

GUSTIN TOWNSHIP – ALCONA COUNTY

The Regular Meeting of the Gustin Township Board was called to order in the Village of Lincoln, on January 20, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Ashford.

Present: Supervisor Ashford, Clerk LaVergne, Trustee Procunier, Trustee Brege, Treasurer Somers and deputy clerk Amanda Parkinson. Guests: Adam Brege, Zoning Administrator and Jerry Linton.

Motion by Procunier, seconded by Brege to approve the agenda with the additions.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by Brege to approve the December minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Somers presented to the board reports for last month ending December 31, 2023. He balances with the Clerk and the bank.

Motion by Brege, seconded by Ashford to approve the December Treasurer's report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OR OFFICER REPORTS:

Zoning administrator Brege reported that there were no building permits this month. He noted Hope Winkler from Sapling Solar has emailed him about the Eagle Grant. He urged the board to apply for it. The board will have to review the application and figure out what they would like to use the grant funds for. He noted there has been a lot of progress on the Barlow Rd. property.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- There will be a budget workshop on February 17th at 5:30 pm prior to the regular board meeting.
- Sheriff report was read and placed on file.
- Partners in Prevention looking to use the hall in February and March. The board has agreed to let them use the hall.

Motion by Somers, seconded by Ashford to let Partners in prevention use the hall in February and March. The first 2 Tuesdays in March the hall is being used already. Roll call: Yes, Ashford, Brege, Procunier, LaVergne and Somers. No: None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

- Accident fund dividend was received.
- Par Plan news received
- 2025 Planning and Zoning training flier received with several dates
- Huron Community Bank new schedule of fees received.
- Alcona Schools sent a letter and board motion stating they would like summer tax collection for 2025.
- MTA Chapter Meeting 1/28/25 – Location Hawes Township at 7 p.m.

BUSINESS:

The salaries of board positions were discussed. It was tabled until the next meeting on the resolutions.

March Board of Review Dates: Organizational meeting will be March 4th at 5:30 pm. Regular meetings will be March 10th and March 11th from 1:30 – 7:30 pm. Supervisor Ashford will publish the dates in the review. They will need to be in the review for 3 weeks.

Snow plowing bids were discussed.

The township received one snow plowing quote from McFadden Contracting. Snow removal per plow, salting and shoveling will be \$45.00 per plow.

Motion by Brege, seconded by Somers to approve the quote from McFadden Contracting for \$45.00 per plow including salt and shoveling. Roll call: Yes: Ashford, LaVergne, Somers, Brege and Procunier. No: none.
MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Treasurer Somers and Supervisor Ashford presented the board with updated guidance on the solar electric generation systems. Gustin Township is in the Opportunity Zone for the solar fields. Up to 3 years after the solar farm is set up they can ask for the property taxes to be lowered. The board would need a resolution so the township can deny the request to lower the property taxes. Ashford will contact Denise Cline to see if she can help with the resolution.

McFadden Contracting snow plowing invoice received. With a snow event the hall parking lot had to be plowed on 12/21/24.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by Procunier to approve payment of the McFadden Contracting snow plowing invoice for \$45.00 for the plow on 12/21/24. Roll call: Yes: Ashford, LaVergne, Somers, Brege and Procunier. No: none.
MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Treasurer Somers has closed the ARPA funds account.

Received an invoice from Bauer, Florip & Wojda PLC for Solar/ZBA/Denise Cline/Michael Vogt Ranger Power. Discussion on invoice.

Motion by Brege, seconded by Procunier to approve payment of the Bauer, Florip & Wojda PLC invoice for \$1,900.00 for solar matters. Roll call: Yes: Ashford, LaVergne, Somers, Brege and Procunier. No: none.
MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Assessor Somers presented the board with the 2025 Poverty Tax exemption levels.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by LaVergne to approve Resolution 2025-02 of the 2025 State Poverty Exemption levels. Roll Call: Yes: Ashford, LaVergne, Brege, Procunier and Somers. No: None.
MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Treasurer Somers asked the board about putting the township address on the hall door. He asked permission to get quotes for lettering for the address for the door and for the drop box outside with the lettering of "Tax Bills". The board agreed to have him get quotes and bring them back to the next board meeting.

Sapling Solar Consultant Reimbursement agreement was read by Clerk LaVergne. This is an agreement for the township to get reimbursed for any lawyer fees and professional service fees incurred by the Township for the solar projects. There was discussion on the agreement.

Motion by Somers, seconded by Brege to authorize Clerk LaVergne to sign and send back to Hope Winkler of Sapling Solar the Consultant Reimbursement Agreement. Roll Call: Yes: Ashford, LaVergne, Brege, Procunier and Somers. 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 Brege to move \$86.83 from 1000941 Contingency Expense to 1253752 Office Supplies Treasurer, to move \$11.40 from 1000941 Contingency Expense to 1215752 Office Supplies Clerk, to move \$74.36 from 1000941 Contingency Expense to 1102955 Board Misc. and to move \$14.74 from 1000941 Contingency Expense to 1000701 Payroll Expense Other. To increase the following using money from the General Fund Balance 1262752 Election Supplies \$1,098.19, 1248802 Attorney Fee Planning/Zoning \$1,350.00 and 1248806 Registrations/Contracted Services \$2,321.00. To increase the following items related to ARPA monies. 1000528 – ARPA funds income to \$38,259.94, 1000805 ARPA Expenses – Cemetery to \$4,500.00 and 100802 ARPA expenses Township hall to \$33,259.94. Roll Call: Yes-Procunier, Ashford, Somers, Brege and LaVergne. No-None.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Motion by LaVergne, seconded by Ashford to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$7,303.56 check numbers 11809-11829. Roll Call: Yes- Procunier, Somers, Brege, Ashford and LaVergne. No-None.
MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The meeting was adjourned by Ashford at 8:10 p.m., seconded by LaVergne until the next regular meeting on February 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk

Supervisor