

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP - ALCONA COUNTY

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

Present: Supervisor Ashford, Clerk LaVergne, Treasurer Leeseberg, Trustee Goddard and Trustee Brege. Guests: Ted Somers, Assessor, Jerry Linton, Denise Procnier, Charles Powers, Julie Powers, Wade and Sandy Hartman.

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sandra Hartman asked the board if there will be help for Zoning Administrator Brege in reviewing the solar permits when he receives them. Clerk LaVergne said that Denise Cline will be helping with that process.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Brege to approve the June minutes and special meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Leeseberg discussed with the board the Treasurer's report thru June 30, 2024. She noted the expenses and the deposits. She balances with the Clerk and the bank.

Motion by LaVergne, seconded by Ashford to approve the June Treasurer's report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:

Zoning Administrator Brege was absent. He told the board members that he has not received an application yet from Ranger Power for the solar project.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Sheriff's report: read and placed on file.
- AF Group Refund check received for Work Comp. Audit results overpayment.
- MTA Chapter Picnic at Barton City Pavilion, Millen Twp. 7/23/24 at 6 pm.

BUSINESS:

Appointment of ZBA member was discussed.

Motion by LaVergne, seconded by Ashford to appoint Ken Short to the ZBA board. Roll call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Leeseberg, Ashford and Brege. No: None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Supervisor Ashford is looking into training for the ZBA members.

ARPA funds were discussed. The well invoice came in more than the quote. The quote was for \$14,425.00 and the total amount due after it was completed was \$15,476.50. The additional amount due is \$1,051.50. Total balance due including the additional amount is \$8,264.50. There has been a problem with the toilet since the well has been hooked up. The toilet will have to be repaired since there was a leak due to too much pressure from the new well. Supervisor Ashford will talk to Webb about the leak and the pressure. She will also talk to Webb as to why the invoice is more than the original quote was. Webb Welling drilling has also done a water sample. The results should be in a week or so. If the quote is not agreed upon the board could send it over to the attorney to advise the board on what to do with the additional payment due. Additional ARPA potential expenditures were discussed. Ideas included: sound system, digital sign for outside, Lockbox for outside information, cement pillars for around the new well, shrubs outside, replacing the linoleum area in front of the door and the funds can also be used for training. Clerk LaVergne received a quote from Larry's Electric for the new stove plug that is to be installed for \$625.00.

Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by LaVergne to table the invoice payment Webb Well Drilling for \$8,264.50 using ARPA funds. It will be revisited at the next meeting. Roll Call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Ashford, Leeseberg and Brege. No: None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Motion by Brege, seconded by Goddard to approve the quote from Larry's Electric for \$625.00 for the stove plug installation using ARPA funds. Roll Call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Ashford, Leeseberg and Brege. No: None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Clerk LaVergne received a quote for a new laptop for the Clerk. Quote is for \$1,018.00.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by Brege to approve the laptop quote from Michael Suiter for \$1,018.00 for the clerk's laptop using budget funds. Roll Call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Leeseberg, Ashford and Brege. No: None MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Zoning Fees were discussed. They will be tabled until the next meeting. The board members will go over sample fees that were provided by Denise Cline.

The broadband letter of support for Alcona County was discussed. Charles Powers noted that Cherry Capital has very bad business reviews.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by Goddard to approve Clerk LaVergne to sign and send in the broadband letter of support for Alcona County to Cherry Capital Connection. Roll Call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Ashford, Leeseberg and Brege. No: None. MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Public Comment: None.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by Brege to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$8,215.10 check numbers 11611-11629. Roll Call: Yes- Ashford, Brege, Leeseberg, Goddard and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The meeting was adjourned by Ashford at 7:41 p.m., seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on August 19th at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk

Supervisor