

GERRISH TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
September 13 2016

Regular meeting called to order at 7:30pm at the Municipal Center. Present: Supervisor Homola, Clerk Patchin, Treasurer Tulgetske, Trustee Link and Trustee Lippert. Also present: 56 plus citizens.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Link, supported by Tulgetske: **CARRIED**
That the agenda be approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Opened at 7:31pm:

Tom Mutchler inquired about procedures of making comments on agenda items and requesting all documents be available publically before decisions are made. Larry Wallace felt the proposed septic ordinance should apply to all and not just for those selling or transferring homes. Jo Serum asked that public comment on septic ordinance be moved on agenda. Dave Udy expressed his interest in the Marina Manager position. Dave Batchelor representing the HLPOA expressed their support for the Septic Ordinance and requested a public hearing. Ruth Mutchler wanted clarification on the public comment. Dave Kopin shared his support of the ordinance but not associated with the sale or transfer of homes. Jo Serum shared her concerns that the ordinance placed the burden on real estate providers, title companies and financial institutions. Dale McDonald also shared his concerns on placing the septic ordinance burden on sellers or real estate agents and felt it should address with the entire township. Dale McDonald noted his concern about finding failed systems that needs repair or replacement and that may stop the sale of a home. John Reitmyer expressed concerns on the proposed septic ordinance not really addressing the problem. Sally Baker asked if we had received her correspondence from their attorney. Candy Hoover felt the septic ordinance caused hardship and was not in favor of the burden on the realtors. Steve Zubek was expressing his concerns of the residents not being aware that a septic ordinance was in consideration. Todd Jansen agreed that something needed to be done with Septic Ordinance but the burden shouldn't be placed on the realtors.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Patchin second by Tulgetske: **CARRIED**
that the Consent Agenda is approved as presented with additional correspondence of c. McClelland & Anderson re: voiced the objection of the Michigan Realtors to the proposed Well and Septic Time of Transfer Ordinance. d. K. Carlson re: objection to the Time of Transfer Ordinance e. Consumers Energy re: public hearing for September 13th. f. HLPOA requesting a public hearing on the proposed Septic Ordinance

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

New Business:

1. Motion by Tulgetske, supported by Link: **CARRIED**
that upon recommendation of Supervisor Homola, the Board appoint Norma Boyle to the Planning Commission. Term ending July 1, 2018

2. Motion by Lippert, supported by Tulgetske: CARRIED
that upon recommendation of Supervisor Homola, the Board appoint Norma Boyle to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Term ending December 31, 2018

3. Motion by Homola, supported by Lippert: CARRIED
that the board authorize Chief Lippert to offer a non-compensated trainee position for the Gerrish Township Fire Department to Robert Rousselo

4. Motion by Patchin, supported by Tulgetske: CARRIED
that the sanitation fee for service for fiscal year 2017-2018 will be \$116.00 per parcel per year, compared to \$103.00 per year for the 2016-2017

Roll Call: Ayes: Homola, Patchin, Tulgetske, Link, Lippert
Nays: None

5. Motion by Tulgetske, supported by Link: CARRIED
that the General Fund Operating Millage for the 2017-2018 budget will be 0.9642 which is a reduction compared to last year's Millage rate of 0.9654

Roll Call: Ayes: Patchin, Lippert, Link, Tulgetske, Homola
Nays: None

6. Motion by Patchin, supported by Tulgetske: CARRIED
that the Township Board determines fire protection and emergency medical services to be in the best interest of the Township and that a Special Assessment district be created under the provisions of P.A. 81 of 1989 in which cost of such service shall be assessed according to benefits. The total budget for fire protection and emergency medical services for the 2017-2018 fiscal year has been determined to be \$1,658,207.00 with \$557,795.00 Capital Equipment Carryover, \$63,043.00 Water Supply Carryover, \$30,000.00 Capital Projects Carryover, \$46,535.00 Heart Monitor Carryover and \$20,000 Hydraulic Extrication Equipment Carryover. The Special Assessment district shall contain all taxable property within the Township with the millage rate to be 2.53 mills, same as previous year, to yield \$725,834.00

Roll call: Ayes: Link, Lippert, Homola, Patchin, Tulgetske
Nays: None

7. Motion by Patchin, supported by Link: CARRIED
that the Township Board determines police protection to be in the best interest of the Township and that a Special Assessment district be created under the provisions of P.A. 81 of 1989 in which the cost of such service shall be assessed according to benefits. The total budget for police protection for 2017-2018 has been determined to be \$770,340.98 to include \$45,300.00 Capital Equipment Carryover and \$10,000.00 Capital Project Carryover. The Special Assessment district shall contain all taxable property within the Township with the millage rate to be 2.21 mills, same as previous year, to yield \$634,029.00.

Roll call: Ayes: Patchin, Homola, Link, Tulgetske, Lippert
Nays: None

8. Motion by Homola, supported by Patchin: CARRIED

that the board approve Backus Builders for the repair of the roof and removal and replacement of shingles for the bathroom structure located at Gerrish Township Park for the estimated cost of \$3,000.00

9. Motion by Patchin, supported by Tulgetske: CARRIED
that Board authorize Building and Zoning Administrator Jason Jansen to designate three additional voting positions for the International Code Council. Positions offered to Mark Vick, Denny Kiroff and James Lippert.

10. Motion by Homola, supported by Lippert: CARRIED
that the Board approve the 2017 Marina Services and Fee schedule as presented. Schedule to include a \$50 increase in yearly boat slip rentals and a \$25 increase on personal watercraft.

11. Motion by Tulgetske, supported by Patchin: CARRIED
that the Board approve the Seasonal Marina Manager job description and position as a part time, year round, salaried position based on approximately 25 hours weekly at the annual rate of \$24,200.00

11a. Motion by Tulgetske, supported by Lippert: CARRIED
that the Board authorize Clerk Patchin to advertise the position of Marina Manager position. Applications accepted until 4:00pm on October 5, 2016

12. Septic Ordinance (See public comments)

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Opened 8:45 pm

Martha Clapp shared her concerns of the Marina Manager position. Bob Wagner asked if the Marina Manager position had just changed to full time. Tom Mutchler shared his disappointments in the Board and felt the Board ignored everything that was previously stated. Dave Batchelor asked why create a position with supervisor elect said he would take the job. Dave Udy shared his position on the Marina Manager position. Chuck Brick asked who left the positions Norma Boyle will be filling on the PC and ZBA. Ruth Mutchler asked if the Board had received a proposal for the Marina Manager position. She shared her disappointment with the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Taxes are due September 14, 2016

Trunk or Treat will be held October 31st. We are currently taking donations for candy and encourage everyone to participate by decorating and having a trunk for this event.

Motion by Tulgetske, supported by Lippert: CARRIED
that the Board adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:01pm

Kathleen Patchin, Clerk

Frank Homola, Supervisor

Approved: _____