

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP - ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln, on August 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Ashford.

Present: Supervisor Ashford, Clerk LaVergne, Treasurer Leeseberg, Trustee Goddard and Trustee Brege. Guests: Denise Procuinier and Sandy Hartman.

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Denise Procuinier said she would like to see her road with some improvements done. Trustee Brege called Adam Brege, Zoning Administrator via phone. Adam Brege told the board that he had an ARPA funds opportunity. Connect Nation with Presque Electric and gas is in phase 1 of the design build plan for the broad band project. They are going to submit an invoice to the County of Alcona for around \$120,000.00. Adam said Gustin Township if they have any money left over after their allocations could pay towards the invoice if they so choose to do so.

Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Brege to approve the June minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Leeseberg discussed with the board the Treasurer's report thru July 31, 2023. She noted the expenses and the deposits. She balances with the Clerk and the bank. There was a \$1.00 discrepancy on the road fund where AAACU had charged 2 times for the cashier's check. She has corrected it on the report and has a copy for Clerk LaVergne so she can correct it as well.

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

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:

Zoning: No Updates

Treasurer Leeseberg gave an update on BS & A online. She said residents can go online to see their tax bills and if they have been paid and updated. Uploads are supposed to happen every night. She found out they have not been. From now on Treasurer Leeseberg will talk to the IT department to make sure they are uploaded and correct. She said they are doing a major update September 15th. She also said she will be needing a new lap top for next year. She told the board there were some tribunal changes that she will need to take care of this year. She will need to talk to Assessor Somers on them. She told the board that the Local Community Stabilization Authority has overpaid Gustin Township by \$12.54. It will be corrected in the May 2024 Metro ACT payment by decreasing the payment by the \$12.54.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Sheriff's report: read and placed on file.
- BOR update: There was 1 approved Disabled Veterans exemption and one poverty exemption not approved.
- IOSCO RESA 2023 L-4029 received
- Roads: Bush Lane and E. Tait Road update. Clerk LaVergne and Trustee Goddard have talked to Jesse Campbell Managing Director of the Road Commission and he has been out to the roads and looked at them. He submitted an agreement for Bush Lane and said that the Road Commission would be putting maintenance money into the E. Tait Road and it would not be by township agreement.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Brege to approve GU2307 Bush Lane contract with the Road Commission for \$6,625.00. Roll Call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Ashford, Leeseberg and Brege. No: None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

BUSINESS:

Trustee Goddard presented to the board the amendments for the Cemetery Ordinance #2 of 2023 regarding cremations.

Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Ashford to adopt the Cemetery Ordinance #2 of 2023 Amendments. Roll call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Leeseberg, Ashford and Brege. No: None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The amendments for Cemetery Ordinance #2 of 2023 will need to be published.

Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Brege for Goddard to publish the amendments to the Cemetery Ordinance #2 of 2023 in the Alcona Review. Roll Call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Leeseberg, Ashford and Brege. No: None. MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Trustee Goddard told the board about a man who was buried in 2018 and a stone was never put on his grave. She said she can't get in touch with the family and would like to see something put there. She got in touch with Lakeshore cement and they can do one for \$100.00. Supervisor Ashford has as name for Trustee Goddard to try to get in touch with; they may be family. Goddard will try that and the stone will be tabled until the next meeting. She will also call MTA and see if the township can purchase a stone for the grave. Goddard told the board about the New 2 part of the cemetery. She said they were at the cemetery trimming trees and discovered more markers. Come to find out there are more lots to the north. That would be 40 more plots available to be used if it is cleared out. She would also like the maps she has redone. They are very old and hard to read. She plans to call the college and see if anyone there could do it. She is looking into making the cemetery a Centennial. She stopped at the title company and they will search for free to see about it when Gustin Township got the title.

ARPA funds were discussed. Supervisor Ashford had quotes from Jacob's Builders for \$6,322.00 for Office/drop ceiling, bathroom tile, dry walling the conference room and prime/painting trim work, Reborn Remodeling for the toilet/sink/drain work \$2,800.00 and \$550.00 to replace the pipe at the well tank, and from Miller Office for the tables/chairs for the conference room and the office chairs for \$3,682.00. The parking lot was discussed along with the generator and refrigerator and flooring for the conference room.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Leeseberg to accept and use ARPA funds for the quotes from Jacob Builders for \$6,322.00, Reborn Remodeling for \$3,350.00 and Miller Office Supplies for \$3,682.00. Roll Call: Yes: Goddard, Leeseberg, LaVergne, Brege and Ashford. No: None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Starlink internet was discussed for the Treasurer.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Ashford for Treasurer Leeseberg to have Starlink installed at her house. She can use her charge card to pay for it and be reimbursed. Roll call: Yes-Goddard, LaVergne, Leeseberg, Ashford and Brege. No: None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Clerk LaVergne discussed the drop box camera with the board. She will have to have one in place by the November 2023 election. She has received the drop box and it will have to be placed outside and bolted down. The camera has to be on the box recording any motion by the box. Mike Suiter has presented a quote for the camera and installation. The quote is for \$537.97.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Leeseberg to approve the quote from Mike Suiter for the drop box camera and installation for \$537.97. Roll Call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Leeseberg, Ashford and Brege. No: None. MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Brege to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$9,105.51 check numbers 11305-11323. Roll Call: Yes- Ashford, Brege, Leeseberg, Goddard and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The meeting was adjourned by Ashford at 8:07 p.m., seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on September 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk

Supervisor