

GERRISH TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
July 11, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Supervisor Udy, Treasurer Kruger, Trustee Newton, Clerk Squires, Trustee Oppy, 18 Citizens

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Notion by Clerk Squires, Supported by Trustee Oppy

That the agenda be approved as presented with an addition of #11. Proposal for Furnace Replacement \$4693.00 and #9. Proposal for Kodiak Streaming \$5,945.00

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of minutes; a. June 1, 2023 Work Session b. June 13, 2023 Regular Monthly Meeting, July 23, 2023 sp. Budget Work Session Police & Fire/EMS 2024/2025
2. Payment of bills and payrolls
3. Reports: a. Assessor b. Building/Zoning c. Fire/EMS d. Police e. Treasurer

Motion by Clerk Squires, Support by Trustee Oppy

That the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

Comments on New Business:

Charlene Cornell read a letter that was submitted to the Commissioners regarding the SAD

Fred Swinehart spoke about the SAD

Greg Semack spoke about the SAD

Commissioner Eric Ostregen spoke about the SAD

Tim O'Rourke spoke about the SAD

Susan Semack spoke representing Bob Frye Chairman of the HLLC about the SAD

New Business:

1. Open and Record Request for Proposal G.T.F.D.
2. Motion by Trustee Newton, Supported by Trustee Oppy: CARRIED
that the Board adopt Resolution #2023-07-11-14 Gerrish Township Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption Resolution
3. Motion by Trustee Newton, Supported by Trustee Oppy: CARRIED
That the Board authorize the hiring of Jim Anderson as a Consultant to the Township, at a rate of \$115.00 per hour. Effective July 11, 2023.
4. Motion by Supervisor Udy, Supported by Treasurer Kruger: CARRIED
That the Board authorize Chief Hill to approve the hiring of Alexander Cole, as a Gerrish Township Police Cadet at an entry level salary and appropriate benefit schedule commensurate with his August 14, 2023 entry into the Kirtland Community College Police Academy. He will be paid and employed as a conditional, probationary full time, 40 hour per week employee and will be required to follow all Gerrish Township Police Department Policies, as well as KC Academy rules to remain employed while at the Academy.
5. Motion by Supervisor Udy, supported by Clerk Squires: CARRIED
 - a. That the Board approve Chief Fisher to fill the Fire and EMS Dept Captain/Training Officer position vacated by the retirement of Jacob Figley by internal posting.
 - b. Motion by Trustee Newton, Supported by Clerk Squires; CARRIED

That the Board accept Julie Hill's resignation as 2nd Lieutenant EMS for the Fire and EMS Dept, but remain active on the department as an EMT member.

- c. Motion by Supervisor Udy, Supported by Clerk Squires: CARRIED
That the Board approve the adjustment of the Fire and EMS Organizational chart to eliminate the 2nd Lieutenant EMS position and create the EMS Education Coordinator Position. We will fill that position with current employee Paramedic Instructor Coordinator Donnie Burkett, who is already performing those duties.
6. Motion by Trustee Oppy, Supported by Clerk Squires: CARRIED
That the Board authorize the bid for resurfacing the tennis/pickleball courts, from Tennis Courts Unlimited, in the amount of \$20,500.00. ARPA grant funds will cover all but the remaining \$3,900.00
7. Motion by Supervisor Udy, Supported by Trustee Newton: CARRIED
That the Board accept the resignation of Jim Ostling from the Gerrish Township Planning Commission effective July 1, 2023. We truly appreciate all of the time and dedication you have given to Gerrish Township.
8. Motion by Supervisor Udy, Supported by Trustee Oppy: CARRIED
That the Board approve the contract with Julie Tatro, (MVW and Associates, Inc.), to continue as Gerrish Township Assessor, with a new 5 year contract.
9. Motion by Supervisor Udy, Supported by Trustee Oppy: CARRIED
That the Board authorize the quote from Kodiak in the amount of \$5,945.63 for Streaming in the Gerrish Township Municipal Building.
10. Motion by Supervisor Udy, Supported by Trustee Newton: CARRIED
That the Board table the S.A.D. Resolution 2023-7-11-15 until the a Special Public Hearing to discuss and vote on it.
Roll Call Vote:
Supervisor Udy Yes
Clerk Squires No
Treasurer Kruger Yes
Trustee Oppy No
Trustee Newton Yes
11. Motion by Supervisor Udy, Supported by Clerk Squires: CARRIED
That the Board authorize Colvin's Heating & Cooling quote for furnace replacement for \$4,693.00

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dave Hopson, Eric Ostregen, Greg Semack, Tim O'Rourke, and Berry Weir all added comments about the SAD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Larry requested that the Board not wait until the Work Session to act on the SAD but call a Special Meeting for one day next week.

ACT NOW Picnic July 17th, 6 PM at the Gerrish Township Marina

Gerrish Township Fire/EMS 5th Annual Open House 7:00-9:00 pm

Outdoor movie at dusk "Firehouse Dog"

ACT NOW Annual Fundraiser Redwood Golf Course, Aug 12, 2023

Motion by Trustee Newton, supported by Clerk Squires: CARRIED
that the Board adjourn at 8:25 pm

Meeting adjourned 8:25 pm.

Michelle Squires, Clerk

David Udy, Supervisor

Approved

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