

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP – ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln, on December 16, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Ashford.

Present: Supervisor Ashford, Clerk LaVergne, Trustee Procnier, Trustee Brege and Treasurer Somers. Guests: John Schlicker and Cindy McCuiston.

Motion by Brege, seconded by Ashford to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by Brege to approve the November minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Somers presented to the board reports for last month ending November 30, 2024. He balances with the Clerk and the bank.

Motion by LaVergne, seconded by Procnier to approve the November Treasurer's report as presented. MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:

Supervisor Ashford told the board the solar special use permit application was approved at the special meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Board of Review Update: Treasurer Somers was at the hall and no one came so there was no action. He stayed until 5:30 pm.
- Sheriff Report read and placed on file.
- BOR training – 1/14/25 in Alpena from 9 am to noon. Location: Charter Twp. of Alpena. Pam Ashford and Pam Fowler are due for training this year.
- ACCOA willing to give Gustin Township their hearing device system when they move buildings. It will be approximately \$200.00 for Michael Suiter to install them.
- Partner's in Prevention looking to use the hall in February and March. The board will think about it. They did not take any action on it.

BUSINESS:

The State Police invoice was discussed. The current charge is \$1,800.00 for the year. The board agreed to send it out and keep it the same for the upcoming year.

ARPA funds were discussed. Treasurer Somers received a quote from Mike's Computer Repair for a drop box and installation.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by Brege to approve the drop box quote of \$714.99 from Mike's Computer Repair. \$692.80 plus any additional interest on the ARPA account will be paid from ARPA funds and the balance will be paid from the general fund. Roll Call: Yes: LaVergne, Somers, Procnier, Ashford and Brege. No: None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Received an invoice from NEMCOG for professional services provided for the period ending 11/8/24. These services were for the solar project. This invoice amount will be billed to Ranger Power for reimbursement.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by LaVergne to approve payment to NEMCOG for \$2,600.00 for Gustin Township Planning Services for the period ending 11/8/24. Roll Call: Yes: Procnier, LaVergne, Somers, Ashford and Brege. No: None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Treasurer Somers told the board he is appointing Scott Lipscomb as his deputy Treasurer. He will be sworn in.

Motion by Brege, seconded by Ashford to appoint Scott Lipscomb as Deputy Treasurer. Roll call: Yes: Somers, LaVergne, Procnier, Ashford and Brege. No: None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Deputy Treasurer Scott Lipscomb will need to be added to Huron Community Bank accounts.

Motion by LaVergne, seconded by Ashford to add Scott Lipscomb to all Huron Community Bank accounts as Deputy Treasurer. Roll Call: Yes: LaVergne, Ashford, Brege, Somers and Procunier. No: None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Treasurer Somers discussed the account information for Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union. He has been elected the new Treasurer and has started office 11/20/24.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by Brege to add Theodore Somers to all AAACU (Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union) accounts as Treasurer and add Scott Lipscomb to all AAACU (Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union) accounts as Deputy Treasurer and remove Cindy Leeseberg the outgoing Treasurer and her Deputy Gary Leeseberg from all AAACU (Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union) accounts. Roll Call: Yes: LaVergne, Procunier, Somers, Ashford and Brege. No: None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

AAACU (Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union) online account access was discussed.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by Brege to approve/add Theodore Somers to have online access to all accounts at Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union online accounts and remove Cindy Leeseberg from online account access. Roll Call: Yes: LaVergne, Ashford, Somers, Brege and Procunier. No: None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Board of Review Members were discussed.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by Procunier to appoint Scott Lipscomb, Louella Shellenbarger and Pamela Fowler to the board of review for the 2025/2026 year. They will need to be sworn in by Clerk LaVergne or Supervisor Ashford by January 10th 2025. Roll call: Yes-Procunier, LaVergne, Ashford, Brege and Somers. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

No snowplowing bids were received by mail. Supervisor Ashford has had two phone calls of interested people. They will both submit bids for the next meeting.

Mike Suiter has suggested the township get a new router for the internet. The router has been not functioning well and has had to be reset multiple times.

Motion by Brege, seconded by Procunier to approve the new router and installation by Mike's Computer Repair for \$155.00. Roll call: Yes: LaVergne, Ashford, Brege, Somers and Procunier. No: None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Received invoice from township lawyer on township business. Solar discussions with Denise, board members and Ranger Power. Discussion on invoice. These fees will be invoiced to Ranger Power for reimbursement.

Motion by Brege, seconded by Somers to approve the township lawyer invoice for \$1,350.00. Roll call: Yes: Procunier, LaVergne, Ashford, Somers and Brege. No: None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Received the engagement letter from Stephenson and Company, P.C. for the upcoming audit. The audit will not exceed \$5,970.00.

Motion by Somers, seconded by Procunier to approve Clerk LaVergne to sign and send back the engagement letter from Stephenson and Company, P.C. for the upcoming audit. The amount not to exceed \$5,970.00. This will be paid in the next budget year. Roll call: Yes: Procunier, LaVergne, Ashford, Somers and Brege. No: None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Received a letter and bill for services from Recycle Alcona It will be held May 17, 2025 at the Alcona ARA site in Lincoln from 8 am to 2 pm.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by LaVergne to approve the bill of service from Alcona Recycle for \$1,000.00 to be paid April 1, 2025 in the next budget year. Roll call: Yes-Procunier, Somers, Brege, Ashford, and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Public Comment: None.

The Clerk noted there needed to be a transfers in the budget.

**Motion by Ashford, seconded by Procunier to move \$73.89 from 1000941 Contingency Expense to 1253752 Office Supplies Treas, to move \$109.33 from 1262703 Election Bd Salary/Wages to 1262752 Election Supplies and to increase the following using money from the General Fund Balance 1265734 Twp Hall Repair/Maint \$285.00, 1248802 Attorney Fee Planning/Zoning \$1,200.00, 1248881 Planning/Zoning Advertising \$432.00 and 1249703 Wages – Board of Appeal \$120.00. Roll Call: Yes-Procunier, Ashford, Somers, Brege and LaVergne. No-None.
MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

**Motion by Brege, seconded by Somers to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$8,787.92 check numbers 11779-11804. Roll Call: Yes- Procunier, Somers, Ashford, Brege and LaVergne. No-None.
MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

The meeting was adjourned by Ashford at 7:15 p.m., seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on January 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk

Supervisor