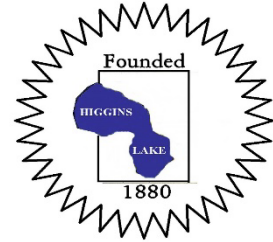


Memorandum



To: **Gerrish Township Board/Community**
 cc: file
 From: **Supervisor Hill**
 Date: **03/28/2025**
 Re: **Supervisor March 2025 Board Report**

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

For history, 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 in favor to begin such a process. On March 20, 2025, at a special meeting, the *Gerrish Township Board* voted a second motion entitled "Motion to Adopt Dissolution Plan for the *Gerrish Lyon Utility Authority*" and same passed 5-0 in favor of moving forward to dissolve *Gerrish Township's* involvement. Within that document, a request for accounting needs moving forward of the *Gerrish Lyon Utility Authority* is articulated. *Gerrish Township* also released a press release to the local media regarding *GLUA*.

Additionally, during the end of this month, the Attorney's representing *Gerrish* and *Lyon Townships* agreed to meet to discuss the current events surrounding the processes and positions of each Township's moving forward.

The *Gerrish Township Board* continues to accept applications to the *Health of Higgin Lake Initiative* both for the steering committee and the various sub-committees. We look forward to reviewing all the current applications (some 29 to date) and making appointments in mid-April to begin the important committee work on the issues. 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. The Health of Higgins Lake information is located on www.gerrishtownship.org. Trustee Ostling and I have continued work on the Health Of Higgins lake by meeting with various partners and gaining their acknowledgement and endorsement of commitment to work positively moving forward. Trustee Ostling has kept me fully updated along the way of his important work as he methodically works towards the appointment pieces associated with the initiative.

The results of our heavy metals tests are back, and all have come back within healthy ranges. It is now time to address a remarkably high iron count with a water softener for the future of our existing aging pipes and our employee comfort. Discussion of this solution will occur in the April work session.

I chaired the March work session, March regular Township meeting, the 144th Township Annual Meeting and gave a State of the Township address, the Township General Fund Budget public hearing and a special meeting to conduct the Township's business in a public forum.

This month, I authored an Earned Sick Time Act (ESTA) policy and acknowledgement appendix document for review by the board at the April 3, 2025, work session. The Clerk's office is ready operationally for the proper calculations of the time per the statute to meet all the timelines required.

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.

I met with the Clerk this month to draft forms and other paperwork required to establish the seasonal employees with declared dates and to establish that baseline for the Earned Sick Time Act. This year, all seasonal employees received the necessary paperwork to return to the Township before returning as a seasonal employee. All seasonal employees must fill out and return same before starting their seasonal employment.

This month, the entire board had an audience with the Township Attorney regarding legal matters in the Township and his work on the same. This was done in a closed session accordingly. Board members had a free exchange of attorney/client interest.

This month, I attended the organizational meeting of the *Gerrish Township Board of Review*. By statute default, the Supervisor is the default Secretary for the board if another is not appointed. At that meeting, a Chair was appointed and also as it has been historically, the Board of Review appointed a sitting member of the board to be their secretary for their own consistency.

Board of reviews were held this month for an opportunity for citizens to dispute their assessments. All participants were orderly, and the board did a professional job answering the various questions when determining their findings.

Also, I attended the Board of Review wrap up session this year to discuss the overall items being protested and it was great learning experience for me.

This month, I chaired the E-911 Authority Board as their elected Chairperson for the organization.

This month, I also attended the 911 Technical Advisory Committee meeting at the request of the E-911 Authority Board and the Roscommon County Central Dispatch Director to assist with getting the committee re-started which had been failing to meet appropriately. I was the chair of that committee for over 20 years before retiring as a Police Chief. The same is now back on track and will begin to function again.

This month, I met with Treasurer Anderson at the *Gerrish Township Community Park Marina* to look over the buildings and grounds as we look to begin getting folks together to begin planning for the future as the Marina pays off in 2030 and time will be needed to formally address the property and the future and exploring its potential for the Township.

Treasurer Anderson and I also met with Marina Manager Russ Hartner and Office Manager Lori Weinel to discuss accounting, revenue handling, further uses of the Clover Business solution, Tips accounting, revenue receipting for the Marina Slips, Inventory and overall business processes moving forward. Also, the Earned Sick Time Act was discussed with them as well as the processes already initiated regarding seasonal documentation paperwork necessary from this year on.

This month on behalf of the Township, I attended the retirement luncheon gathering for Joyce Ballard our long-term Roscommon Aea District Library Board and conveyed best wishes and thanks to her in her retirement from the board position.

I also answered several emails from citizens and answered questions on behalf of the Township this month.

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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