

# Supervisors Annual Report

## March 2016 Annual Meeting

The Township Board has a never ending task to handle everyday Township issues. But in the long term we must plot a course that will continue to make our Township a Great place to Live and Work. We must be as responsible as possible to see that the township tax dollars are spent in the most cost effective ways as possible.

As we neared the year end of 2015 we find that some of the main issues that came before the Board were Roads/Drains the Swimmers Itch problems as well as Refuse and Recycling also not to be forgotten is the need for more Recreation opportunities.

The township has been addressing those concerns by listening to the public and taking action where ever we can with our limited funds from the general fund. We have applied for and received several grants to help those projects. All the Township Departments continue to spend there allotted funds wisely. As with all townships the staff comes and goes. The Police and Fire Departments as well as the Marina and Parks departments have had some personal changes. We also reissued a contract to a new Assessor Ms. Karleen Helmreich after of Mr. Bosely decided to take a contract closer to his home. All of the Township Departments strive to provide the best services that can be provided to our residents and our visitors to our great Township.

The Marina continues to operate on the funds it creates on sales and slip rentals. The funds created also pay extra on the Bond Payment so the bond will be paid off sooner. The Community Park & Marina is used by hundreds of people each year and its 2 indoor ice rinks are used nearly every day by many people young and old.

The assessor reports that the township property values continue to improve as a comparison the tentative values for 2016 are assessed \$350,567,000 and taxable values tentative at \$292,408,792.000 . That is in comparison of 2015 which were assessed at \$338,816,700.00 and taxable at \$289,365,326.00 .

This shows that Michigan's economy is still on the rise.

Before I close I would like to mention a few notes from the Fire&EMS Department as well as the Police Dept.

Fire /EMS that department received 493 calls for service, 370 were EMS related and 123 were fire rescue related that averages to 41 calls per month. That does not take inconsideration all the training events with the children

at the various schools. The age of the department vehicles range from 1972 up to 2008. The staff includes 31 EMS & Fire Members 11- Licensed Paramedics, 7 Licensed EMT's, 14 Fire Fighter II Certified, 6 Fire Officer Certified.

The Police Department staff numbers the Chief, Sergeant, and 5 Patrol Officers plus the dedicated Cert. Team and Act Now Members. The Police Department reports that they handled 1589 calls for service in 2015 a breakdown follows, 79 Twp. Ord. complaints, 36 fire Duty complaints, 153 assists to the EMS/Ambulance, 1321 other various criminal or non-criminal calls were handled.

They made 96 Custodial Arrests, wrote 387 Citations for 417 total charges, 114 verbal warnings were issued. They also support ACT NOW in the Community Policing and Activities that they provide to the community. One of the most public cases was the investigation and arrest of 3 people for there part in 32 storage unit break-ins. With the recovery of much of the stolen property.

The Building Department reports an increase of 47 permits issued by his office in 2015 over the 2014 permit issued. There were 7 new homes built in the township in 2015.

Everything that I have mentioned is why Gerrish Township is a Great place to live. Myself and the Board wishes every one a Great year.

Respectfully,



Frank Homola Supervisor