

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP - ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln, on October 16, 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 and Ted Somers; Assessor, Jeff Buiting, Joslyn Buiting, Rick Procnier, Denise Procnier, Jerry Linton and Sandy Hartman.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jerry Linton spoke on the solar and wind legislation that will affect the local level townships voice. If it passes the State will take over on the zoning and rules pertaining to the Solar and wind and the townships ordinances will be not be in effect. Goddard said she put in a letter to the editor about it and urged the board and anyone to reach out to the legislation and let them know that they oppose it. Ashford read from the MTA Township Focus what would happen if the State takes it over.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Treasurer Leeseberg discussed with the board the Treasurer's report thru September 30, 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 September Treasurer's report as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:**

Zoning: Brege told the board he had 3 land use permits. One for a house, one for a pole barn and one from Consumers Energy on the power station expansion. He has had more communication on the potential tower. Their intent is to go ahead with it but there has not been a permit yet. He noted the County Commissioners have sent in to the legislation on the opposition of the State taking over the Solar and wind from the townships.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Sheriff report read and placed on file.
- 10/24/23 MTA Chapter Meeting at Mikado Township at 7 p.m.

**BUSINESS:**

ARPA funds quotes discussed. Quotes received from Lincoln Hardware and Lincoln Outdoor Center for a generator. Quote received from Michael Suitor for a printer for the hall and a laptop computer for the hall. Discussion was held.

**Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Brege to approve the quote from Lincoln Outdoor Center for a Briggs 8000 W generator for \$1,500.00 using ARPA funds for payment. Roll call: Yes: Goddard, Leeseberg, LaVergne, Ashford and Brege. No: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

**Motion by LaVergne, seconded by Goddard to approve the printer and laptop quote from Michael Suiter for \$1,404.07 using ARPA funds for payment. Roll Call: Yes: Goddard, Leeseberg, LaVergne, Ashford and Brege. No: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

Supervisor Ashford had the signed quote from Jacob's Builders. This has been previously approved at an earlier meeting. Jacob's is requesting \$2,000.00 for startup.

**Motion by Goddard, seconded by Brege to pay Jacob's Builders \$2,000.00 for the startup of his initial quote of \$6,322.00 for hall improvements using ARPA funds. Roll call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Leeseberg, Ashford and Brege. No: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

Treasurer Leeseberg told the board she purchased the Starlink on her own. The board has approved and will pay for the monthly service fee. She had the Verizon Hot spot to turn into the township. Supervisor Ashford will use it at her house. It will continue to be \$40.00 a month.

Supervisor Ashford presented to the board a quote from Ausable Services, Inc. for the 2023/2024 snow plowing season. Price is \$655.00 for 12 plows and \$49 a plow after that. There is a 2 plow credit from last year.

**Motion by Goddard, seconded by Ashford to accept Ausable Services, Inc. snow plowing bid for the 2023/2024 season for the rate of \$655.00. The bid is based on 12 plows. After the 12 plows it will be \$49.00 per plowing. Roll Call: Yes: LaVergne, Goddard, Leeseberg, Brege and Ashford. No-None.**

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

Received the 2024 NEMCOG Appropriations invoice. There was discussion held.

**Motion by Brege, seconded by Goddard to approve the 2024 NEMCOG Appropriations invoice for \$721.00. This is for the Membership FY2024 October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024. Roll Call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Leeseberg, Ashford and Brege. No: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

Supervisor Ashford noted the budget overages.

**Motion by Goddard seconded by Brege to move \$38.04 from 101-500 Contingency Expense to 262-727 Supplies Election. Roll Call: Yes-Ashford, Goddard, LaVergne, Brege and Leeseberg. No-None.**

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

**Motion by LaVergne, seconded by Leeseberg to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$12,509.27 check numbers 11354-11370. Roll Call: Yes- LaVergne, Leeseberg, Ashford, Brege and Goddard. No-None.**

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

The meeting was adjourned by Ashford at 7:23 p.m., seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

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Clerk

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Supervisor