

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP - ALCONA COUNTY

The Special Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln, on June 24, 2024 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 see attached list of guests.

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Business:

Denise Cline from NEMCOG was in attendance and spoke about the Solar permitting process for the Zoning/Planning Commission and the ZBA. There was a lot of discussion and interaction from the public and board members from the Regular Township Board and the Planning/Zoning board. Denise explained the process with the solar companies using the State’s provisions or the Township provisions within their current ordinance. She gave suggestions on what the boards will be looking for in the permits when they are received and how to handle them as they come to the Planning Commission or the ZBA. She will help with the process and look at the permits and give guidance to the Planning Commission and ZBA. She also recommend the township attorney be involved as well.

The current fee schedule was discussed. Denise Cline gave suggestions on the fees currently in place and possibly where the board could make changes and increases. She will email the board a sample she has from another township so Gustin can compare and make changes as they see fit. There was also discussion on finding out what the surrounding townships are charging currently for their planning/zoning fees for comparison. Cline recommended the township not use the term land use permit anymore. The correct term is zoning permit. The other fees that can be passed on to the permit holders are in section 9.3 c. Fees. The township will be able to cover all costs and not incur any for the solar projects presented in the permits.

ZBA board was discussed.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by Brege to appoint Charles Powers to the ZBA board. Roll Call: Yes: Goddard, Leeseberg, LaVergne, Ashford and Brege. No: None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

John Schlicker has agreed to be an alternate on the ZBA board.

The Planning and Zoning board was discussed.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Brege to appoint Charles Powers to the Planning and Zoning commission. Roll Call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Leeseberg, Ashford and Brege. No: None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Motion by Brege, seconded by Leeseberg to appoint Lora Whiting to the Planning and Zoning commission. Roll Call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Leeseberg, Ashford and Brege. No: None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Cline asked the board if they had a current Master Plan. The board said the Master Plan is from 2002. She recommended the board update that when possible.

Public Comment:

Adam Brege, Alcona County Commissioner had letters of recommendation for the agreement the County is entering into with Cherry Capital Connections for broadband services in Alcona County. He said anyone who would like to sign and send them out it would be much appreciated.

The meeting was adjourned by Ashford at 8:36 p.m., seconded by LaVergne.

Clerk

Supervisor