

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP - ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln, on February 20, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Ashford.

Present: Supervisor Ashford, Clerk LaVergne, Trustee Goddard and Treasurer Leeseberg. Guests: Ted Somers, Assessor, and Adam Brege, Zoning Administrator. See attached list for additional guests present.

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Neil Barlow discussed with the township board Procunier and McConnell Rd. intersection. He would like to see a road intersections ahead sign placed so people know there is an intersection ahead. He would also like to see some of the brush/trees cleared in the clear vision area. He has spoken with the Alcona County Road Commission Manager Jesse Campbell. Campbell is in contact with MDOT and has looked at the area. He will advise the township board when MDOT gives their recommendations to him.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Ashford to approve the January minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Leeseberg presented to the board reports for last month ending January 31, 2023. She balances with the Clerk and the bank.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Ashford to approve the January Treasurer's report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:

Zoning administrator Brege discussed with the board about setting up some meetings with Denise Cline at NEMCOG for the Planning Commission to make sure they have the proper paperwork needed for the solar permits and for her to go over with the planning commission of how they are to be filled out. Brege is suggesting about 6 special meetings. He also suggested partnering with other townships with the meetings. The board agreed it was a good idea. There were no new permits this past month. On the County Commissioner side he said the blight program has expired and no one took advantage of it. He said the county is doing well on the broadband efforts and is ahead of the game on it. He said there was a 25% increase in the PILT money the township will receive this coming year.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Sheriff report was read and placed on file.
- ARPA funds were tabled until the next meeting.

BUSINESS:

Hawes Township Cemetery contract was discussed. Clerk LaVergne will send it to them.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Leeseberg to send the cemetery contract to Hawes Township. Roll call: Yes-Goddard, LaVergne, Leeseberg and Ashford. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

The renewal of the Michigan Township Par Plan Commercial Package from Lappan Agency was discussed. The invoice is for \$4,588.00. The terrorism coverage was discussed. It is an additional \$28.00.

Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Goddard, to renew the Michigan Township Par Plan Commercial package for \$4,588.00 with Lappan Agency and add the Terrorism Coverage for an additional \$28.00. Roll Call: Yes-Goddard, LaVergne, Ashford and Leeseberg. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

The Apex Software quote was presented Assessor Somers. There was discussion on it.

Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Ashford to approve the Apex Software for Assessor Somers for \$670.00 and each year after that of maintenance support of \$235.00 per year. Roll Call: Yes-Goddard, Leeseberg, Ashford and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

The vacant trustee position was discussed. A letter of interest was received from Pamela Fowler.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Ashford to accept the letter of interest from Pamela Fowler for the vacant trustee position. She will be sworn in before or at the next regular meeting. Roll call: Yes-Goddard, Leeseberg, LaVergne and Ashford. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

The Alcona County Land Division Act Services agreement was received.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Ashford to approve the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Alcona County Land Division Services Act with the County of Alcona. Roll call: Yes: LaVergne, Goddard, Leeseberg and Ashford. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Neil Barlow discussed his concerns about adding a road sign in public comment. It is being investigated by Alcona County Road Commission Manager Jesse Campbell and MDOT. They will provide the township with the recommendations they have.

Attorney invoice was received from Gillard, Bauer, Mazrum, Florip, Smigelski and Gulden for \$250.00.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by LaVergne to approve and pay the attorney bill from Gillard, Bauer, Mazrum Florip, Smigelski and Gulden for \$250.00. Roll call: Yes: Ashford, Leeseberg, LaVergne and Goddard. No: None. MOTION CARRIED 4-0

The Lincoln Village Fire Department billing for FY 2023-24 was received.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Ashford to approve and pay the Lincoln Fire Department billing for FY 2023-24 in the amount of \$9,849.54. The invoice will be paid in April of 2023 the next budget year. Roll call: Yes: Ashford, Leeseberg, LaVergne and Goddard. No: None. MOTION CARRIED 4-0

The Clerk noted there needed to be some transfers in the budget.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Leeseberg to move \$362.17 from 101-802 Legal Defense to 262-727 Election Supplies to move \$5.77 from 101-500 Contingency to 262-728 Election Postage to move \$63.00 from 101-500 Contingency to 215-727 Office Supplies Clerk to move \$78.00 from 101-500 Contingency to 701-900 Advertising Planning/Zoning to move \$40.96 from 101-500 Contingency Expense to 101-800 Tax Roll Set up to move \$50.00 from 101-500 Contingency Expense to 101-940 Computer Enhancements. Roll Call: Yes-Goddard, Leeseberg, Ashford and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Motion by Ashford, seconded by Goddard to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$6,285.36 check numbers 11156-11174. Roll Call: Yes-Goddard, Ashford, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

The meeting was adjourned by Ashford at 7:05 pm, seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on March 20th at 5:30 p.m. for the budget hearing followed by the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk

Supervisor