

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP - ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was cited in the Village of Lincoln, on May 20, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Ashford.

Present: Supervisor Ashford, Treasurer Leeseberg, Clerk LaVergne, Trustee Brege and Trustee Goddard. Guests: Ted Somers, Assessor, Adam Brege, Zoning Administrator, Denise Procnier, Jerry Linton, Hope Winkler, Sandy Hartman and Wade Hartman.

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Motion by Brege, seconded by Goddard to approve the April minutes with the correction of decibels.

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Leeseberg discussed with the board the Treasurer's report thru April 30, 2024. She noted the expenses and the deposits. She balances with the Clerk and the bank. She noted the CD will renew at the end of May.

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

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:

Zoning Report: Brege reported there were 2 land use permits this month. Thursday they had a special planning commission meeting for the cell tower variance. The planning commission approved the variance. He and Pam had a zoom call with Hope Winkler of Ranger Power. Hope mentioned there were some water/drainage runoff concerns she had. Adam would like to find a past plan for that issue. June will be the next planning commission meeting and he will bring the members up to speed on the solar. He has been working with the sheriff department on a different situation in the township. He said the Barlow Road property has extenuating circumstances with the people involved. He has been hitting some walls on information but he will continue to work on it. The Barlow Rd. trailer house he has not checked in on as of yet. He will stop in there soon.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Sheriff report was received and placed on file.
- ARPA reporting is complete and filed.
- Snowplowing bill - zero balance invoice was received from Ausable Services.
- Summer lawn mowing at hall was discussed.

BUSINESS:

Solar Ordinance was discussed pertaining to Denise Cline recommendations regarding permitting fees and variances. Hope Winkler from Ranger Power did not have any updates but was happy to answer any questions. The permit fees can be discussed at the next planning commission meeting and then can be brought to the board for approval. The solar permits, as Brege understands it will be all under one permit for all parcels involved. There was discussion on that and how that would work. Brege will go over that at the next planning commission with the members. Possibly Denise Cline would have insight on that as well. Brege would like the township attorney to call him so they could discuss the permitting on solar. There was talk on the current regulations set within the Gustin Township Ordinance. Brege said that within the permitting process they will make sure the ordinance is followed. There was suggestion to have the attorney and Denise Cline attend the next meeting if possible.

Planning Commission and permit fees were discussed. There was discussion on adding members to the planning commission. The township can look in the red book to see how many members can be on the planning commission and possibly add more members to help with the new solar permitting process. Can possibly advertise or appoint members if need be. The cell tower variance was approved by the planning commission at the special meeting just held. The board did not have the minutes from the meeting.

Motion by Brege seconded by Ashford to approve the variance for the cell tower upon receiving the meeting minutes from the special planning commission meeting on 5/16/24. Roll call: Yes: Goddard, Brege, Ashford and LaVergne. No: Leeseberg.

MOTION CARRIED 4-1

There was discussion regarding the Road Commission Board holding their meetings at the Township Hall until the office renovation is complete. May be a few months.

Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Goddard to approve the Road Commission Board holding their meetings at the township hall while their office is under construction. Roll call: Yes: Goddard, Brege, Ashford, LaVergne and Leeseberg. No: None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Alcona County Road Contracts were discussed.

Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Brege to approve the Road contracts as presented of GU2401 Barlow Rd. (from M-72 South to Clemens Rd. 1.49 miles) for a Single Sealcoat with Fog Seal at \$27,306.00, GU2402 Trask Lake Rd. (from F-41 West 1.03 miles) for a Single Sealcoat with Fog Seal at \$18,876.00, GU2403 Tait Rd. (from McConnell Rd. West 1 mile to Cruzen Rd.) for a Single Seal coat with fog seal at \$17,494.00 and GU2404 Fowler Rd. (from Cruzen Rd. West 1.48 miles) for a Single Seal coat with fog seal at \$27,122.00. Roll call: Yes-LaVergne, Leeseberg, Brege, Ashford and Goddard. No-none.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The Attorney Invoice was received. It was for communication with Denise Cline on the solar energy issues.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by Goddard to approve the Attorney Invoice to be paid for \$200.00. Roll call: Yes: Goddard, Brege, Ashford, LaVergne and Leeseberg. No: None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The Northeastern Window and Door invoice was discussed. It is more than the original invoice approved. There were keys added to the invoice and the tax was more on the invoice.

Motion by LaVergne, seconded by Leeseberg to approve the Northeastern Window and Door Invoice to be paid using ARPA funds for \$2,555.67. Roll call: Yes: Goddard, Brege, Ashford, LaVergne and Leeseberg. No: None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

ARPA updates were discussed.

Supervisor Ashford received quotes from Cole's Appliance for a TV/installation and mounting and also an electric range for \$848.00. She received a quote from Reborn Remodeling for the installation of a frost free hose bib for outside the hall for \$400.00.

Motion by LaVergne, seconded by Brege to approve the quote from Cole's Appliance for a TV/Mount and installation for \$848.00 and the quote from Reborn Remodeling for the outside frost free hose bib for \$400.00 using ARPA funds. Roll call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Brege, Leeseberg and Ashford. No: none.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Ashford talked to Webb well drilling. They told her within the next few weeks they will do the well. She checked with Cole's Appliance on the carpeting quote. It is all areas of the hall. She talked about shelving for the new closet and a stand for the printer in the assessor's office. Assessor Somers will get a quote for a printer stand.

The Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer's wage was discussed. Currently they receive \$10.00 an hour. Clerk LaVergne suggested they receive the current minimum wage rate of \$10.33 per hour.

Motion by LaVergne, seconded by Brege to approve paying the Deputy clerk and Deputy Treasurer the current minimum wage rate of \$10.33 per hour. Roll call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Brege, Leeseberg and Ashford. No: none.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Goddard told the board the work done at the Cemetery looks nice and she has had complements on it.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by Goddard to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$10,861.11 check numbers 11555-11574. Roll Call: Yes-Ashford, Goddard, Leeseberg, Brege and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Public Comment: Sandy Hartman asked the board the current ordinance requirements on the solar for noise. The township level is 45 and the State level is 55.

The meeting was adjourned by Ashford at 7:59 p.m., seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on June 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk

Supervisor