

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP – ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln, on August 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Ashford.

Present: Supervisor Ashford, Treasurer Leeseberg, Clerk LaVergne, Trustee Goddard, and Trustee Fulsher. Guests: Lenny Avery: Executive Director ACCOA. VIA Phone: Neil Sheridan and Catherine Mullhaupt from MTA.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Neil Sheridan and Catherine Mullhaupt from MTA discussed with the board via phone the ARPA funds that are available from the State Treasury. They discussed the ways the township could potentially use the money. The board has until 2024 to commit to how they want to use the funds and then will have until 2026 to use them. Catherine explained each category of uses and how it may pertain to the township uses. Revenue Loss may be the category that potentially Gustin Township could use the money.

**Motion by Goddard, seconded by Fulsher to approve the July minutes as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Treasurer Leeseberg discussed with the board the Treasurer's report thru July 31, 2021. She noted the expenses and the deposits. She balances with the Clerk and the bank.

**Motion by Fulsher, seconded by Goddard to approve the July Treasurer's report as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:**

Zoning: No report

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Board of Review update from Supervisor Ashford. There were 7 people that attended. There is a new BOR member; Pam Fowler.
- Sheriff report received and put on file.
- Audit report passed out to board members
- DTE Energy Flyer on Virtual Discussion of facing eviction & being behind on rent or energy bills Wednesday, Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-6 pm.

**BUSINESS:**

**Motion by Leeseberg seconded by Goddard to rescind the previous vote from the July meeting on the American Rescue Plan Act funds and put a new motion out to consider and accept the ARPA funds from the State Treasury. Roll call: Yes-Goddard, Ashford, Leeseberg, LaVergne and Fulsher. No-None.**

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

**Board Motioned to accept the #1 option to accept the funds for Gustin Township. Clerk LaVergne will re-file the application online with the updated application.**

The ACCOA Ordinance and PILOT program was discussed.

**Motion by Fulsher, seconded by Goddard to approve the tax exempt ordinance for the PILOT program with ACCOA. Roll Call: Yes-Goddard, Leeseberg, LaVergne, Fulsher and Ashford. No-None.**

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

**Motion by Fulsher, seconded by Leeseberg to publish the Pilot Program tax exempt ordinance in the Alcona Review for 2 weeks. Roll Call: Yes-Goddard, Leeseberg, LaVergne, Ashford and Fulsher. No-None.**

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

The Township Attorney was discussed.

**Motion by Goddard, seconded by Leeseberg to accept Justin Wilson to be the Gustin Township Attorney on retainer for a flat fee of \$1,000.00 per year. Roll Call: Yes-Ashford, Goddard, LaVergne, Fulsher and Leeseberg. No-None.**

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

Treasurer Leeseberg told the board once the ARPA funds are received she will open an account at AAACU for the funds.

**Motion by Goddard, seconded by LaVergne to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$12,180.32 check numbers 10723-10740. Roll Call: Yes- Goddard, Leeseberg, Ashford, Fulsher and LaVergne. No-None.**

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

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

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Clerk

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Supervisor