

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP - ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln, on June 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Ashford.

Present: Supervisor Ashford, Treasurer Leeseberg, Clerk LaVergne Trustee Brege and Trustee Goddard. Guests: Adam Brege, Zoning Administrator, Marjorie Tait, Sandy Hartman, Denise Procnier and Wayne Odell.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Treasurer Leeseberg discussed with the board the Treasurer's report thru May 31, 2023. She noted the expenses and the deposits. She balances with the Clerk and the bank.

**Motion by Goddard seconded by LaVergne to approve the May Treasurer's report as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:**

Zoning Administrator Brege reported to the board that it has been a busy month. He had 5 land use permits. He has stopped and made some verbal warnings to some of the blight residents. He is looking into possible funding for some of the properties.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Sheriff's report: read and placed on file.
- Alcona Schools L-4029 signed copy received.
- Oscoda Schools L-4029 signed copy received
- AMAESD L-4029 signed copy received.
- Dividend check received from Michigan Township Participating Plan \$102.91.
- Audit Update. It went good. Treasurer Leeseberg has a question on one of the JE and will email the auditors for clarification.
- Baird, Cotter & Bishop, P.C. merger letter received
- Received Dividend check from Accident Fund Group program for \$122.00.
- Treasurer Leeseberg noted that June 29<sup>th</sup> the tax bills will be going out to residents.

**BUSINESS:**

Clerk LaVergne swore in Hannah Brege new Trustee appointed with the Oath of Office.

The July board of review date is set for July 18th at 5:30 pm.

MTA Dues were discussed.

**Motion by Goddard, seconded by Brege to approve the MTA Dues for 2023-2024 in the amount of \$802.96. Roll call: Yes-Goddard, Leeseberg, LaVergne, Brege and Ashford. No-None.**

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

Treasurer Leeseberg discussed with the board Starlink. It is an internet service that will work better at her house for her Treasurer duties. There was discussion on the Starlink. Treasurer Leeseberg will have it installed and then will ask the board at a later date to pay for a portion of the monthly payment. She said it will be \$120.00 a month for the service.

MTA board of director's ballot received for zone 4. Discussion held on the candidates.

**Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Goddard to vote for Diane Randall for the Zone 4 MTA Board of directors. Roll call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Leeseberg, Ashford and Brege. No: none.**

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

Trustee Goddard talked to the board about cemetery maintenance and ordinance matters. She presented the board with the changes/wording she would like added to the current ordinance regarding cemetery cremations. She would like the board members to look it over and the current ordinance to see if there should be other changes/amendments. Next month she will propose to do the amendments. She has spoken with Catherine at MTA regarding the ordinance and has the proper steps to do it. It is a non-zoning ordinance. There will not have to be a public hearing on it. It will have to be published in the newspaper. Trustee Goddard also spoke

on other issues at the Cemetery. They have had a couple phone calls. One was on a headstone that was possibly hit by the mower, it was a baby headstone. They spoke to Crow Memorial, they can't fix it but baby headstones are not charged for so they are going to see if they can get another one made. Another call was from someone stating their parents feet were getting drove over from people going in and out of the cemetery. It is on the second drive. The vault truck and the grave digger both use this driveway as well. The plot is in the roadway and is in fact getting drove over. They have to use that driveway so there is nothing that can be done about it. She explained it to the caller. There have been 2 vandalisms at the cemetery. A headstone was knocked over and some fresh potted flowers were stolen. The vault truck picked up the headstone and put it back on the foundation.

Supervisor Ashford discussed with the board Managing Director Jesse Campbell's recommendation on a new sign installed by the McConnell/Proconier Rd. intersection.

**Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Ashford to have Jesse Campbell of Alcona County Road Commission order the recommended sign and install it by the Proconier/McConnell Rd. intersection. Roll Call: Yes: Goddard, Leeseberg, LaVergne, Ashford and Brege. No: None. MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

Clerk LaVergne discussed with the board a new printer for Assessor Somers.

**Motion by Goddard, seconded by Brege to approve Clerk LaVergne order a new printer for Assessor Somers. Roll Call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Leeseberg, Ashford and Brege. No: None. MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

Supervisor Ashford gave an update on the ARPA funds and the quotes. She met with Tom Jacobs and he will work up another quote with the additional work added. The quote was received from Brent Eller on the additional work of moving/replacing the lights in the new office and adding plugs and switches. There was discussion on the bathroom. Ashford has called Cousineau and talked to his wife but the husband has not called her back. There was a suggestion of her calling Goyette to get a quote. Ashford would like to see new tables and chairs and a small refrigerator. There was discussion on possibly paving or cementing the parking lot. Ashford will make calls and try and get quotes on the parking lot. She will contact Miller office on the chairs and tables for a quote.

**Motion by Ashford, seconded by Goddard to hire Brent Eller for the generator plug and the lighting and office electrical work. Roll call: Yes: Ashford, Goddard, Leeseberg, LaVergne and Brege. No: None. MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

The closet has been returned from the State Police. They said the township could use the shelving or replace it. Ashford said there will need to have a new lock placed on the closet door.

There was discussion on the board member to be on the Planning and Zoning Committee.

**Motion by Ashford, seconded by Goddard to appoint Hannah Brege to be on the Planning and Zoning Committee. Roll call: Yes: Ashford, Leeseberg, LaVergne, Goddard and Brege. No: None MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

Public Comment: Wayne Odell fire chief of Mikado Township told the board he was working on a grant for the fire department. He needs a letter of intent from Supervisor Ashford from our township to submit with the grant. He explained what the grant would be for.

**Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Goddard for Supervisor Ashford to type up a letter of intent for Mikado Township Fire Department for the fire protection grant. Roll call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Leeseberg, Ashford and Brege. No: None. MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

**Motion by Goddard, seconded by LaVergne to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$6,326.42 check numbers 11249-11269. Roll Call: Yes-Goddard, Leeseberg, Ashford, Brege and LaVergne. No-None. MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

The meeting was adjourned by Ashford at 7:45 p.m., seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on July 17th at 6:30 p.m.

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Clerk

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Supervisor