

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP – ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln, on June 15, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Goddard.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Leeseberg discussed with the board the Treasurer's report thru May 31, 2020. She noted the expenses and the deposits. She balances with the Clerk and the bank.

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

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:

Zoning administrator Brege reported that he has two active letters on property owners' blight. He has heard back from one of them. The property owner he heard from discussed his plan with Adam as to what he is doing with his clean up efforts. Brege will keep an eye on the process. He will look again at the Trask Lake Rd. properties and can send out updated letters if needed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Sheriff's report: read and placed on file.
- L-4029 received from Oscoda Schools.
- Received a dividend check from the Michigan Township Participating Plan

BUSINESS:

The July board of review date is set for July 21st at 5:30 pm.

Assessor Somers discussed with the board Executive order #87 passed by the Governor. It states anything from the March Board of Review can be heard again at the July Board of Review. They can protest again at the July Board of Review what they did at the March Board of Review. There is also an extension on the deadline for the Principal Residency exemption until 6/30/2020 (it is only for this year). He discussed with the board the New Designated Assessor the State is pushing out. It is supposed to be in place by the end of this year. It will be an agreement between the County and all of the Townships. The County will have to have this designated assessor in place to cover the township assessors if need be. There will be fees for the townships at some point. On June 1st he emailed the AMAESD in Alpena to get the L-4029. He had trouble getting it from them and ended up getting it from another entity. He would like a letter sent to them explaining why it is important for us to have that information for him to be able to print the tax bills. He asked for permission to use the amounts he had for the tax bills because he needed to get the information to the printer tonight for the tax bills to be printed.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Goldstrom, for Assessor Somers to use the L-4029 amounts he has to print the tax bills. Roll call: Yes-Ginder, Goldstrom, LaVergne, Goddard and Leeseberg. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Election supplies were discussed for the upcoming elections for safety. Clerk LaVergne said there will most likely be some purchases needed for products for the elections this year.

Election testing was discussed for the August Primary.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Ginder, to have Election Source do full testing for the August Primary. Roll call: Yes-Ginder, Goldstrom, LaVergne, Goddard and Leeseberg. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Michigan Township Participating plan dividend was received in the amount of \$550.09.

Par Plan Election Ballot discussed. Board decided to vote for Diane Randall on the ballot.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Goldstrom, to vote for Diane Randall on the Par Plan Election ballot. Roll call: Yes-Ginder, Goldstrom, LaVergne, Goddard and Leeseberg. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The Township Attorney was discussed.

Motion by Ginder, seconded by Goldstrom, to accept Justin Wilson to be the Gustin Township Attorney on retainer for a flat fee of \$1,000.00 per year. Any extra services will be at \$100.00 an hour. Roll Call: Yes-Ginder, Goddard, LaVergne, Goldstrom and Leeseberg. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Clerk LaVergne discussed the budget transfers.

Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Ginder to move \$130.11 from 101-801 MTA Dues to 102-990 Board Miscellaneous. Roll Call: Yes-Goldstrom, Goddard, Leeseberg, Ginder and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Assessor Somers asked for pre-approval of the tax bills postage.

Motion by Goldstrom, seconded by Goddard to pre-approve the tax bill postage for Assessor Somers. Roll Call: Yes-Goddard, Ginder, Leeseberg, Goldstrom and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Clerk LaVergne updated the board on the road agreements with the Road Commission. Jesse Campbell said he would most likely have the agreements for the July meeting.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Ginder to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$6,839.12 check numbers 10378-10401. Roll Call: Yes-Goldstrom, Goddard, Leeseberg, Ginder and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The board received a resignation letter from Trustee Chuck Goldstrom. The board accepted the letter with regrets.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Leeseberg to accept the resignation letter from Chuck Goldstrom for his township Trustee position. Roll call: Yes-Goddard, Ginder, Leeseberg, and LaVergne. Abstain: Goldstrom **MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

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

Clerk

Supervisor