

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP - ALCONA COUNTY

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

Present: Supervisor Ashford, Treasurer Leeseberg, Clerk LaVergne and Trustee Goddard. Guests: Assessor Ted Somers, Zoning Administrator Adam Brege, Neil Barlow, Caroline Barlow, Sergio Trevino & John Schlicker.

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sergio Trevino from Ranger Power noted he was off guard on the board's decision to change the decibels and the setbacks of the solar panels. He is working with the engineer's on the projects and would soon know more information on if they can work within those parameters. He said they would possibly lose more land with the decibel and setbacks in place.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Leeseberg to approve the February minutes and two Budget workshop minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Leeseberg presented to the board the report thru February 28, 2023. She noted the expenses and the deposits on the report. She balances with the Clerk and the bank.

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

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:

Zoning: Administrator Brege has not reached out to Denise Cline yet. He will and plans to have her at the next board meeting or via phone for information and questions. He also asked to use the hall for robotics for the Alcona Tool Cats.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Board of Review update: Assessor Somers updated the board on the two days held. They had 4 written protests and 6 people came in. They had a late file of personal property tax which they accepted in person. It went well overall.
- Sheriff's report read and placed on file.
- John Schlicker approached the board on a possible resolution on Entheogenic plants being used in the township and being placed on the lowest priority for the law enforcement. He asked the board to review the Ann Arbor resolution he has provided. Ashford will check with NEMCOG and MTA and see what they suggest. Schlicker would also like the board to consider opting in on a grow facility and opt in to use a social lounge for marijuana.

BUSINESS:

Ashford discussed with the board the adoption of the 2023-2024 budget appropriations act. She stated the estimated revenue and the estimated expenses.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Leeseberg to adopt the 2023-24 Budget Appropriations Act Resolution 2023-03 and the Truth in Taxation form. Roll Call: Yes- Goddard, Ashford, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

There was a brief discussion on the meeting dates and times for the upcoming year.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Ashford to keep the meeting dates and time the same for the Regular Board Meetings. Regular Meeting 3rd Monday of the month, Zoning/Planning Meeting 1st Tuesday of the Quarter and the Board of Review is set by the State of Michigan. Roll Call: Yes-Goddard, Ashford, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

There was a brief discussion on the official depositories and resolution.

Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by LaVergne to accept the deposit resolution for 2023/24. With the depositories being Huron Community Bank and Alpena Alcona Area CU. Roll Call: Yes-Ashford, Goddard, LaVergne and Leeseberg. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

The board discussed the investment policy. Treasurer Leeseberg noted that Huron Community Bank was liquid.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by Goddard to approve the current investment policy. Roll Call: Yes- Goddard, Ashford, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

ARPA funds were discussed. Use of the funds was tabled until the April meeting.

ARPA reporting was discussed. Clerk LaVergne has been emailed a memorandum and information to fill out from Baird, Cotter & Bishop, and P.C. They will complete the report for around \$500.00 again this year as long as there is not a lot of information to report.

Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Goddard to have Baird, Cotter & Bishop P.C. complete the reporting of the ARPA funds for approximately \$500.00 and have Supervisor Ashford sign the memorandum to return. Roll call: Yes-LaVergne, Goddard, Ashford and Leeseberg. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Planning/Zoning members were discussed. There still needs to be one more member. The board agreed to advertise for another member.

Motion by Ashford seconded by Goddard to have Clerk LaVergne advertise for another planning/zoning committee member. Roll call: Yes-Goddard, LaVergne, Leeseberg and Ashford. No: None.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

There was discussion on the Hall well. Ashford met with George Tait on the well. His opinion was that the township did not need a new well. There was discussion on possibly replacing the toilet and the sink in the bathroom to help with the issues.

There was discussion on the attorney on record. Tim Gulden has agreed to be the attorney on record for \$200.00 per hour.

An invoice was received from NEMCOG. It is prorated for the remainder of 2023 for \$450.60 for membership services.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Leeseberg to approve the NEMCOG invoice of \$450.60 for membership services for the rest of 2023. Roll Call: Yes-Goddard, LaVergne, Leeseberg and Ashford. No: None.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

The township received the contract from C&S Dust Control. There was discussion on the contract.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by Leeseberg to sign the agreement with C&S Dust Control for the township agreeing to pay 50% of up to 300' (\$163.50) worth of dust control provided by C&S dust control per parcel and to publish in the Alcona Review for one week. Rates: \$109.00 per 100' x 22'. Roll call: Yes-Ashford, Goddard, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

There was discussion on the Trustee position of Pamela Fowler. It has been brought to her attention that she will not be able to be on the township board with her current employment position. It is a conflict of interest. She will submit a letter to the board regarding this. She can be on the planning commission and the board of review just not the township board.

Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by LaVergne to have Clerk LaVergne advertise for a Trustee position. Included will be the wage information. Roll call: Yes-Goddard, LaVergne, Leeseberg and Ashford. No: None.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Clerk LaVergne noted there would need to be a few budget adjustments.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Ashford to move \$45.00 from 701-802 Attorney Fee (P/Z) to 257-727 Assessor Supplies, to move \$0.04 from 101-802 Legal Defense to 215-702 Clerk Salary, to move \$0.04 from 101-802 Legal Defense to 253-702 Treasurer Salary, to move \$301.04 from 101-802 Legal Defense to 215-727 Clerk Supplies to move \$75.96 from 265-923 Electricity to 265-925 Gas/heat to move \$20.00 from 701-802 Attorney Fee (P/Z) to 701-864 Planning/Zoning Per diem to move \$93.74 from 701-802 Attorney Fee (P/Z) to 656-100 SS & Medicare Expense, to move \$680.93 from 101-802 Legal Defense to 101-800 Tax Roll set up, and to move \$50.00 from 101-910 Insurance to 101-940 Computer Enhancements. Roll call: Yes-LaVergne, Goddard, Ashford and Leeseberg. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Motion by Goddard, seconded by LaVergne to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$6,364.27 check numbers 11180-11205. Roll Call: Yes- Goddard, Leeseberg, Ashford and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Public Comment: Neil Barlow asked the board about pensions. Gustin Township does not offer pensions and Leeseberg let him know we all appreciate him and his work serving for Gustin Township.

The meeting was adjourned by Ashford at 7:35 pm, seconded by Leeseberg until the next regular meeting on April 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk

Supervisor