

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP - ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln with the Pledge of Allegiance cited, on April 15, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Ashford.

Present: Supervisor Ashford, Clerk LaVergne, Trustee Goddard, Trustee Brege and Treasurer Leeseberg. Guests: Zoning Administrator Brege, Denise Procnier, Jerry Linton, Lora Whiting, Sandy Hartman and Wade Hartman.

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Brege to approve the Budget Hearing Minutes and the March minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Leeseberg discussed with the board the March 31, 2024 Treasurer's report. The Treasurer balances with the bank and the clerk.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by LaVergne to approve the March treasurers report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:

Zoning Administrator Brege will give report at the end of the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Par plan news received. A copy will be at the hall.
- Sheriff Report read and placed on file.
- Hawes Cemetery Donation received.
- DTE Budget wise billing statement was received. The settlement balance is \$40.61. The new budget amount will be \$89.00/mo.
- Anticipated Public Accuracy Testing costs for the August and November elections 9 days of early voting received.

BUSINESS:

Cemetery Clean-up was discussed. The board would like the Chosen Ranch to perform the cleanup this year. Supervisor Ashford will get in touch with them and see what they would charge and what the will include in the service.

There was discussion on the Road Millage language and resolution. Supervisor Ashford read to the board.

GUSTIN ROAD MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Gustin Township, of 1.9946 mills (\$1.9946 per \$1000 of taxable value), reduced to 1.9946 mills (\$1.9946 per \$1000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at up to 1.9946 mills (\$1.9946 per \$1000 of taxable value) and levied for the period of 4 years, 2024 thru 2027 inclusive, for road construction and maintenance, raising an estimated \$85,003.00 in the first year the millage is levied.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Brege to accept the road millage renewal language of (see inserted language above) and adopt the Road Millage Resolution #2024-6. Roll Call: Yes-Goddard, Brege, Ashford, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

There was discussion on the Fire Millage language and resolution. Supervisor Ashford read to the board.

GUSTIN FIRE MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitation, imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Gustin Township, of up to 1 mill (\$1 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 1 mill (\$1 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at up to 1 mill

(\$1 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for four years, 2024 through 2027 inclusive, for fire protection, raising an estimated \$42,616.00 in 2024, the first year the millage is levied, of which a portion will be disbursed to the Lincoln Downtown Development Authority.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by Leeseberg to accept the fire millage renewal language of (see language above) and adopt the Fire Millage Resolution #2024-7. Roll Call: Yes-Brege, Ashford, Goddard, Leeseberg and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The township received the contract from C&S Dust Control. There was discussion on the contract.

Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by LaVergne to sign the agreement with C&S Dust Control for the township agreeing to pay 50% of up to 300' (\$174.00) worth of dust control provided by C&S dust control per parcel and to publish in the Alcona Review for one week.

Rates: \$116.00 per 100' x 22'. Roll call: Yes-Ashford, Goddard, Leeseberg, Brege and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Larry's Electric Invoice was received. There was discussion on the invoice. It was for a replacement GFI plug in the bathroom and bad connection on wiring on a few plugs in the hall. The invoice was for \$177.70.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Leeseberg to approve the Larry's Electric Invoice for \$177.70. Roll Call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Leeseberg, Ashford and Brege. No: None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Attorney Invoice was received from Bauer, Florip and Wojda, PLC. Invoice was for Professional Services for Assessor Somers questions on property tax exemptions for Veteran's Affairs Building in Township.

Motion by LaVergne, seconded by Leeseberg to approve the Bauer, Florip and Wojda PLC attorney invoice for \$600.00 for legal services. Roll Call: Yes: Goddard, Leeseberg, Ashford, Brege and LaVergne. No: None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

ARPA fund discussion on the use of funds. The board discussed several options of using the ARPA funds. Supervisor Ashford said the door will be done in July. Goddard had an estimate to clear and doze an area in the cemetery to add 20 more lots to the North. The Estimate was from Lincoln Sand and Gravel for \$3,500.00. An outdoor water spicket was discussed as well as a TV and a stove for the kitchen, office furniture for the Assessor Office and tile for the kitchen area. Supervisor Ashford will make sure the carpeting will include the front entryway. She will contact Anthony Frys on outside water spicket and will check on a TV and Stove at Cole's Appliance. She has called the Health Department to talk to Dave. He was out and will get back with her. She was told the application was on his desk.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by Brege to approve the quote from Lincoln Sand and Gravel for \$3,500.00 to doze and clear at the cemetery to add 20 lots to the North using ARPA funds. Roll Call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Leeseberg, Brege and Ashford. No: None

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Zoning Administrator Brege told the board that there was a proposed commercial tower that he had all the paperwork submitted for on Friday. This will fall under a special use permit and will need a public hearing. They have submitted \$325.00 and sent it to the PO Box. The amount is \$25.00 for the special use permit and \$300.00 for the special planning commission meeting/public hearing. He would like to hold it on 5/16/24. He will get with the planning commission members and make sure the date works for them. If the date is good, Clerk LaVergne will submit the special use public hearing notice to the review. It will run for 2 weeks 5/1/24 and 5/8/24. He updated the board on the meeting he and Ashford had with Ranger Power. They plan to move ahead soon but he has not received any applications yet. He will notify the board when he gets an application. There was some board discussion on the fees that will be on the applications. Brege told the board they will most likely be asking for a variance on the setbacks and the decibels. He is anticipating the variance they will want to be the same as the state. The board had some comments on that and the public had a few comments as well on how it will work thru the ordinance that is already in place and the state's mandates won't be in place until November 2024. There may even be a vote on the ballot to put it back in the local townships control. There are a lot of questions as of right now of how it will work out. When the township gets an application it will go from there on the process.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by Brege to have the special planning commission meeting in the week of 5/13-5/17/24 and advertise in the Alcona Review for 2 weeks 5/1/24 and 5/8/24 the Public Hearing notice on the meeting. Roll Call: Yes: Goddard, Leeseberg, Ashford, Brege and LaVergne. No: None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Brege to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$35,275.27 check numbers 11522-11543. Roll Call: Yes-Leeseberg, Goddard, Brege Ashford and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Public Comment: Sandra Hartman had a question on what the township will be collecting as revenue from the solar panels. The township is not sure yet what the revenue will be.

The meeting was adjourned by Ashford at 7:50 p.m., seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on May 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk

Supervisor