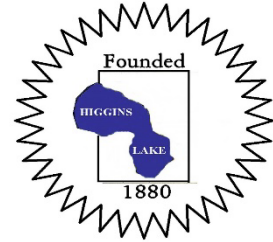


Memorandum



To: **Gerrish Township Board/Community**
cc: file
From: **Supervisor Hill**
Date: **02/28/2025**
Re: **Supervisor February 2025 Board Report**

For the month of February 2025, I am submitting the following report:

As a follow up to the January 2025 board action of relieving the residents of the Special Assessment District regarding the Sewer project, the Gerrish Lyon Utility Authority passed a 5-1 motion to ask its constituent Townships to dissolve the Authority itself. On February 20, 2025 the Gerrish Township Board voted for a resolution to begin the initiation of dissolving the Gerrish Lyon Utility Authority by March 31, 2025. The resolution passed 5-0 to rescind same by a roll call vote.

As I have stated before, this does not mean that we feel that the true work is done. We need to look at meaningful data and solutions to assist in mitigating the overall health of Higgins Lake. It is incumbent upon us all as board members, citizens and community to move forward with productive meaningful discussion and some mitigating actions as necessary in the coming years. As I authored this, we have begun taking applications for the Health of Higgins Lake Steering Committee and its intended subcommittees as defined in the Health of Higgins Lake information located on www.gerrishtownship.org.

We continue to await the results of our heavy metals test and iron content test. We will react to this and apply the necessary solutions to mitigate accordingly.

I chaired the February work session, February regular Township meetings and a

special meeting to conduct the Township's business in a public forum.

The Township continues to prepare for the recent Earned Sick Time Act (ESTA) which just had 11th hour changes to the legislation and signed by the Governor. Certainly, more to follow as it relates to capturing the new changes in our Township Policy Manual.

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.

Trustee Ostling has been doing an excellent job in his liaison role with GLUA keeping the board up to date on matters of GLUA. Additionally, he has continued his passionate work on the Health Of Higgins lake data gathering with meetings with the CMDHD, the Roscommon County Road Commission, the various lake groups and their representatives. Many groups hold information. We are going to need to piece it all together to get the picture our community wants about what are the right decisions moving forward regarding the needs for the future.

This month, Trustee Ostling and I met with some of the principals of the Higgins Lake Land Conservancy to advocate for assistance with some of their areas of expertise as it relates to the Health of Higgins Lake Initiative to explore commonalities, discussion of areas of interest as we move forward.

Trustee Ostling and I met twice with the Township Attorney this month on Township legal matters of attorney/client interest.

This month, I attended a Board of Review Basic Training class along with BOR Alternate Brad Gibson to educate myself in the processes associated with the board operation, however not mandated by statute as the Supervisor. By statute default, the Supervisor is the default Secretary for the board. The class was filled with great information, and I brought back much understanding of the processes of the Board of Review. The class was hosted by the Michigan Township's Association and held at Gaylord Treetops Conference Center.

This month, I received notification that I was appointed to the E-911 Authority Board by the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners as a representative of

the Roscommon Townships Association. In accordance with the last, I attended a E-911 Authority Board meeting as requested and was elected as the Chairperson for the E-911 Authority Board for 2025-2026.

The remainder of the month area of focus was the generation, fulfilling the statutory guidelines for our 2025-2026 budget proposals, their resolutions and processes as well as gathering yearly information to prepare for the 144th Annual Meeting to include authoring a State of Township address for delivery at that meeting in March 2025.

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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