

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP - ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln, on October 21, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Ashford.

Present: Supervisor Ashford, Treasurer Leeseberg, Clerk LaVergne, and Trustee Goddard. Absent: Trustee Brege. Guests: Adam Brege; Zoning Administrator and Ted Somers; Assessor, Denise Procnier, Sandy and Wade Hartman and Lora Whiting.

**Motion by Leeseberg, seconded by Ashford to approve the agenda with the addition of the Cemetery Maps ARPA funds under business.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**Motion by Goddard, seconded by Leeseberg to approve the September minutes as presented and the October 7<sup>th</sup> Special meeting minutes as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

**Motion by Goddard, seconded by Ashford to approve the September Treasurer's report as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:**

Zoning: Brege told the board he has not received the letter back or has not received a response on the Barlow Rd. property. Goddard said it was in the newspaper under foreclosures. Brege will look into the newspaper publication. He had no land use permits last month.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Sheriff report read and placed on file.
- Kevin Boyat Letter to the board for November election vote.
- Received Alcona County L-4029
- 10/22/24 MTA Chapter Meeting at Alcona Township at 7 p.m.
- Par Plan News received
- District Health Dept 2 well approval received.
- Ranger Power community benefit information
- Letter received from Jim Watts, Gustin Township resident on the Ranger Power Variances and his thoughts.

**BUSINESS:**

Received the 2025 NEMCOG Appropriations invoice. There was discussion held.

**Motion by Ashford, seconded by Leeseberg to approve the 2025 NEMCOG Appropriations invoice for \$721.00. This is for the Membership FY2025 October 1, 2024– September 30, 2025. Roll Call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Leeseberg, Ashford. Absent: Brege. No: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

Supervisor Ashford received a letter of resignation from Lora Whiting from the planning commission.

**Motion by Ashford, seconded by Leeseberg to accept the letter of resignation from Lora Whiting from the planning commission. Roll call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Ashford and Leeseberg. Absent: Brege. No: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

Lora Whiting was at the meeting and said she would now be available to serve on the planning commission. The board told her to submit a letter of interest.

The township received an invoice from the attorney Tim Gulden for services with communication with Denise Cline on the planning commission public hearing.

**Motion by Goddard, seconded by Leeseberg to approve payment of the invoice from attorney Tim Gulden in the amount of \$100.00 for correspondence with Denise Cline on the planning commission public hearing Roll call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Ashford and Leeseberg. Absent: Brege No: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

There was discussion on setting the ZBA members pay.

**Motion by Ashford, seconded by Goddard to set the ZBA members pay to be \$60.00 per meeting. Roll Call: Goddard, LaVergne, Leeseberg and Ashford. Absent Brege. No: None. MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

Clerk LaVergne found that education/training was paid per diem \$40.00 for ½ day and \$80.00 for full day. The board agreed to keep the payment the same for education/training.

The board received resignation letters from Scott Lipscomb and Charles Powers from the ZBA board. They no longer want to serve on the board.

**Motion by Goddard, seconded by Leeseberg to accept the resignation letters from Scott Lipscomb and Charles Powers from the ZBA board with regret. Roll call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Ashford and Leeseberg. Absent Brege. No: None. MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

Denise Cline has requested a debrief meeting with Tim Gulden the township attorney, 2 board members, Adam the zoning administrator a planning commission member and a ZBA member to discuss how to proceed with the application and the public comment from the last meeting. Goddard said she was not happy it wasn't for all the board members. There will be notes taken and shared with the other board members.

ARPA fund discussed. The parking lot and the kitchen should be completed by the November 5<sup>th</sup> election. Supervisor Ashford would like to spend the remaining money on shrubs or a bench for out front of the hall.

Trustee Goddard said the cemetery maps are complete. She is very happy with them. She had the whole map for the board to see. She also said she was working with the Alcona County historical society and they will be making a plaque for the cemetery.

**Motion by Ashford, seconded by LaVergne to pay Michael Baird \$1,000.00 for the cemetery maps using ARPA funds. Roll call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Ashford and Leeseberg. Absent Brege. No: None. MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

Supervisor Ashford told the board she was working on 2 grants. One for the master plan and education for the board and one was a housing readiness Incentive grant. She will update the board more when she gets them filled out. She also has a sample solar/wind/battery ordinance from Denise Cline.

Public Comment:

Lora Whiting asked Supervisor Ashford about the housing grant and what it was for. Supervisor Ashford has just received it and is still looking into it. She hasn't read much of it yet.

Denise Procnier asked about a house in the Village behind the old restaurant that had burnt and why it wasn't cleaned up. It is in the Village limits she would have to ask Sheila the Village president.

Supervisor Ashford noted the budget overages.

**Motion by Ashford, seconded by Goddard to move \$210.00 from 1000941 Contingency Expense to 1102804 Education/Schooling, to move \$25.00 from 1000941 Contingency Expense to 1000806 Auditor and to increase the following items using the Cemetery Fund Balance - 6000801 mowing by \$475.00. Roll Call: Yes-Ashford, Goddard, LaVergne and Leeseberg. Absent: Brege No-None.**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

**Motion by LaVergne, seconded by Leeseberg to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$9,616.09 check numbers 11705-11732. Roll Call: Yes- LaVergne, Leeseberg, Ashford and Goddard. Absent: Brege No-None. MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

The meeting was adjourned by Ashford at 7:53 p.m., seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

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Clerk

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Supervisor