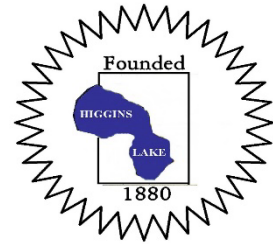


# Memorandum



To: **Gerrish Township Board/Community**  
cc: file  
From: **Supervisor Hill**  
Date: **01/02/2025**  
Re: **Supervisor December 2024 Board Report**

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

This month the board embraced the concept and proposal by Trustee Ostling to approve the establishment of a Health of Higgins Lake Steering Committee to assist the board in working through an organized process to better understand what is needed for the health of our lakes moving forward. We cannot deny the effects of affluent noticed in Higgins Lake. More will follow on the appointment/application process to be discussed openly soon.

As of this writing, there is certain to be more discussion of the *Gerrish Lyon Utility Authority Corporation* regarding its composition, mission, project, funding and existence following their *GLUA* Board meetings in the near future. They have a board that needs to have their discussions. Currently appointments of two "Gerrish Township" representatives need to be opened as their terms have expired. The third member expires on March 31, 2025. The *GLUA* Member at large (this position is a board member spot jointly agreed upon by Lyon and *Gerrish*), current is not filled despite *Gerrish Township* appointing James Kaufman at the recommendation of the *GLUA* Board per the articles of Incorporation. Dave Hall remains seated in that position until the *GLUA* Board can propose someone that works for the two Township at an upcoming meeting.

I am finally happy to report that our *Gerrish Township Hall* has finally achieved the proper Type II well certification from the Central Michigan Health Department. This has been a long haul, and I have learned more than I ever dreamed of knowing about wells, pipes etc. I thank all, especially our employees, for their patience in this matter. We are now going to do a heavy metals test as we have not escaped what we believe to be an iron content that needs to be addressed. Our current ionized water treatment system does not address the iron issue that appears evident. More to follow on this infrastructure item.

I chaired the December work session and December 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.

Our Compost work with TDE, LLC is nearly complete from the 2024 season. You may have noticed the large pile in the middle of the site that will be removed by TDE, LLC.

After meeting with Department heads, the board met for their first budget work session for the purpose of looking at expense items only as we are awaiting Treasurer Anderson's piecing together the revenue pieces available for 2025-2026. At that session, I gave board members copies of the expenses as Clerk Squires and I reviewed each line item in the general fund from the 2024-2025 actual expenses to date and to predict the last quarter expenses based on historical prospective. I provided assumptions to same to help each member understand where the expenses come from. We looked back 2-3 years for those predictions.

This month, I met with Township Attorney Scott Hess. Trustee Jim Ostling accompanied me in getting an update on current court cases that relate to the Township and to further discuss the *Gerrish Lyon Utility Authority* paperwork and also the need to give the new board an understanding of the current activity and also discuss the current Sewer Special Assessment District situation to the board.

I met with various citizens this month that made appointments with me regarding the status of the Gerrish Lyon Utility Authority and their opinion about the proposed sewer system to date and the Special Assessment District associated with same.

As an update on the Fire Department notice of ISO regression, our review letter was accepted so we have until January 21<sup>st</sup> to provide a plan for them. Once this occurs, we will have 12 months to work that plan. Our current rating stays until the plan is complete and then we're re-evaluated. More to follow as we stay diligent on the issue.

My light productivity this month is due to the Holiday Season. This is my first Holiday Season as a "non-essential" service and I have to say it was refreshing to slow down a bit and not be in the 24x7x365 mode, reflect on life and enjoy my family moments.

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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