

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP – ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln with the Pledge of Allegiance cited, on April 15, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Goddard.

Present: Supervisor Goddard, Clerk LaVergne, Trustee Ginder and Treasurer Leeseberg. Absent: Trustee Goldstrom. Guest: Assessor Somers, and Zoning Administrator Brege.

Motion by Ginder, seconded by Leeseberg to approve the agenda with a couple of additions.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Leeseberg to approve the Budget Hearing Minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Assessor Somers gave the board an updated on the tax roll bills. The township will supply the Equalization department with the paper needed. They will continue to do the splits and combinations. The program is up and ready to use when the township wants to proceed. He spoke on behalf of the Road Commission and gave an update on the Barlow Rd. project. It will be re-submitted for 2020.

Adam Brege reported from the County Commissioners. The clerk's office lost an employee and they have had to outsource payroll for a few weeks to help out. Patti Truman also came back for a few weeks to help. He told the township there is grant money available that the township can apply for that would be used for possible contamination sites in Gustin Township. People could potentially buy and the township could get money to help them clean up the sites. The county would be writing the grants. They are in the middle of their audit right now.

Cemetery Sexton Schram told the board she is resigning as Cemetery Sexton. She has enjoyed her time doing it but she can no longer take care of the cemetery like she would like to. She will stay on until the board finds a replacement. The board thanked her for her service and will miss her taking care of the cemetery. She also noted the cemetery is in need of a new flag. Supervisor Goddard will look into getting one. Barb also gave some suggestions of what she would like done at the cemetery when the new person takes over.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Ginder to advertise for a Cemetery Sexton. Roll call: Yes-Ginder, Goddard, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-none. Absent: Goldstrom

MOTION CARRIED- 4-0

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

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Leeseberg discussed with the board the March 31,2019 Treasurer's report. The Treasurer balances with the bank and the clerk.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Ginder to approve the March treasurers report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:

Zoning Administrator Brege reported there was one new land use permit. He updated the board on the blight areas. Mrs. Becker called him and she has been having health problems. The Fowler property he called Cook's office on and has not heard back but he will follow up with them. The spoke to someone on Barlow Rd. about their property and they said they would start to clean it up. The board discussed the issues and Brege will get with Goddard to discuss the list of properties and he will send out notices to all of them to see if the township can get some progress on the situations.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Sheriff report read and placed on file
- Par Plan News passed out.
- Department of Agriculture information sheet. A spreadsheet on the landowners in Gustin Township that have a Farmland Development Rights agreement with the State of Michigan
- DDA reporting: This was an email from Assessor Somers. Goddard and Leeseberg checked into it. The Village of Lincoln has the obligation to get the plan to him. The State will be watching the Village and how they are spending the money they have for the DDA.
- MTA chapter meeting will be held on Tues. 4-23-19 at 7 pm at Alcona Township.
- Treasurer Leeseberg had a few handouts. She passed out a sample tax bill for the board to review. Assessor Somers will send a copy to the printing company as well for them to look at. She has renewed the township CD. She received information from the County Treasurer on imposing the 3% on the tax bills and explained on how to implement them if the

township would like to. She received information from the auditor on the Fire Mileage money and how it can be spent. There was discussion on that and the possibilities.

- Michigan State University Extension flyers on area training.

BUSINESS:

Cemetery Clean up date was set for May 4th at 9:00 am. Clerk LaVergne will publish in the Alcona Review. The rain date will be May 5th at 1:00 pm. Saint Anne's youth group and the 4-H plan to help.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Ginder to publish the Cemetery clean up in the review for one week. Roll Call: Yes-Goddard, Ginder, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No – None. Absent: Goldstrom MOTION CARRIED 4-0

The township received the contract from C&S Dust Control. The contract has increased by \$6.00.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Leeseberg to sign the agreement with C&S Dust Control for the township agreeing to pay 50% of up to 300' (\$141.00) worth of dust control provided by C&S dust control per parcel. Rates: \$94.00 per 100' x 22'. Roll call: Yes-Goddard, Ginder, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None. Absent: Goldstrom MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Motion by Goddard seconded by Ginder to advertise the C & S dust control contract in the newspaper for the township owners for one week. Roll call: Yes-Goddard, Ginder, Leeseberg & LaVergne. No-None. Absent: Goldstrom MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Supervisor Goddard received a letter from the Road Commission on additional funding they will give to the townships. It is based on the miles of roads in each township.

The Board received one response from Planning Commission ad placed. This was tabled until next month when the full board will be present.

Motion by Ginder, seconded by Goddard to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$23,973.35 check numbers 10051-10070. Roll Call: Yes-Goddard, Ginder, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None. Absent: Goldstrom MOTION CARRIED 4-0

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

Clerk

Supervisor