

GERRISH TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
March 10, 2015

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 10 citizens

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Opened at 7:30 pm:

Amy Swainston from the DNR asked the board for a letter of support for the DNR's application to the MNRTF to construct the regional trail connector through North and South Higgins Lake State Parks.

Motion by Lippert, supported by Link: CARRIED
that the board provide a letter of support for the grant application for the Higgins Lake Trail way concept.

Supervisor Homola announced his 2014 Awards for Gerrish Township:
Volunteer of the year was awarded to Dick Weadock noting his countless hours of dedication and documentation he has provided for Gerrish Township on the merganser ducks.

Employee of the year was awarded to Jamie Purtell who is the office manager at Gerrish Township Marina. Supervisor noted her dedication by working every holiday and weekend and providing outstanding customer service to the public. He also noted her fill in cleaning services provided for the township hall.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Lippert, second by Tulgetske: CARRIED
that the Consent Agenda is approved as presented.

REPORTS:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Hillsdale Heights property quiet title decision tabled pending further information and process per Transnational Title.

Motion by Lippert, supported by Link: CARRIED
that the board adopt the Gerrish Township Police Department Social Media Policy as presented effective March 10, 2015.

Motion by Lippert, supported by Tulgetske: CARRIED
that the board adopt the amended ordinance XIII-01-15 'Gerrish Township Pension Plan' as presented. Amended Ordinance will have a vesting period of 3 years after eligibility date at the rate of 20% after the first year, 50% after the second year and 100% after the third year for all regular full time employees covered under pension plan.

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

Motion by Tulgetske, supported by Lippert: CARRIED
that the board authorize Clerk Patchin to sign paperwork to begin the process of opening up retirement accounts with AUL/One America for the Gerrish Township Pension Plan.

Motion by Tulgetske, supported by Link: CARRIED
that the Board authorize Chief Lippert to purchase one portable air supply unit up to \$3,800.00 for the Gerrish Township Fire Department.

Motion by Patchin, supported by Link: CARRIED
that the board authorize Treasurer Tulgetske to place Parks and Recreation CD monies redeeming on March 13, 2015 in to the Parks and Recreation savings account available for matching grant.

Motion by Lippert, supported by Tulgetske: CARRIED
that the Board authorize Supervisor Homola to purchase a tandem axle pontoon trailer for the Gerrish Township Marina up to \$2,000.00

Motion by Tulgetske, supported by Patchin: CARRIED
that the Board authorize Supervisor Homola to offer 'Part Time Seasonal Employment' to Terry Newton at the hourly rate of \$10.30.

Motion by Patchin, supported by Link: CARRIED
that the board authorize Supervisor Homola to apply for the Higgins Lake Foundation Grant it aide in swimmer's itch control

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

Motion by Tulgetske, supported by Lippert: CARRIED
that the board authorize Supervisor Homola to apply for the Higgins Lake Foundation Grant for use towards renovations on the Gerrish Township Marina Boat Wash

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

Motion by Link, supported by Homola: CARRIED
that the Board adopt Resolution# 2015-03-10-01 '2015 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application'.

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

Motion by Tulgetske, supported by Lippert: CARRIED
that the board adopt the 2015-2016 General Appropriations Act.

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

Motion by Tulgetske, supported by Link: CARRIED
that the board adopt the 2015-2016 Compensation Schedule.

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

Motion by Tulgetske, supported by Patchin: CARRIED
that the board adopt the 2015-2016 General Fund Budget as presented

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

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Mary Link acknowledged the Gerrish Township Fire Department expressing her true gratitude for the personnel who took care of her in recent use. A special thank you to Brandon Rodgers who had gone above and beyond for her and her family. She noted what a wonderful asset this community has in their services.

-Chuck Brick inquired about the grant application for Swimmer's Itch Aide. Supervisor Homola noted the intention to try to control nesting areas for merganser ducks by providing nesting boxes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-There is an open house for information on the Gypsy Moth on Tuesday April 7, 2015 3-6:30pm at the Roscommon Area District Library.

-ACT Now will be holding a Community Meeting on 'Swimmer's Itch Update' on April 20th and a 'Spring Weather Spotter Class' on May 18th. ACT Now meetings are held at the Gerrish Township Hall at 7:00 pm., everyone is welcome.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Kathleen Patchin, Clerk

Frank Homola, Supervisor

Approval