

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP - ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln with the Pledge of Allegiance cited, on April 21, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Ashford.

Present: Supervisor Ashford, Clerk LaVergne, Trustee Procnier, Trustee Brege and Treasurer Somers. Guests: Zoning Administrator Brege, Jerry Linton, Rick Procnier, Wade and Sandra Hartman and Dan O'Connor; Alcona Community Schools Superintendent.

Motion by Somers, seconded by Ashford to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jerry Linton mentioned on 4/26/25 there will be an electronic recycle day at the ARA site in Lincoln from 10 am to 2 pm. Sandra Hartman asked the board if the contracts from Sapling Solar/Ranger Power had been purchased by Consumers Energy. She said she had been contacted by Sapling Solar and that is what they had told her. They told her that they had swapped with Consumers with properties in Caledonia Twp. for properties in Gustin Township. Supervisor Ashford said she had a call with four members of Consumers Energy and four members of Sapling Solar. As of her understanding Consumers has bought out Gustin's properties that were signed with Sapling Solar. She said the contracts and the agreements would stay the same as far as she knows. They will be held accountable for what Sapling Solar signed and agreed upon. There will be more information to come. She mentioned the planning commission will need to update and work on the old ordinance to get it up to the new requirements of the state. If Consumers signs up more properties they will need a new permit for those. These only include the original contracts signed.

Motion by Brege, seconded by Somers to approve the Budget Hearing Minutes and the March minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Somers discussed with the board the March 31, 2025 Treasurer's report. The Treasurer balances with the bank and the clerk.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by Procnier to approve the March treasurers report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:

Zoning Administrator Brege reported he had two new land use permits. One for a new house and one for a steel barn building. He didn't have any other updates on other existing issues.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Dan O'Connor, Alcona Community Schools Superintendent gave a presentation on the upcoming special election renewals for the school district. He handed out flyers. He said on May 1st at 6 pm there will be a show and tell. A walk thru to look at the plans of what is proposed to be done.
- Sheriff Report read and placed on file.
- DTE Budget wise billing statement was received. The settlement balance is \$35.30. The new budget amount will be
- \$93.00/mo.
- ARPA reporting for Gustin Township is complete and a copy will be on file at the township hall.
- Hawes Township Cemetery donation received.

BUSINESS:

Cemetery Clean-up was discussed. The board was presented with a quote from Mike and Muriel Goddard.

Motion by LaVergne, seconded by Brege to accept the quote from Mike and Muriel Goddard for \$600.00 for cemetery cleanup. Roll Call: Yes-Brege, Ashford, Procnier, Somers and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Cemetery mowing for 2025 was discussed. The board was presented with a quote from Mike and Muriel Goddard.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by Somers to accept the quote from Mike and Muriel Goddard for \$600.00 for cemetery mowing for the 2025 year. Roll Call: Yes-Brege, Ashford, Procnier, Somers and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Lawn mowing at the township hall was discussed. Ashford will ask Mike Goddard if he is interested in mowing the lawn at the hall.

BS & A online payment was presented and discussed by Treasurer Somers. It will integrate into our current system. There will be no contract, no fees to the township and they will take care of any returned credit cards that are declined. There is a two month waiting period to get started.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by Brege to approve Treasurer Somers to sign the BS & A online payment forms and return them to BS & A for the tax bill payments. Roll Call: Yes-Somers, Procunier, Brege Ashford and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Treasurer Somers discussed with the board moving the Tax Account checking account from Huron Community Bank to Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union.

Motion by LaVergne, seconded by Ashford to allow Treasurer Somers to move the tax account checking account from Huron Community Bank to Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union. Roll Call: Yes-Somers, Procunier, Brege Ashford and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Treasurer Somers discussed with the board closing the Tax Account checking account at Huron Community Bank.

Motion by Brege, seconded by Procunier to allow Treasurer Somers to close the tax account checking account at Huron Community Bank. Roll Call: Yes-Somers, Procunier, Brege Ashford and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Content Migration costs for the Go Daddy website C-panel update were discussed. There is a one-time migration cost of \$199.99 for Michael Suiter to have the content migration done by Go Daddy for the website update. This will make the website secure. This was missed in the original motion to upgrade the website in February.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by Brege to allow Michael Suiter to have Go Daddy perform the one time migration cost of \$199.99 for the website c-panel update. Roll Call: Yes-Somers, Procunier, Brege Ashford and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Received a letter from Eagle regarding the Lincoln Manor Apartments Stipulations and Conditions Form. The Lincoln Manor has a resolution for Gustin Township to complete to refuse to accept the ownership of or operation, maintenance, and administrative responsibilities for their particular drinking water supply and for them to continue the responsibilities under the state permit.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by Procunier to approve Resolution 2025-08 Gustin Township refusing to accept the ownership of or operation, maintenance, and administrative responsibilities for their particular drinking water supply and for them to continue the responsibilities under the state permit. Roll Call: Yes-Somers, Procunier, Brege Ashford and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Motion by Brege, seconded by Somers to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$46,679.23 check numbers 11897-11916. Roll Call: Yes-Somers, Procunier, Brege Ashford and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Public Comment:

County Commissioner Brege reported that FEMA will be coming thru Alcona County to assess the damage from the ice storm and to see if any funding is available for the damage caused. The National Guard was here to help out in the clean-up of Alcona County. Supervisor Ashford mentioned there were food donations/give a ways at different locations and hot meals at Caledonia Township Hall. The county/citizens of Alcona came together when people were in need. Jerry Linton mentioned the county wide cleanup will be on May 17th at the ARA site in Lincoln. They are in need of volunteers. Ashford had all the events at the ARA site coming up this spring and fall. She has the flyer if anyone would like to see the information. The fair is August 5-9th. Sandra Hartman noted that Boyd Byelich has a group/program called "One Box for Ukraine". He helps several people in need as well. He took hay to North Carolina when they had their devastation and he also took food/supplies to the North Counties of Michigan where there was a lot of damage. People can donate to his cause if they would like to.

The meeting was adjourned by Ashford at 7:20 p.m., seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on May 19th at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk

Supervisor