

GERRISH TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
July 12, 2016

Regular meeting called to order at 7:30 pm at the Municipal Center. Present: Supervisor Homola, Clerk Patchin, Treasurer Tulgetske, Trustee Link and Trustee Lippert. Also present: 42 plus citizens.

A moment of silence was called in honor of the recent tragic events

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Tulgetske, supported by Link: CARRIED

That the agenda be approved as presented with the addition of moving #2 under Unfinished Business to #9 under New Business: Land Split request for Scofes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Opened at 7:31pm:

Ken Melvin shared his disappointments in the actions of people towards the election, lake levels and the HLF. Tom Mutchler shared he felt Ken Melvin's comments were disrespectful. Eric Ostergren commented that he only told the truth for his campaign. Sheryl Isenstein showed her Gerrish Township voter registration card. Carol Ostling announced her candidacy for Roscommon County Clerk. Vicki Springstead clarified that the HLF had no position on the lake level and not pushing damn removal. Chuck Brick and Vicki Springstead shared comments about the DASH Boat past and current ownership and maintenance. Dave Batchelor stated that the lake level is a court order and shared his thoughts on the erosion. Karen Ehinger shared her thoughts on erosion. Brian Vaughn introduced his candidacy for County Road Commissioner. Vicki Springstead clarified who requested the study and how it was funded. Pat Springstead, Eric Ostergren, Dave Batchelor shared their thoughts on the erosion, study and request for the study. The MSU and U of M Lake study can be viewed at www.higginslake-foundation.org. Daire Rendon introduced her candidacy for the 103rd District

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Patchin, second by Tulgetske: CARRIED

that the Consent Agenda is approved as presented with additional correspondence of f. Letter to the editor, K. Ehinger

REPORTS: (See attached) a. Trustee Link b. Trustee Lippert c. Treasurer Tulgetske d. Clerk Patchin e. Supervisor Homola

Unfinished Business:

1. Land Split request-Povenelli

New Business:

1. Motion by Lippert, supported by Link: CARRIED

that the Board authorize Chief Lippert to offer employment to Jennifer Patchin for an on-call, part time, fire fighter trainee position at the Gerrish Township Fire Department. Employment contingent upon successful completion of physical, background and drug testing

2. Motion by Tulgetske, supported by Patchin: CARRIED
that the board accept the donation with much appreciation to Patti Dambrowski for the materials and volunteer coordination to paint pickle ball court lines on the tennis courts at the Gerrish Township Municipal Park

3. Motion by Homola, supported by Tulgetske: CARRIED
that the board accept the 5 year renewal of the Snowplowing services at the Gerrish Township Facilities with Higgins Lake Landscaping in the amount of \$8,679.00 for the season with an annual increase of 3%. Contract dates: November 1, 2016 through March 3, 2021.

4. Motion by Patchin, supported by Lippert: CARRIED
that the Board authorize Supervisor Homola to sign the GeoAssist Data Acquisition and License Agreement for the GeoAssist real property reappraisal assistance.

5. Motion by Patchin, supported by Lippert: CARRIED
that the board authorize Clerk Patchin to advertise for the contract position of Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector. Applications will be accepted until August 3, 2016 at 4:00pm

6. Motion by Patchin, supported by Link: CARRIED
that the board authorize Clerk Patchin to advertise for the contract position of Electrical Inspector. Applications will be accepted until August 3, 2016 at 4:00pm

7. Motion by Lippert, supported by Tulgetske: CARRIED
that the Board authorize Supervisor Homola to offer employment to Nicholos Tazzioli for a part time-seasonal position at the Gerrish Township Marina. Employment contingent upon successful completion of physical, background and drug testing.

8. Motion by Patchin, supported by Tulgetske: CARRIED
that the board accept the bid from JM Door for the Garage Door at Gerrish Township Marina for the amount of \$3,229.00 for a 2" door with automatic opener to include installation and removal of broken door. Bid does not include electrical work.

9. Motion by Tulgetske, supported by Lippert: CARRIED
that the board approve the revised land split request for parcel #72004-690-014-0000 requested by George Scofes

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Opened 8:20pm

Bill Wickers shared privacy concerns for the GeoAssist real property reappraisal assistance. Eric Ostergren inquired on GeoAssist real property reappraisal. Ruth Mutchler inquired on the contract and how much money was paid for Northpoint Fisheries and who was involved in the 501c3 Group. The name of the 501c3 is the Comprehensive Affordable Swimmers Itch Reduction Organization. ACT-NOW has formed a Higgins Lake Improvement Project Fund. Dave Batchelor inquired if monies ear marked for different programs would be distributed. Yes, they will be distributed to where designated. Jo Ellen Serum inquired on the Septic Ordinance. Currently the Ordinance is being viewed by our attorney. Jo Ellen also shared concerns that the parking on Townline Road was creating a hazard. Dave Batchelor shared concerns for

boat sounds and speeds on Higgins Lake asking that those be enforced. Vicki Springstead said the HLF contributed for a sound meter to be used for the Sheriff Department. Linda Brick shared what her expectations are of a Board noting the Board works for the residents. Fred Palm suggested a better sound system for Board Meeting and comments, questions and answers be placed in the minutes. Fred also inquired on the snail raking and if a scientific study was held to see if this would affect any stir up of Cooper Sulfate previously placed in the lake. Supervisor Homola said the procedure was approved by the DEQ and State of Michigan for non-mechanical raking. Bill Wickers shared concerns on the noise issue of boats on the lake asking that something be published on how to stop it and whom to contact. Trustee Lippert stated he would look in to that. Bill Wickers inquired when the PAC group received the photographs and credentials on the incumbents and who provided the information. Eric Ostergren asked if it was Sheryl Isenstein's group that contacted them. Linda Brick asked if the postcard Supervisor Homola sent out would be corrected on the portion of creating the district library. Supervisor Homola explained the work that he and the Board were involved with pertaining to the creation of the District Library. Martha Clapp thought the comment was disrespectful.

Motion by Lippert, supported by Link: CARRIED
that the board adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm

Kathleen Patchin, Clerk

Frank Homola, Supervisor

Approved