

GERRISH TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
January 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: 16 citizens.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Opened at 7:31pm: None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Link, second by Lippert: CARRIED
that the Consent Agenda is approved as is with the additional correspondences added: E. Dale McDonald-Point of Sale Septic Ordinance. F: Rick Rourke-Swimmer's Itch G: Northpoint-joint meeting summary H: SICON-joint meeting summary

REPORTS: (See attached)

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Announcement of previously scheduled Special Meeting-Budget for January 13, 2016 to be rescheduled to January 21, 2016 at 1:00pm

Motion by Patchin, supported by Tulgetske: CARRIED
that the board amend the 'Releasing Reports and Media' Policy to comply with the Freedom of Information Act Statue that went into effect on July 1, 2015.

Motion by Patchin, supported by Link: CARRIED
that the board amend the 'Safe Delivery of Newborns Act' Policy to reflect the name changes of Grayling Munson Hospital and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Motion by Patchin, supported by Lippert: CARRIED
that the board rescind the 'Media-Sale and Release' Policy.

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

Motion by Tulgetske, supported by Lippert: CARRIED
that the board adopt Resolution#2016-01-12-01 'Annual Adoption of Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test'

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

Motion by Tulgetske, supported by Link: CARRIED
that the board adopt Resolution#2016-01-12-02 'Township Supervisor Annual Salary'

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

Motion by Homola, supported by Lippert : CARRIED
that the board adopt Resolution#2016-01-12-03 'Township Clerk Annual Salary'

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

Motion by Link, supported by Homola: CARRIED
that the board adopt Resolution#2016-01-12-04 'Township Treasurer Annual Salary'
Roll call: Ayes: Lippert, Link, Homola, Patchin, Tulgetske
Nays: None

Motion by Tulgetske, supported by Patchin: CARRIED
that the board adopt Resolution#2016-01-12-05 'Township Trustee Annual Salary'
Roll call: Ayes: Homola, Tulgetske, Link, Lippert, Patchin
Nays: None

Motion by Lippert, supported by Link: CARRIED
that for 2016, Gerrish Township continues with the Federal Fish and Wildlife special purpose permit authorizing the lethal take of common merganser ducks and destruction of nests as defined in the permit. Gerrish Township will consider a mediation process of both Swimmer's Itch Comprehensive programs in 2017, allowing for two years of data to be compiled for Higgins Lake. This will ensure that a mediation panel has sufficient data of the SI problem on Higgins Lake, for the development of a successful program. It is not Gerrish Township's intent to remove Sicon, LLC from Higgins Lake, but to join forces for a better Higgins Lake. The 2016 program, using Northpoint Fisheries as the contractor is contingent upon securing funding in the forms of grants, donations and in kind services.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Opened 7:50pm

- Eric Ostergren stated that board was not paid enough for what they do. He inquired on when questions from SI meeting will be answered, inquired if board will ask the public about SI programs, inquired what Gerrish Township will do in 2 years if the special use permit is not renewed.
- Ken Dennings inquired if Gerrish Township has applied for an expansion on current permit. Frank stated he did email the US Fish and Wildlife to see the process of expanding a current permit but at this time no formal application for expansion has been submitted.
- Steve Luebke inquired about the number of Common Mergansers to lethally take.
- Eric Ostergren asked if contractors would be bidding and price for harassment and lethal take.
- Ruth Mutchler inquired on if nest boxes are included in program and what grants have been considered
- Diane Wagner asked if the website would be changed to reflect both SI organizations for information and donations

ANNOUNCEMENT

- A.C.T. N.O.W. and Gerrish Township Firefighter's Association will be holding a Valentine Dinner Dance on February 20th. For tickets and more information contact Gerrish Township at 989-821-9313
- March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary absentee ballot applications are available
- Winterfest is February 12th and 13th.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Kathleen Patchin, Clerk

Frank Homola, Supervisor

Approved