

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP - ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln, on September 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Ashford.

Present: Supervisor Ashford, Treasurer Leeseberg, Clerk LaVergne, Trustee Goddard and Trustee Brege. Guests: Ted Somers, Assessor, Adam Brege, Zoning Administrator, Dan O'Connor, Superintendent of Alcona Community Schools and residents Neil Barlow and Denise Procnier.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Neil Barlow, Chair of the Planning and Zoning Committee discussed with the board that the planning commission members don't have a copy of the zoning book. They would all like a copy of it and what the board would like them to do or not to do for the township. Denise Procnier said their road is complete and she thanked the township and the road commission for a great job done.

**Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Ashford to approve the August minutes as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:**

Zoning Administrator Brege said that he had 2 land use permits this month and last total. A pole barn and a new home. He talked about the CLG tower being put on property on Barlow Rd. He sent the information to the board and they have 30 days to comment if they want to. Consumers plans to rebuild the substation by the school and it is scheduled for January 2024. He has been working with the residents on a few of the blight areas. There was discussion. The board would like him to issue some tickets and see if it will help with the cleanup process. There is a new camper on Trask Lake Rd. he will start the 90 days on it if they are living in it. They moved in 9/9/23. On the county commissioner side he doesn't have the paperwork on the Presque Electric and Gas for the broadband project. He should have it late November or Early December if the township would like to allocate some of the ARPA funds to the project.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Alcona Community School Superintendent Dan O'Connor spoke to the board about the Alcona Community School Bond Proposal that will be on the November 7<sup>th</sup> 2024 ballot. He gave out an information on the improvements they have in mind. They are asking for 20 mil. It is a new tax not a renewal. 90% will be for infrastructure and 10% will be for additional new buildings proposed.
- AMAR review was accepted. Assessor Somers gave an update on it. Said they didn't pass the poverty exemption but it was fixed at the board meeting and submitted and it is good now. There was not a corrective action plan. They are done now for another 5 years. It was all electronic for the most part.
- John's Home Maintenance letter received stating they will no longer be doing snow plowing. They are recommending Ausable Services out of Oscoda, MI.

**BUSINESS:**

December BOR dates and times set for: Tuesday, December 12th at 5:30 pm. Poverty Exemptions can be accepted at this meeting.

ARPA funds were discussed. Clerk LaVergne will get a quote from Michael Sutor on a laptop for the hall and for a printer for the hall.

ARPA funds quote was received from Lincoln Sand and Gravel to limestone the parking lot at the hall. It includes the removal of the sod. The quote was for \$5,500.00. ARPA funds quote was received from Cole's Appliance and Home Furnishings for carpeting the main areas of the hall. Quote includes rip up and disposal of old carpeting. Quote is for \$5,550.00. ARPA funds quote was received from Cole's Appliance for a refrigerator for \$599.00 including delivery. The quotes were discussed.

**Motion by Goddard, seconded by Brege to approve the quote from Lincoln Sand and Gravel to limestone the parking lot for \$5,500.00, the quote from Cole's Appliance and Home Furnishings for the carpeting of the hall for \$5,550.00 and to approve the quote from Cole's Appliance for the refrigerator for \$599.00 and to use ARPA fund for payment. Roll call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Ashford, Leeseberg and Brege. No-None.**

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

ARPA Funds estimate was printed by Clerk LaVergne from Harbor Freights website for a 9000 Watt Generator for back up for the Elections. The amount estimated is \$932.79. There was discussion. It is tabled until next month. Clerk LaVergne will get quotes from Lincoln Hardware and Lincoln Outdoor Center for the generator.

Clerk LaVergne discussed with the board the Special Election salary resolution. All townships are discussing this for their Clerk's to run the November 7<sup>th</sup> Special Election. This will be billed to the Alcona School Board and will be reimbursed.

**Motion by Goddard, seconded by Leeseberg to approve the Salary resolution for the Special School Election on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for \$600.00 for Clerk LaVergne. Roll call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Leeseberg, Ashford and Brege. No: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

Clerk LaVergne noted the budget transfers.

**Motion by Goddard, seconded by Ashford to transfer \$272.29 from the general fund balance to 262-727 Supplies and to transfer \$400.00 from the cemetery fund balance to 276-703 Mowing (maintenance). Roll Call: Yes-Goddard, Leeseberg, Ashford, Brege and LaVergne. No-none.**

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

**Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Brege to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$7,306.50 check numbers 11326-11349. Roll Call: Yes- Goddard, Leeseberg, Ashford, Brege and LaVergne. No-None.**

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

The meeting was adjourned by Ashford at 7:24 p.m., seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on October 16th at 6:30 p.m.

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Clerk

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Supervisor