

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP - ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln, on January 16, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Ashford.

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

**Motion by Ashford, seconded by Goddard to approve the agenda with the addition.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Betsy Lendorf shared her concerns and favors of the 12.5 million grant being received from the ACCOA project. She is in support of this project and if anyone has questions, she is happy to answer them and she gave out her personal cell phone. Leroy Perrin addressed the board and asked if the board did not approve the solar ordinance tonight at this meeting then would they be able to do what they want with the solar companies? Supervisor Ashford said she did not have an answer for him. Perrin suggested the board pass the ordinance at this meeting.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Treasurer Leeseberg presented to the board reports for last month ending December 31, 2022. She balances with the Clerk and the bank.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:**

Zoning administrator Brege reported there have been no new permits. He said he has received an application from Consumers Energy for their property on Barlow Rd by the School. They will be expanding there. Brege gave the board a copy of their plans. He plans to issue the land use permit tomorrow.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- There will be a budget workshop on February 20th at 5:30 pm prior to the regular board meeting.
- Sheriff report was read and placed on file.
- Board of Review training flyer received.
- MTA Annual chapter meeting 1/24/23 at 7 pm at Hawes Township.
- Letter from Tim Gulden received on Solar Ordinance.
- Par Plan news received

**BUSINESS:**

Received a letter and bill for services from Recycle Alcona It will be held May 20, 2023 at the Alcona ARA site in Lincoln from 8 am to 2 pm.

**Motion by Goddard, seconded by Ashford to approve the bill of service from Alcona Recycle for \$1,000.00 to be paid April 1, 2023.**

**Roll call: Yes-Goddard, Leeseberg, Ashford, LaVergne and Fulsher. No-None.**

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

March Board of Review Dates: Organizational meeting will be March 7th at 5:30 pm. Regular meetings will be March 13th and March 14th from 1:30 - 7:30 pm. Supervisor Ashford will publish the dates in the review. They will need to be in the review for 3 weeks.

Township Office Salaries were discussed.

**Motion by Ashford, seconded by Fulsher to approve a \$1,500.00 increase to the Supervisor salary to begin in April 2023 the new budget year. Roll call: Yes-Ashford, Goddard, Leeseberg, Fulsher and LaVergne. No-None.**

**MOTION CARREID 5-0**

**Motion by Ashford, seconded by Goddard to approve the Clerk salary to be \$15,500.00 to begin in April 2023 the new budget year. Roll call: Yes-Ashford, Goddard, Leeseberg, Fulsher and LaVergne. No-None.**

**MOTION CARREID 5-0**

**Motion by Ashford, seconded by Goddard to approve the Treasurer salary to be \$15,500.00 to begin in April 2023 the new budget year. Roll call: Yes-Ashford, Goddard, Leeseberg, Fulsher and LaVergne. No-None.**

**MOTION CARREID 5-0**

Motion by LaVergne, seconded by Ashford to approve the Trustee salary to be \$1,800.00 to begin in April 2023 the new budget year. Roll call: Yes-Ashford, Goddard, Leeseberg, Fulsher and LaVergne. No-None.

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

Solar Ordinance was discussed.

Motion by Goddard to amend the Solar Ordinance Section 7.31 subsection C.3 to read "The Commercial Solar Energy System shall be setback 200 feet from all property lines of non-participating lots. Setbacks should be measured when the panel is at minimum tilt." seconded by LaVergne. Roll call: Yes: Goddard, Ashford and LaVergne. Abstain since they have been presented with contracts from the utility companies: Leeseberg and Fulsher.

**MOTION CARRIED 3-0**

Motion by Goddard to amend the Solar Ordinance Section 7.31 subsection C.6 to read " The sound pressure level of a solar energy facility and all ancillary solar equipment shall not exceed forty five (45) dBA (Leq (1 hour)) at the property line of an adjacent non-participating lot. The site plan shall include modeled sound isolines extending from the sound source to the property lines to demonstrate compliance with this standard." seconded by LaVergne. Roll call: Yes: Goddard, Ashford and LaVergne. Abstain since they have been presented with contracts from the utility companies: Leeseberg and Fulsher.

**MOTION CARRIED 3-0**

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Ashford to approve the Solar Ordinance 2023-01 with the amendments. Roll call: Yes: Goddard, Ashford and LaVergne. Abstain since they have been presented with contracts from the utility companies: Leeseberg and Fulsher.

**MOTION CARRIED 3-0**

Stephenson and Company presented a letter with the terms of engagement for the upcoming audit.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Ashford to accept the terms of engagement letter from Stephenson and Company for the upcoming audit in the amount of \$5,685.00. Roll call: Yes: Goddard, Leeseberg, Ashford, LaVergne and Fulsher. No-None.

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

Received an invoice from Tim Gulden for his service in reviewing the solar ordinance and his assessment. The charge was \$400.00.

Motion by LaVergne, seconded by Fulsher to approve the invoice from Tim Gulden for the review and assessment of the solar ordinance for Gustin Township in the amount of \$400.00. Roll call: Yes-Goddard, Leeseberg, LaVergne, Fulsher and Ashford. No: None.

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

Received a letter from Candy Fulsher stepping down from her duties as Trustee as of 1-16-23 after the meeting since she cannot attend the meetings with her new job.

Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by LaVergne to accept the resignation letter from Fulsher with regrets. Roll call: Yes-Ashford, Goddard, Leeseberg, Fulsher and LaVergne. No-None.

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

The Clerk noted there needed to be a transfer in the budget.

Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Fulsher to move \$19.50 from 101-500 Contingency Expense to 102-900 Board Advertising and to move \$163.77 from 262-728 Election postage to 215-727 Clerk office supplies and to move \$50.00 from 101-500 Contingency Expense to 101-940 Computer Enhancements. Roll Call: Yes-Goddard, Fulsher, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None.

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Fulsher to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$5,748.37 check numbers 11131-11150. Roll Call: Yes- Goddard, Leeseberg, Fulsher, Ashford and LaVergne. No-None.

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

The meeting was adjourned by Ashford at 7:25 p.m., seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on February 20th at 6:30 p.m.

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Clerk

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Supervisor