

Memorandum

To: **Gerrish Township Board/Community**
cc: file
From: **Supervisor Hill**
Date: **7/10/2024**
Re: **Supervisor June Board Report**

For the month of June 2024, I submit the following report:

This past month of June 2024, I have spent much time meeting with the many different interests regarding the sewer discussion. To date I have met with two members of GLUA, two members of the Higgins Lake United, one principal member of the Higgins Lake Land Conservancy. I have others reach out to me to discuss their interests. As I have commented to all, I am in the process of digesting numerous studies, consistencies and inconsistencies with studies. In other words, I am educating myself daily, summarizing findings from my digestion of the numerous studies and positions. My work continues on this and will for quite a while, as most are aware, it is a copious amount of information. I have received phone calls giving me information about resources as well. I will do my level best to evaluate with the due diligence it deserves in my own methodical manner. This is a big situation for our Township and community as we evaluate essentially or own economy the gem known as Higgins Lake

I have finished my work on the Building Emergency Action Plan to present the Final proposed Draft (#5) to the board at the July work session to seek further input from the board members. The document is confidential and not available to FOIA as it contains sensitive employee safety issues for building security. I look forward to the passage of this and also beginning the written policy that discusses the use of our security system that was purchased some time ago and now should be exercised for the intent of which it was purchased.

This month, I have begun an effort to start populating the calendar section of our website so that one could find out what is occurring on any particular populated date. I continue to be in at 7:00 a.m. each morning and stay as I work through the backlog issues that have to date been unaddressed in a timely manner. Also, I take care of the day-to-day contacts necessary to keep our agenda in order as things arise that need full board attention and of course address business.

I am happy to report that the Township Compost Gate is functioning well to date from the software fix applied by Honor Security and the chip reader. This month, we will be reviewing and possibly authorizing a maintenance agreement with Escon (a company that services the mechanical parts) to service proactively every 6 months to assure working order and consistency of functionality.

This month, the GFL service issues about pick up have reduced in volume and they have been incredibly good to work through problems with

I chaired the June work session and regular Township meeting as required to conduct the Township's business in a public meeting.

I also chaired the required 2025-2026 Police/Fire/EMS Department budget meeting as two are required with the second review occurring in August 2024.

I continue to monitor the independent consultant's work with our Treasurer's office and Clerk's office. The books are now reconciled through March 31, 2024, and the Township has scheduled its audit at the usual required time limit. That was not the case last year.

As of this writing, Miss Dig has been to the Township to complete their portion of the Well Drilling requirement. I still have no confirmed date of Jordan Well Drilling presence on site to complete the work contracted. However, they have mentioned an on or about of July 15, 2024 as an approximate.

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I met with Clerk Squires to prepare the work session agenda this past month to ensure we have accurate, timely information for board members prior to the meeting and I posted these to the website for public consumption.

We are still working through internal office issues regarding the process of work and quite simply put, respect for one another moving forward.

Three months into my interim tenure, I continue empowering our Department heads to function as such, paying them to make day-to-day decisions and of course for the board members to resist micro-management temptations. When reviewing processes and relationships, the common answer is, "this has always been the way we have done it." I still have great hopes that we will form a cohesive team in the months ahead so productivity and harmony can reach each other.

I continue to oversee and post on the Gerrish Township Facebook page to apprise our public of items of interest and will continue to do so. I have some ideas for the future to engage more often in areas of interest. I envision a "Did you know" short blog regarding things you more than likely never knew about common services provided that are indeed paid for by the people, but unless you are budget savvy, you likely cannot figure out the costs associated with the service.

This month, I finished my work on all the back policies that needed integrating into the Gerrish Township Employee Policy Manual regarding many issues. Some needed written, some deleted, and some added to. I am happy to report that I finished that project on June 26, 2024. The next step is to re-distribute to the Employees with up-to-date employee acknowledgment receipt as to the recent activity in the book.

As I promised, the contract was signed to have Township Meetings monitored by an IT company for management in the meetings and also the posting to YouTube for public consumption at their leisure. I am hoping that all are enjoying a more transparent, technologically up to date way to see government activities.

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I attended a Higgins Lake Foundation, Invasive Species program at the RAM Center to learn more about the topic. I also gained a power point presentation from the Speaker which a link is now on the front page of the Gerrish Township Website.

Also, this month, I met with a representative via zoom platform regarding the "Text my Gov" widget and communication system that overlays on the website. More will follow in the coming months. I plan to have a zoom demonstration for the board at a coming work session, however not July 2024. Again, this would be to increase opportunities for access to your government in a convenient, fast and efficient way.

This month, I was asked by the Roscommon County E-911 Authority Board to sit on their oral board interview panel to replace their 911 Director who resigned recently. I did this on June 21, 2024, where we interviewed three candidates for the position and indeed did formulate a recommendation to be conveyed from the oral board to the Roscommon County E-911 Authority Board from those candidates.

Finally, this month I was asked to attend the 100th Anniversary of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police where I was voted in by the membership as a Life Member in the organization and I was also very surprised that they awarded all Past Presidents with a commemorative Badge specifically designed for the 100th Anniversary of the organization. I am honored, humbled and blessed by the acknowledgment.

Respectfully given,

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