

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP – ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln, July 19, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Ashford.

Present: Supervisor Ashford, Treasurer Leeseberg, Clerk LaVergne, Trustee Goddard and Trustee Fulsher. Guests: Assessor Somers, Zoning Administrator Brege, Deputy Clerk Amanda Parkinson.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Fulsher to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Trustee Goddard showed the board one of the section name signs she ordered with the funds from Hazen Schram’s memorial for the Cemetery. She is excited to get them put up. Treasurer Leeseberg notified the board she will be placing a box by her mailbox to collect the taxes in. She will have the taxpayers deposit the money in the box. She will no longer have them come to her door. Supervisor Ashford had a call from a resident asking her to draft a letter to the post office to change the Harrisville addresses in Gustin Township to Lincoln addresses.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Leeseberg discussed with the board the Treasurer’s reports thru June 30th, 2021. She noted the expenses and the deposits. She balances with the Clerk and the bank.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Fulsher to approve the June Treasurer’s report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:

Zoning Administrator Brege reported he had 2 land use permits. He is working with the Alcona County Review to get the citations made. If he does not hear from them shortly, he will contact them to get a proof. When he receives them, he will present them to the area properties with blight. He asked the board about the ACCOA ordinance and if was a zoning ordinance or not? Ashford told him it was not a Zoning ordinance. There was discussion on the ACCOA ordinance and the PILOT program with MSHDA. Ashford and Leeseberg have been gathering information on it and have been talking to Margaret Meyers, senior staff attorney with MSHDA to see how it will all work for Gustin Township. Gustin Township will need an ordinance in place and Meyers will work with Ashford on doing that. She has sent an email with a sample ordinance that Ashford can use for a reference. Ashford will also reach out to MTA with questions if necessary.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Sheriff’s report read and placed on file.
- Par Plan news received and put on file.
- MTA Chapter Picnic 7/27/21 at 6 pm. Location: Barton City Pavilion.

BUSINESS:

Sheila from the Village had contacted Ashford regarding taxes when ACCOA builds the facility. As stated earlier in the minutes under Zoning, Ashford and Leeseberg have been in contact with MSHDA on what will need to be done. Sounds like it will fall on the Village of Lincoln for the forms to be filed and the payout of the service fee. ACCOA will need to hire an accounting firm to do the calculation and distribute the payout of the service fee. The Village of Lincoln will collect it and then payout to Gustin Township. Leeseberg has done it in the past for Gustin Township and will work with the Village if they need help with the forms. It is important to note this is not a tax collection. It is a service fee collection. The application that ACCOA will file will also have to be approved thru the State of Michigan for this to go thru.

American Rescue Plan Act was discussed. The board discussed what the money could be spent on. At the current moment it can be spent on Broadband, sewer or water infrastructure projects and any expenses directly related to the covid 19 pandemic. The board had a lengthy discussion on the use of the money if received and how the township and the taxpayers would benefit. There are 3 options available to select from. #1 the township can elect to receive the funds and have until 2024 to use them. #2 the board can deny the funds and they will be sent back to the state of Michigan and #3 the board can deny the funds and Gustin Townships share will be distributed to the other townships in the area.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Fulsher to vote on to accept the of the American Rescue Plan Act funds. Roll call: Yes-Goddard and Ashford. No-Leeseberg, LaVergne and Fulsher.

Motion to accept funds Denied 3-

Board Motioned to accept the #3 option to deny the funds and Gustin Township share will be distributed to the other townships in the area that accept the American Rescue Plan Act funds. Clerk LaVergne will file the application online.

Lenny Avery from ACCOA called Assessor Somers and requested Millage rates for all the counties. Assessor Somers will supply him with Gustin Township's L-4029 for 2021 with Gustin's Tax rates but Avery will have to call the other entities for their tax rates.

L-4029 for Gustin Township was received and signed by Supervisor Ashford and Clerk LaVergne. Clerk LaVergne will send it to the Equalization Department.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Fulsher to have Supervisor Ashford and Clerk LaVergne sign the L-4029 for Gustin Township for 2021. Roll Call: Yes-Goddard, Leeseberg, Fulsher, Ashford and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Supervisor Ashford reported there were budget adjustments to be made.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Leeseberg to move \$10.42 from 101-500 Contingency Expense to 101-801 MTA dues for the budget adjustment. Roll Call: Yes- Goddard, Fulsher, Leeseberg, Ashford and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Motion by Goddard, seconded by LaVergne to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$4,809.96 check numbers 10697-10712. Roll Call: Yes-Goddard, Leeseberg, Fulsher, Ashford and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The meeting was adjourned by Ashford at 8:05 p.m., seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on August 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk

Supervisor