

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP - ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln with the Pledge of Allegiance cited, on April 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Ashford.

Present: Supervisor Ashford, Clerk LaVergne, Trustee Goddard and Treasurer Leeseberg. Guests: Assessor Somers, Zoning Administrator Brege, Hannah Brege, Rich Castle; Consumers Energy, Moe El Gafy; Consumers Energy; and Andrew Aldrich; Consumers Energy.

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by Goddard to approve the Budget Hearing Minutes and the March minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Leeseberg discussed with the board the March 31, 2023 Treasurer's report. The Treasurer balances with the bank and the clerk.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Ashford to approve the March treasurers report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:

Zoning Administrator Brege reported he had one new permit for a pole barn. He has not been in touch with Denise Cline. He would like to start the process with her in June with the extra meetings for the solar permitting. Trustee Goddard mentioned to Brege about a few blight properties she has had complaints on. He will investigate the properties and give them a verbal warning first and then after 30 days will send a letter about taking them to court if they don't clean up their properties.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Par plan news received. A copy will be at the hall.
- Hawes Cemetery Donation received.
- DTE Budget wise billing statement was received. The settlement balance is \$189.73. The new budge amount will be \$85.00/mo.
- BOR Update - Ad in paper. Supervisor Ashford updated the board. She has written a letter to the State Tax Commission and has not heard back from them yet. The attorney helped her to draft the letter. Denise Cline said for her not to re run the ad it would serve no purpose.
- ARPA compliance reporting is complete. The report will be filed at the hall.
- MTA Quarterly meeting is set for April 25th at the Harrisville Township Hall at 7 pm.

BUSINESS:

Cemetery Clean-up was discussed. The board would like the Chosen Ranch to perform the cleanup this year. Supervisor Ashford will get in touch with them and see what they would charge and what the will include in the service.

The well replacement was discussed by the board in further detail. Treasurer Leeseberg would like to get another opinion on the well. It has not been good for years and should be replaced. Supervisor Ashford has a list of well drillers in the area and will get with the board members to see who to get a quote from and then she will call them.

ARPA fund discussion on the use of funds. The board discussed several options of using the ARPA funds. Ideas were for a new well, a bathroom sink and toilet replacement, hot water heater replacement, an office for the assessor and replacement/upgrade on the electrical panel for a potential to use a generator in case of power failure. Supervisor Ashford will call on the well and Clerk LaVergne will contact someone for the office and the electrical panel.

There were two letters received for the township trustee position. The board has not received a letter of resignation from Pamela Fowler so until the letter is received the trustee can't be appointed. Supervisor Ashford will contact Fowler and get the resignation letter. The trustee position will be tabled until the next meeting.

Payment for the cemetery burials was discussed. Everett Leeseberg would like to be paid by Gillies Funeral Home. They can have a check at the burial and then the township would not have to cut him a check. It would all be handled thru the Funeral home. Goddard checked into how that would work for Gustin Township with the Funeral Home. The funeral home has agreed to pay Everett Leeseberg and pay the Township the balance of the funds.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Leeseberg for Gillies Funeral Home to pay Everett Leeseberg directly for the burials and give Gustin Township the balance collected. Roll call: Yes-Goddard, Leeseberg, LaVergne and Ashford. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Received an invoice from Millen Township on Gustin's share of the street light at M72 and Hubbard Lake Rd. The invoice is for \$110.05.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by Goddard to approve the invoice from Millen Township for the street light at M72 and Hubbard Lake Rd. for \$110.05. Roll Call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Leeseberg and Ashford. No: None.MOTION CARRIED 4-0

There was a letter of interest received for the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by LaVergne to appoint Julie Powers to the Gustin Township Planning and Zoning Commission board. It will be a 3 year term. Roll Call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Leeseberg and Ashford. No: None MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Clerk LaVergne will notify Julie and let her know the first meeting will be June 6th at 7 pm. There is also upcoming training for planning and zoning and she will let her know it is if she is interested.

There was in invoice received from attorney Tim Gulden on the Board of Review notice that Supervisor Ashford contacted him on for \$450.00. Supervisor Ashford said no motion is needed since we have approved Gulden to be the Township Attorney previously.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Ashford to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$18,085.36 check numbers 11206-11226. Roll Call: Yes-Leeseberg, Goddard, Ashford and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

The meeting was adjourned by Ashford at 7:23 p.m., seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on May 15th at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk

Supervisor