noted the election went well. There were 316 voters that turned out at the poles and that is 50% of the registered voters in Gustin Township. She thanked Clerk LaVergne for her work in preparing for the election and that it helps for election day.
- Summer Tax Resolution was received from Alcona Schools and put on file.

BUSINESS:

The December Board of Review was set for December 11th at 6pm; pending notification of the board members on the time. Supervisor Goddard will call them and confirm the time.

Supervisor Goddard discussed with the board that she met with John's Home Maintenance on the snow plowing. They will not drive over the well and they will push some snow on it to help insulate it. They will keep the handicap area open but won't drive over it. They will also keep an area kept clear for the State Police to park.

Motion by Ginder, seconded by Goddard to accept the snowplowing quote from John's Home Maintenance for the 2018/19 season for the amount of \$525.00 and the bid is based on 12 plows. After the 12 plows it will be \$40.00 per plowing. Roll Call: Yes-Goddard, Ginder, Leeseberg, Goldstrom and LaVergne. No-None. MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Supervisor Goddard presented to the board a Resolution on Senate Bill 396. She discussed it was a bill that was for the logging industry to be exempt from frost laws. If the bill passes it could be very bad for the roads. The logging trucks would tear up the roads and not have to pay to fix them; or pay very little to fix them. She urged the board to pass this resolution opposing the bill.

Motion by LaVergne, seconded by Ginder to sign the resolution for Senate Bill 396. Roll Call: Yes-Ginder, Goddard, Leeseberg, LaVergne and Goldstrom. No-None. MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Trustee Goldstrom reported to the board with the passing of the Marijuana bill there will a couple of ways it will affect the township. He will look into it further and have a report for the board next month.

Clerk LaVergne noted the budget transfers.

Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Goddard to increase 276-703 Mowing by \$425.00 using money from the cemetery fund balance and amend the budget by making line item changes from 101-500 contingency \$60 to 262-702 Election Bd Salary and move \$41.70 from 101-500 contingency to 262-900 advertising and use money from the general fund balance of \$489.16 to 262-727 supplies. Roll Call: Yes-Goddard, Ginder, Leeseberg, Goldstrom and LaVergne. No-none. MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Ginder to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$6,119.33 check numbers 9937-9959. Roll Call: Yes- Goddard, Leeseberg, Goldstrom, Ginder and LaVergne. No-None. MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Treasurer Leesberg noted the entry lock on the office door needed to be replaced.

Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Goddard to buy a new entry lock for the office door. Roll call: Yes-Goddard, Leeseberg, Ginder, Goldstrom and LaVergne. No-None. MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The meeting was adjourned by Goddard at 7:45 p.m., seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on December 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk

Supervisor