

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP – ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln, on December 16, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Goddard.

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

Motion by Ginder, seconded by Goldstrom to approve the agenda with one addition.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Assessor Somers discussed with the board the December Board of Review. He said they had one unusual circumstance that occurred. The Board of Review members discussed the circumstance and would like the township board to review and possibly amend the guidelines that are in place for certain unusual circumstance that may occur. The Township board will discuss this and possibly make the changes when it gets adopted in the January or February meeting. Treasurer Leeseberg suggesting getting legal counsel on the changes as well. Assessor Somers will get copies to the board members for them to review. He noted there were 33 personal property statements this year. He has contacted the printer and the price will approximately be \$61.00. The board agreed to have the assessor go ahead and have them printed. Assessor Somers mentioned the copy of his Word and Excel programs is version 2010. He will not be able to receive the updates on this program soon and may need a newer version. Treasurer Leeseberg noted she has the same issue. Clerk LaVergne will check her version to see if it is newer and if she has more than one license for the programs. Assessor Somers noted he would need a tax form exemption form from Gustin Township on the properties the township owns. He is collecting them for all the parcels that are tax exempt to have them on file in case he needs them.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Leeseberg to have Clerk LaVergne sign the tax-exempt form for Assessor Somers.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Goldstrom to approve the November minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Leeseberg presented to the board reports for last month ending November 30, 2019. She balances with the Clerk and the bank.

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

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:

Zoning administrator Brege reported there were no new permits. He will make calls to the Trask Lake residents the week after Christmas to check on their progress of their blight issues.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Board of Review Update: There were 3 principal residents exemptions filed and the other circumstance discussed earlier by the Assessor.
- Sheriff report was read and placed on file.
- Alcona Community Schools collection of summer tax levy was received.
- MTA Training flyer: Authorities and Responsibilities of Michigan Townships and The Township Board's role with Board of Review. Three different locations in January.

BUSINESS:

The State Police invoice was discussed. The current State charge is \$1800.00 for the year. The board agreed to send it out and keep it the same for the upcoming year.

Land Division Act Services Agreement: The updated contract was received. Equalization will do the land divisions.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Goldstrom to sign the Land Division Act Services Agreement. Roll Call: Yes-Goddard, Ginder, Leeseberg, LaVergne and Goldstrom. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Election Source bill: The election source bill was discussed further. It is a contract to prepay for the election machine coverage for the additional 5 years of coverage (after the first 5 years) so that the cost will not be all at once. The yearly payments will start in March of 2020 and will be for \$385.00 a year for both machines.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Leeseberg to sign and agree to the contract with Election Source for the additional 5 years coverage on the Election Machines. Roll call: Yes-Leeseberg, LaVergne, Goddard, Ginder and Goldstrom. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

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

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Goldstrom to move \$737.98 from fund balance to 262-727 Supplies and move \$158.35 from 276-703 mowing to 215-727 Office Supplies. Roll Call: Yes-Goddard, Ginder, Leeseberg, LaVergne and Goldstrom. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Motion by Ginder, seconded by Goldstrom to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$4,887.07 check numbers 10228-10251. Roll Call: Yes- Goddard, Golstrom, Ginder, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The meeting was adjourned by Goddard at 7:10 p.m., seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on January 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk

Supervisor