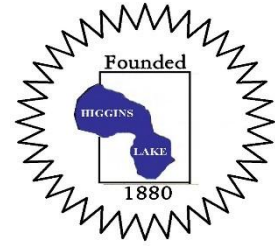


# Memorandum



To: Gerrish Township Board/Community  
CC: file  
From: Supervisor Hill  
Date: 04/29/2025  
Re: Supervisor April 2025 Board Report

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

As an update to the Gerrish Lyon Utility Authority, legal processes continue to be followed to fulfill the dissolution of the corporation via the advice of our legal counsel. As we are advised actions are necessary, the Township Board will follow up accordingly.

The Gerrish Township Board continued to accept applications to the Health of Higgins Lake Initiative both for the steering committee and the various sub-committees. I have met with Trustee Ostling who heads up this initiative as he has been reviewing the applications and has put together a spread sheet from the applications and review of talents and interests to assist our community moving forward which will lead to an ultimate recommendation for approval of members to the various sub-committees and the actual steering committee we anticipate at our May monthly meeting. Again, it is intended to bring the community back together towards productive meaningful discussions and some mitigating action suggestions. The Health of Higgins Lake information is located on [www.gerrishtownship.org](http://www.gerrishtownship.org).

This month, I have worked with our compost operators throughout the year and our Annual compost removal contractor to get the site ready for the Summer, but also an early opening to accommodate those that needed some relief from the ice weather that did effect everyone, but predominantly from Maplehurst North to our North Township line. I thank all our residents and businesses who respected our

cones and sign advice to keep things orderly which help us move towards our usual May 1, 2025 opening. Thank you to the Police Department for their stock of cones and physical assistance with the traffic pattern.

Additionally, I want to thank our Maintenance person Tony Ide for getting the pickle ball/tennis courts open early for those who enjoy getting outdoors at the first break of weather. Sporadic as it may have been, I personally saw many take advantage of its early opening.

This month, I have worked diligently on the needs of the Gerrish Township Policy Manual to keep pace with the need for change for state statute changes, necessary internal controls changes needed and to reflect recent reviews made by counsel. A total of six items needed the work. All of which were forwarded to the board for their review for future consideration at the May work session.

I chaired the April work session, April regular Township meeting, and a special meeting 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.

We continue to process the necessary paperwork for the seasonal workers we employ each year to bring the Township to the service level necessary to meet the community expectation year after year. Much work has gone on to correlate the accounting and management processes that will be changed this year between the Clerk, Treasurer's and Supervisor's office.

This month, I have met with the Township Attorney twice regarding the continued GLUA processes to include the path forward with the participation of our attorney and the correlation with Lyon Township's counsel to facilitate the dissolution process. Additionally, to discuss the GLUA MDARD grant and closing out of same. A Gerrish Township Planning specific question regarding ordinance clarification and some other questions the Planning Commission had regarding some of the work they have had before them and other legal matters.

Treasurer Anderson and I met to begin the long-term planning financially to address our aging infrastructure to take some stress off our operational budgets which will make budgeting much clearer for the next 3-5 years. Discussion of creating reserve funds from the fund balance, determining a definition of what is a Capital amount that requires attention from something other than the general fund spent in a crisis mode. Our work will continue as we address each budget center in the budget. More to follow as there are many components to this endeavor.

I attended the required Election Commission to check the process and witness the accuracy test for the upcoming school millage election.

This month, I represented the E-911 Authority Board with sitting on an oral interview with candidates to fill the open Deputy Director position at the 911 Center. Our mission was to make a recommendation to the Director post interviews.

I met with Trustee Ostling twice this month as he is liaison to the Cemetery needs. We have begun the work of addressing the opening of some new sections in the Township Cemetery as most all the lots have been sold, occupied or have large trees rendering the area non-capable of interring folks. Discussions of providing dedicated sections of cremation lots of less size than the regular lot sizes for better real estate usage, future vision of areas for future expansion, landscaping, water needs etc. Still in the discussion mode as we try and look at how many lots that are new as we will be looking to apportioning off a percentage of per-lot sales for creating future funds to maintain and enhance as needed. This will give us an idea of projecting future revenues in a long-term financial plan.

The Township Board authorized the Gerrish Township Planning Committee to solicit vendors for the construction of a new Master Plan. The plan has not had an overhaul for a great many years.

This year marks the need for the new 5-year Recreation Plan update and same is available now for review online or it is in the Township Hall in hard copy for

review. We will likely move forward with this discussion in June 2025.

I met with our Archive Social account representative that manages the archiving of all our Social media footprints to restore our archival account connection that went offline. All is restored accordingly, and we are back to business as usual.

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

As always, 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 on 989-821-9313 ext. 229.

Respectfully given,

*Brian A. Hill, Supervisor*

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