

GERRISH TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
October 13, 2020

Regular Meeting was held in person at the Gerrish Township Municipal Building. Audio conferencing was available by calling 269-218-1875 Conference ID: 223 227 267#

Regular meeting called to order at 7:00pm at the Municipal Center. Physically present: Clerk Patchin, Treasurer Tulgetske and Trustee Link. Audio Conference attending: Supervisor Udy. Absent: Trustee Lippert. Also, physically present: 4 citizen(s) and audio conference attending: 4 citizens.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Tulgetske, second by Link: CARRIED
that the Consent Agenda is approved as presented with the additional budget adjustment for gas sales expense at Gerrish Township Marina for 410-751-740-1 increase of \$4,605.34 and decrease of contingency the same. Along with the addition of letter (c) under correspondence: April Karns re: Concerns with political signs being non-compliant with ordinance

REPORTS: (See attached) a. Trustee Link b. Trustee Lippert c. Clerk Patchin d. Supervisor Udy

New Business:

1. Part time EMT/FF employment
2. Permit Fee Refund Policy amendment
3. Land split request-Mackenzie
4. Land split request-Smith
5. Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Board Member Appointment
6. Resignation from Planning Commission
7. Resignation from Parks & Recreation Committee
8. Resignation of Deputy Clerk
9. Resignation of FF Medic
10. Donation of Gerrish Township 1997 Firetruck
11. Purchase of Fire Department gear lockers
12. Opening Board position on Planning Commission
13. Center for Tech and Civic Life Election Grant

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Patchin, supported by Udy: CARRIED
that the Board authorize Chief Fisher to offer employment to Austin Rahn as a part time EMT/FF. Employment is contingent upon successful results for drug screen, physical and background check.

2. Motion by Patchin, supported by Tulgetske: CARRIED
that the Board authorize the changes to the Permit Fee Refund Policy to read: Only non-started trade permits (Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical) will be refunded 100% of the permit fee less administration fee (\$25.00) up to one (1) year of issuance. Only non-started building permits will be refunded 100% less the \$50.00 building and zoning plan review fee. Land Use permits are NON-refundable because of the \$25.00 zoning plan review fee.

3. Motion by Link, supported by Udy: CARRIED
that the Board authorize the land split request by Jay B. McKenzie as presented for parcel 004-016-009-0041.
4. Motion by Link, supported by Tulgetske: CARRIED
that the Board authorize the land split request by Michael J Smith as presented for parcel 004-010-003-0020.
5. Motion by Link, supported by Udy: CARRIED
that the Board appoint James C. Lippert to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Alternate Board position for a partial term ending December 31, 2021.
6. Motion by Tulgetske, supported by Udy: CARRIED
that the Board accept the resignation of Kelly Kirkpatrick from the Planning Commission with much appreciation for time served.
7. Motion by Udy, supported by Link: CARRIED
that the Board accept the resignation of Kelly Kirkpatrick from the Parks and Recreation Committee with much appreciation for time served.
8. Motion by Tulgetske, supported by Link: CARRIED
that the Board accept the resignation of Annette Kirkpatrick from the Deputy Clerk position with much appreciation for the years of service. Resignation is effective October 30, 2020.
9. Motion by Tulgetske, supported by Patchin: CARRIED
that the Township Board accept the resignation from Dawn Gentz from the Gerrish Township Fire/EMS Department.
10. Motion by Patchin, supported by Tulgetske: CARRIED
that the Township Board authorize the donation of the 1997 (220) Rescue Engine to Lake Superior State University Fire Regional Training Center, Sault Ste Marie, Michigan. Rescue Engine will be donated in as is condition with a hold harmless agreement.
11. Motion by Patchin, supported by Tulgetske: CARRIED
that the Board authorize the Fire/EMS Department to purchase 15 gear lockers with lock boxes for the storage of individual turnout gear from Allied Fire Equipment for \$5,305.88.
12. Motion by Tulgetske, supported by Link: CARRIED
that the Board authorize Clerk Patchin to advertise for the Board position on the Planning Commission. Letters of interest will be accepted until 4:00pm on November 4, 2020.
13. Motion by Link, supported by Tulgetske: CARRIED
that the Board authorize Clerk Patchin to sign the acceptance letter for the \$5,000.00 grant received from Center For Tech and Civic Life for the public purpose of planning and operationalizing safe and secure election administration in Gerrish Township for 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Laura Cherven shared with the Board her disappointment in the inconsistency of implementing the various ordinances at Gerrish Township. She inquired on who enforces the ordinances such as camping, yard sales and variances. She also shared her disappointment with only letters being issued for those that have non-compliant political signs. April Karns shared all the same concerns listed above and shared concerns she felt businesses that have non-compliant political signs were being shown favoritism.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Clerk's office will be open Saturday October 31st from 7am to 3pm for anyone not able to come in during regular business hours to receive an absentee ballot or register to vote.

Public Accuracy Test will take place on October 22nd at 10:30am at the Municipal Building.

The next Gerrish/Lyon Sewer meeting will be scheduled sometime in late November.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm

Kathleen Patchin, Clerk

David Udy, Supervisor

Approved