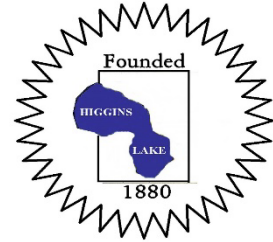


Memorandum



To: **Gerrish Township Board/Community**
cc: file
From: **Supervisor Hill**
Date: **11/30/2024**
Re: **Supervisor November Board Report**

For the month of November 2024, I am submitting the following report:

This month continued to be a busy month in the discussion about the *Gerrish Lyon Sewer Authority*. This of course continues to be driven now as the *General Election 2024* has occurred and thus now a new board enters *Lyon Township*, and our board saw two members leave as the result of the polls. I am thankful for our elections processes but am incredibly happy to get to work for all the people of the Township. It is time for reconciliation, a renewed faith in our system and most of all a chance to have a peaceful reset to the noise that elections can stir.

On that note, we received a letter of intent from *Dave Hall*, *GLUA Member at large* (this position is a board member spot jointly agreed upon by *Lyon and Gerrish*) of his intention to be done with service at the end of *March 2025* due to personal reasons. Our "old" board wished not to create lame duck appointments or direction knowing that board composition would change after the election. Thus, we did not address the recommendation presented by *GLUA Chair Jim Barnwell* recommending *James (Jim) Kaufman* as *Dave Hall's* replacement. This action now moves to our "new" board to consider the recommendation for the at large *GLUA* position, as provided for properly in the *GLUA* articles of incorporation. Post election, I have met individually as have our board members (individually) to speak with the recommended nominee to familiarize themselves with *Mr. Kaufman*. The recommended nominee will be considered at our regularly scheduled *December 10, 2024* board meeting.

The final update on the accounts receivable with Gerrish Township has concluded. I am happy to report that there are no outstanding balances with GLUA from its formation, initial grant proceeds or any other accounting. I am also happy to report that all parties were very cooperative and there was nothing at any point to indicate anyone having done something overtly wrong. Most had to do with different parties traveling in and out of political offices from 2022 and 2023. I have personally been accused of making this sound as if GLUA did something financially inappropriate. If anyone took it that way, I apologize. In my opinion, the review needed to be done to eliminate rumors, innuendo and other public perceptions and of course plain good due diligence. It has been my experience that good due diligence promotes proper transparency.

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, we still do not have clean water at the Gerrish Township Hall yet but continue to work with the CMDHD and our well drilling company through a litany of ideas to surmise where the detection of coliform is coming from as of this writing. The Hall remains closed to outside hours of operation for hall rentals and will be so until we have the situation remedied.

I chaired the November work session and November regular Township meetings as required to conduct the Township's business in a public forum.

I continue to meet with Clerk Squires to prepare the work session and regular meeting agenda this past month to ensure we have accurate, timely information for board members prior to the meeting.

With the assistance of Jim Ostling, we have submitted the required EGLE Compost Materials Management Permit by the deadline date of November 15, 2024. I have heard nothing to date from EGLE that poses any further requirements from the report.

November 5, 2024, General Election went off very well. A huge shout out and thank you to the Gerrish Township Clerk and Dep. Clerk as well as all the outstanding Election workers making up a bi-partisan contingent that served.

I met with Dale Boehm III from One America, Inc. representative, which is the carrier for our Benefit package, to begin a review of our Health Insurance

package. We talked about the needs of the Township and also the need to balance the same with employee market needs to consider recruiting and retention issues currently being experienced by our Police/Fire and EMS entities. I obtained information and set up a Health Insurance Committee meeting to accommodate a full presentation of his proposals for our Health Care package to the members of that committee which makes recommendations to the Gerrish Township Board.

I then chaired a special meeting to review and adopt the recommendations by the Healthcare Insurance Committee. Additionally, the board resolved to "opt out" of Public Act 152 of 2011 as our healthcare insurance is a high deductible and max out of pocket policy falling below the act standards as required to opt out.

This month, I met with the Marina Manager to go over any final considerations of concern for him for the 2025-2026 budget expenditures for large repairs, equipment or otherwise that may be one-time expenses.

This month, I have been working with the Gerrish Township Fire/EMS Chief on a recent communication from the ISO regarding fire ratings. More to follow as we have asked for a review of our classification for the future.

I met with Chris Fisher of the Kodiak Group IT and Clerk Squires to review our technological needs for board position transitions. Specifically, as it relates to the incoming Treasurer and the Clerk's office accounting program to bring Gerrish Township into a "real time" system. Also, bringing read-only access into the Supervisor's office so that those accountings can be viewed by my office.

I attended the Roscommon Township's Association (RTA) Meeting which was hosted by Gerrish Township this month. While at the meeting, I was elected to be proposed to the Roscommon County Commissioners to serve as one of two RTA representatives on the 911 Authority Board. It is a board that serves to Administer and monitor budget, policy making, oversee the 911 Central Dispatch system and its Director, establish committees as necessary and provide an Annual Report for public view. I would need to be affirmed by the County Board of Commissioners to serve on same.

In line with transition, I attended a Microsoft Teams meeting with Honor Security to learn the operation of managing our security system and camera recording system that the Township employs every day in the Township building and grounds. Clerk Squires, Fire/EMS Chief Fisher, Fire/EMS Assistant Chiefs Gilliam and Rodgers and full-time FF/EMS Sanford also received the training, so we have many layers of redundancy.

The Parks and Recreation Project is winding down at the Gerrish Township Park with the expectation that it should be completed by December 6, 2024. That committee has been highly active under the excellent leadership of Susan Semack who authored a substantial grant for our improvements. Thank you to Susan and the whole Parks and Recreation Committee for their work.

Finally, I met with Clerk Squires and Dep. Clerk LeFevere for two days (yes, two days) for the purposes of budgeting assumptions for the expenses for the 2025-2026 budget work ahead. No past road map was available in the previous years for any predication direction, so we had to create one for the future to make budgeting much easier and that has clarity in expense and revenue assumptions for each line item with formulas for the future. Once again, transparency and ease of understanding for the future and proper on-boarding of future board members to understand governmental budgeting.

In closing, as last month, I want to remind all in understanding how I manage my day at work. I am at work at 7:00 a.m. in the morning and will be here until 3:00 p.m. Monday-Friday on most days barring other professional appointments to keep me or my family healthy. Also, not all my meetings on behalf of my office or Township business are in the building. I also frequently visit sites in the Township when necessary to understand some stated problems that people call in on. My schedule is posted on my door. I am happy to meet personally with folks, but I do appreciate a scheduled appointment so I can give my undivided attention to your concerns. Please call me at 989-821-9313 ext. 229.

Respectfully given,

Brian A. Hill, Supervisor

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