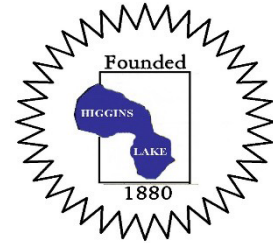


Memorandum



To: **Gerrish Township Board/Community**
cc: file
From: **Supervisor Hill**
Date: **07/31/2025**
Re: **Supervisor July 2025 Board Report**

For the month of July 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. This month, I sent a communication to *GLUA* Chair Barnwell checking on the status of their consultation with an attorney that at their last *GLUA* board meeting their organization approved spending up to \$1000.00 to secure an outside counsel advice. I also spoke with Chair Barnwell on 7/25/25 to ask for a verbal update on their timeline. He advised that he had hoped to have this task accomplished within 2 weeks. The only real decision left for the *GLUA* board is where the balance of the remaining money in their accounts is to go. They are hung up over sending to a nonprofit(s), yet unnamed, or a proration approach to the contributing donors.

Additionally, there was some discussion at the last *GLUA* meeting that William Lamb feels that he may have to step down as his wife has taken the Chair of the Higgins Lake Foundation and feels there might be a perceived conflict of interest for him. As of this writing, we have not received a formal resignation from him.

Post that meeting and per our usual posture, when we are advised of any other necessary actions, the Township Board will follow up accordingly.

On a Health of Higgins Lake note, I attended the HOH-L open house meet and greet and was very happy to see a great turnout of not just existing committee members but from citizens who chose to attend. I understand that they have signed up some

new folks from the event that want to help and serve. He various committees have been meeting, and a website and Facebook footprint have been created. Links are on our website on the Health of Higgins Lake landing page.

This month, I met with Commissioner Morley and Supervisor Paul Bertrand of Lyon Township. Commissioner Morley wanted an audience to roll out the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners timelines for meetings and highlighted steps for the SAD regarding the Higgins Lake Level Control structure.

For the Township, I chaired the July work session, July Regular Township meeting to conduct the business of the Township in a public forum.

I continue to meet with Clerk Squires to prepare the work session and regular meeting agenda as well as the other meetings alluded to in the previous paragraph. This is being done to ensure we have accurate, timely information for board members prior to the meeting.

Following up from last month's topic of the look into a possible Short Rental Ordinance, at the board's monthly work session, the board went through items of interest and heard board members and citizens comments/concerns to create an adjusted A.3 Draft of the STR Ordinance to be forwarded to our Township attorney for his language review and adjustments. We still have much clarification to discuss and clear about what should be in the ordinance and what needs to be addressed in policy regarding procedure and associated administrative paperwork to correlate with ordinance language. After the Township Attorney review draft A.3, Treasurer Jim Anderson and I will meet with our Attorney about that adjusted document with hopes of having a document that we can then perhaps schedule a Public Hearing to hear more comments or concerns to consider before continuing further with adopting any ordinance for the STR matter.

This month, we passed an approval of opening the new sections in the Gerrish Township Cemetery that we have been discussing based on Trustee Ostling's renderings as well as approving a new Cemetery Fee schedule that has been updated to be more commensurate with the area cemeteries. This opening for new graves available to purchase will occur on August 1, 2025.

Additionally, this month, the Township Board adopted a new Township facilities fee schedule that has been updated to be more commensurate with the area Hall rentals in the various surrounding Townships. This is also effective August 1, 2025.

On the Gerrish Township Marina front, I have engaged Honor Security with securing a Township owned web camera to have installation at the Marina to bring back the "Live" webcam at the Marina which we enjoyed for a few years that was provided by TV 9and10 News and the taken down by same to replace in another location. This camera will be Township owned, maintained etc. I look forward to its installation very soon.

I am also happy to report that the processes to make our ever-popular Pickleball/Tennis court camera to also be a live webcam are in the works as well. I am working with our website vendor and Honor Security to bring this to life.

Thanks to Clerk Squires for working to bring Life Jacket stations to both the Gerrish Township Park on Carlos Ave and to the Gerrish Township Marina as well this month.

With regard to long-term planning financially this month, we are now able to begin looking at "new" funds from the sale of lots at the new section of Cemetery can now be planned have created reserve funds from the fund balance for future infrastructure and the Health of Higgins Lake having a dedicated budget center with an expense and revenue approach for the future.

My community involvement this month:

- I chaired a Roscommon County E-911 Authority Board meeting in my chairperson role this month to conduct the business of the 911 Dispatch Center.
- I chaired the Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center's monthly board meeting to assist the Executive Director in attending to the business of the center.
- I was interviewed by the National Child Alliance auditors who were in the renewal processes of the re-accreditation of our Northern Michigan Children's Assessment center. I am proud to report that we were recertified again, which also assures us continued funding Federally as a center.

- I attended two Capital Campaign meetings to further attain our goal of funding our Capital Project for the expansion inside what is known as the CRAF Center in Roscommon, Mi. 48653
- I attended the ACT-NOW/GTPD Annual Meeting at the Gerrish Township Marina in my continued support of the organization.

On the public relations front, I met with and arranged a presentation for the board regarding "Text my Gov" application to learn what they could do and what tools for communication for the ease of the public may be available.

I attended a Genasys sub-account Q&A meeting hosted by the Roscommon County Emergency Management as the new emergency/community notification system being deployed by Emergency Management.

I authored a Management letter to be included in the 2024-2025 Township Audit that highlights the activity of the board in the Township this past budget year.

I continue to answer day-to-day emails from citizens, contact forms from the website and answer questions on behalf of the Township this month via telephone and personal appearances in the Township this month.

My hours here at work are from 7:00 a.m. in the morning and will be available until 2:00 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 and I go to meetings that usually occur in Roscommon, Mi. 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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