

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP - ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln, on November 18, 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 Procuinier, Jerry Linton, Jim Berry, Cindy McCuiston, Dr. Robert Turek, Roger and Rosemary Love.

Swearing in of all officials by Clerk LaVergne. Supervisor Ashford swore in Clerk LaVergne. Thank you to Cindy Leeseberg and Muriel Goddard for their years of service.

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Berry approached the board about trash on 4th St. in Kilmaster. He said it is growing in size. He also told the board there is someone he believes living in a camper at Mill and 4th St. in Kilmaster since mid-October. He would like someone to check it out.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brege, seconded by Goddard to approve the November 6th special meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Leeseberg discussed with the board the Treasurer's report thru October 31, 2024. She noted the expenses and the deposits. She balances with the Clerk and the bank.

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

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:

Zoning Update: Brege told the board he had one new land use permit for a pole barn at the new rates. The ZBA meeting is all set for Dec. 2nd. Hope from Ranger Power has asked for an update on the fees and invoices due. Brege has asked Denise at NEMCOG for a bill so he can invoice Ranger Power for the fees so far. Brege will bill Ranger Power once he has the invoices from NEMCOG.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Sheriff report was read and placed on file.
- August Primary Election cost of early voting was anticipated to be \$1,603.34. The billed cost was \$508.22.
- Public Official bond limits were noted. They are sufficient for the township.

BUSINESS:

The December Board of Review date will be 12/10/24 at 5:30 pm. Notice will need to be posted 18 hours prior to the meeting. Assessor Somers noted they may not need the meeting and it may be cancelled. He will talk with Supervisor Ashford the beginning of December to determine if it will be necessary.

ARPA funds were discussed. There is \$692.80 left to spend. Supervisor Ashford will get a quote on a bench and Assessor/Treasurer Somers will get a quote on an outside drop box and installation.

Increasing the limits of the township insurance were discussed. The township currently has \$1,000,000/\$3,000,000 liability limits. Most townships have \$2,000,000/\$4,000,000 liability limits. To increase it would cost about \$1,400.00 a year more in premium.

Motion by Brege seconded by Leeseberg to increase the township liability limits to \$2,000,000/\$4,000,000. Roll Call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Ashford, Leeseberg and Brege. No: None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Theodore Somers has been elected as the new Treasurer and will start office on 11/20/24.

Motion by Brege, seconded by Goddard to add Theodore Somers to all the bank accounts and remove Cindy Leeseberg the outgoing Treasurer and her Deputy Gary Leeseberg from all bank accounts as of 11/20/24. Roll Call Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Ashford, Leeseberg and Brege. No: None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Snow plowing was discussed.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by Brege to advertise for snow plowing bids for the upcoming season. Bids will be due 12/13/24. Roll Call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Ashford, Leeseberg and Brege. No: None. MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Assessor Somers received a quote from Mike's computer repair for wiring the assessor office for internet for the printer and computer. He will also update the clerk's office to bring the office to code. The quote is for \$255.00.

Motion by Goddard, seconded by Brege to approve the quote from Mike's Computer for \$255.00 to wire the assessor's office for internet and update the clerk's office wiring to code. Roll call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Ashford, Leeseberg and Brege. No: None. MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Received invoice from township lawyer on township business. Solar discussions and contractor question on payment. Discussion on invoice.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by Leeseberg to approve the township lawyer invoice for \$2,900.00. Roll call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Ashford, Leeseberg and Brege. No: None. MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Invoice was received from Cole's Appliance for the electrical cord for the kitchen stove.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by Brege to approve the Cole's Appliance invoice for \$30.00 for the electrical cord for the kitchen stove. Roll call: Yes: Goddard, LaVergne, Ashford, Leeseberg and Brege. No: None. MOTION CARRIED 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brege told the board the lawyer invoice will be billed to Ranger Power and the township will be reimbursed. He said that Consumers Energy was going to do a test on their outage map but they held off with some storms in the forecast. He also suggested the board get a quote from Michael Sutor on something for the hearing impaired to use at the hall.

Budget Transfers were discussed.

Motion by Brege, seconded by Leeseberg to move \$130.00 from 1000941 Contingency Expense to 1249703 Board of Appeals Wages, move \$69.19 from 1262804 Election School to 1262861 Election mileage, to increase 1102804 Township board education/schooling \$240.00 from the general fund balance, to increase 1253752 Treasurer's office supplies by \$511.00 from the general fund balance and to increase 1248881 Planning/zoning Advertising by \$560.65 from the general fund balance. Roll Call: Yes-Goddard, Ashford, Leeseberg, Brege and LaVergne. No-None. MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Motion by Brege, seconded by Ashford to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$17,283.60 check numbers 11748-11773. Roll Call: Yes- Goddard, Leeseberg, Brege Ashford and LaVergne. No-None. MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The meeting was adjourned by Ashford at 7:12 p.m., seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on December 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk

Supervisor