

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP - ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was cited in the Village of Lincoln, on May 15, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Ashford.

Present: Supervisor Ashford, Treasurer Leeseberg, Clerk LaVergne and Trustee Goddard. Guests: Ted Somers, Assessor, Adam Brege, Zoning Administrator, Township residents, Denise Procnier, Rick Procnier, James Freeland, Larry King and Caroline and Neil Barlow.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Neil Barlow addressed the board on the status of John Schlicker's request at a previous board meeting and if any further action had taken place. Supervisor Ashford said the Schlicker would have to get a petition signed and present it to the board for the resolution he would like the township to have in place. Ashford directed Barlow if questions come up at the planning and zoning meeting that he was to direct Schlicker back to the township board with his questions. Rick Procnier addressed the board about Bush Lane. He said it was terrible when it rains and if the board could consider doing improvements to the road. It is ¼ mile long and is off of Procnier Rd.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Treasurer Leeseberg discussed with the board the Treasurer's report thru April 30, 2023. She noted the expenses and the deposits. She balances with the Clerk and the bank.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:**

Zoning Report: Brege reported there was one new land use permit and he has one in the works. He reported one of the properties he was working on had a dumpster there and were attempting to clean up. The other properties he has not been in touch with the owners as of yet. He talked to Denise at NEMCOG about the training on the solar permits. He said she didn't think she would have any help for us on it. He will continue to communicate with her and maybe someone else at NEMCOG could offer some help. He also discussed possibly getting some of the other planning and zoning committees of other Alcona Townships together to discuss the solar and other issues as tiny houses, Amish houses and other topics the planning and zoning are going thru at this time.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Sheriff report was not received.
- Veterans affairs letter on Memorial Day Flags reimbursement received
- L-4029 Alcona County Received
- L-4029 Alcona Community Schools draft received.

**BUSINESS:**

Letter of resignation from Pamela Fowler was received for her trustee position; effective immediately. **Motion by Ashford seconded by, Leeseberg to accept the letter of resignation from Pamela Fowler with regrets. Roll call: Yes: LaVergne, Leeseberg, Ashford and Goddard. No: none.**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

Two letters of interest were received for the vacant trustee position. There was discussion.

**Motion by Leeseberg seconded by Goddard to appoint Hannah Brege to the vacant trustee position. Roll call: Goddard, Leeseberg, LaVergne and Ashford. No: none.**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

L-4029 for Gustin Township was discussed.

**Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Goddard to have Supervisor Ashford and Clerk LaVergne sign the L-4029 for Gustin Township for the 2023 year. Roll call: Yes-Ashford, LaVergne, Goddard and Leeseberg. No-None.**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

Cemetery cremations were discussed. There is currently not a charge for them.

**Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Ashford to charge \$25.00 for each cemetery cremation. Roll call: Yes: LaVergne, Ashford, Goddard and Leeseberg. No: none.**  
**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

Goddard also discussed the cemetery ordinance. She would like to see it updated. The current version is from 2010. Supervisor Ashford will help Goddard in getting it updated and on the computer.

ARPA updates were discussed. There was a quote for the well from Webb, two electrical quotes for the generator hook up (Tom Morgan Electric and Brent Eller Electric) and one quote for the office (Tom Jacobs Builders). There was additional discussion on hall updates. Ashford will get in touch with Tom Jacobs and see if he can add to the quote for the office. The quote from Brent Eller did not have the moving of the lights when Jacobs does the office work. Clerk LaVergne will contact Brent Eller and get that quote updated to include the price for moving the light fixtures. Clerk LaVergne also had estimates on the stand alone generator from Harbor Freight for approximately \$900.00. The rest of the quotes were tabled until further quotes and information is gathered. Ashford will also get quotes for the bathroom remodel and for paving of the parking lot. Treasurer Leeseberg would also like to consider new tables for the hall.

**Motion by Goddard, seconded by LaVergne to accept the quote for the well for \$14,425.00. Roll call: Yes: Goddard, Leeseberg, Ashford and LaVergne. No: None.**  
**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

Treasurer Leeseberg will need to get a cashier's check for ½ of the quote for the well for Webb per the quote.

**Motion by Goddard, seconded by LaVergne for Treasurer Leeseberg to send \$7,212.00 of ARPA funds to Webb for the ½ the quote for the well. Roll call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Leeseberg and Ashford. No: None.**  
**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

Investment CD's were discussed. Treasurer Leeseberg gave the board an update on how the CD's work. She would like to invest and needs board approval. June 28<sup>th</sup> the Certificate of Deposit renews. She does not want to renew it. She would like to reinvest it at a higher rate. She also discussed purchasing another two CD's for \$25,000.00 each.

**Motion by Ashford, seconded by Goddard to allow Treasurer Leeseberg and Clerk LaVergne to pull the current CD's when they mature and to re- invest them at the current interest rate. Roll Call: Yes: Leeseberg, LaVergne, Goddard and Ashford. No: None.**  
**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

**Motion by Ashford, seconded by Goddard to allow Treasurer Leeseberg and Clerk LaVergne to purchase two additional CD's at \$25,000.00 each and have the Treasurer invest them at the term that she sees fit. Roll call: Yes: Goddard, Leeseberg, LaVergne and Ashford. No: none.**  
**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

Supervisor Ashford received quotes from Chosen Ranch on cemetery mowing which will remain the same as previous at \$550.00 per mowing and the spring clean-up which will be \$850.00 if they can't use the Village Dumpster and \$625.00 if they can use the Village Dumpster. Discussion was had. Ashford has been in touch with Sheila the Village president and they have agreed to let us use the dumpster for the Cemetery Cleanup.

**Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Ashford to approve the quote with the Chosen Ranch for cemetery clean up for \$625.00. Roll call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Leeseberg and Ashford. No: none.**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

**Motion by Goddard, seconded by Leeseberg to approve the quote with the Chosen Ranch for cemetery mowing at \$550.00 per cut which was the same as last year. Roll call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Leeseberg and Ashford. No: none.**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

Alcona County Road Contracts were discussed.

**Motion by Goddard, seconded by Ashford to approve the Road contracts as presented of GU2301 Fowler Rd/Procnier Rd./McConnell Rd. for a Single Sealcoat with Fog Seal at \$84,335.00, GU2302 Trask Lake Rd. for a Single Sealcoat with Fog Seal at \$8,862.00, GU2303 Stockton Rd. for a Single Seal coat with fog seal at \$34,073.00, GU2304 Procnier Rd. for a Single Seal coat with fog seal at \$17,054.00, GU2305 Procnier Rd. for Recycled Asphalt placed at \$34,526.00 and GU2306 Dewar Rd. for a Single Seal with Fog seal at \$16,276.00. Roll call: Yes-LaVergne, Leeseberg, Ashford and Goddard. No-none.**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

**Motion by Ashford, seconded by Goddard to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$6,104.52 check numbers 11231-11247.  
Roll Call: Yes-Ashford, Goddard, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None.**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

Public Comment: Larry King approached the board and asked for attention to his road this year. He lives at 1287 E. Tait Rd. Harrisville, MI 48740. He said it is in bad condition and would like the board to consider looking at it for improvements. His home is at the end of the road.

The meeting was adjourned by Ashford at 7:56 p.m., seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on June 19th at 6:30 p.m.

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Clerk

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Supervisor