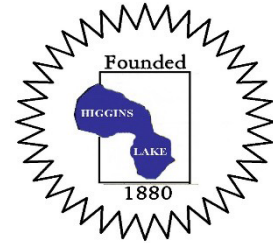


Memorandum



To: Gerrish Township Board/Community
cc: file
From: Supervisor Hill
Date: 08/31/2025
Re: Supervisor August 2025 Board Report

For August 2025, I am giving 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, we received a resignation of William Lamb from the *GLUA* Board as a *Gerrish Township* appointment. I alluded to in last month's report that due to a declared conflict of interest with his wife being the new Chair of the *Higgins Lake Foundation* he felt it was necessary. In response to the resignation, the *Gerrish Township Board* appointed Tom Kizer to fill Lamb's vacated seat.

At the *GLUA* Board meeting, the *GLUA* board finally came to an agreement to return money to their donors in a pro-rated fashion. Once checks are dispersed and the 60-day period needed to cash same is up, the next steps will be followed to dissolve the Authority legally.

On a *Health of Higgins Lake* note, Trustee Ostling updated the board at our August work session of the work of the committees and felt that things were moving along in cooperative environment. We are pleased to date at the progress. As folks have become additionally interested, we have found committees for them. One set back this month was the resignation of our *Steering Committee Chair*, Stan Manzuik. We wish him well and thank him for his work to date. The steering committee has two spots open now and we will look to fill. As an interim, Jim Ostling will fill in moving forward to assist. The 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 have been watching the timeline set forth by Roscommon County on their proposed Special Assessment tax levies for the Lake Level Control Structure. Commissioner Morley continues the communication and update. As of this writing the Township has also got our communication of the tax we are responsible to pay. Following the "At Large" designation and the computation of the County intended tax formula. I authored a letter to same to reserve the Township's right to object as the Township has been assessed an amount as if we are exclusive owners to the road ends in Gerrish Township. Under the current law for the SAD for LLCs, we are assessed in a rather arbitrary way in my opinion. They have assessed based on "public benefit, economic benefit and use of the road ends. My posture is that the County gets all of the same benefits and to tax Gerrish Township as if we are the only ones enjoying the benefit is arbitrary, especially over something we have no exclusive ownership to. I have provided my board members of a copy of my letter and also have filed with the County to respect the 9/2/25 deadline that has been set for objection. Due to the ultimate timing of the assessment, the board had not met and that is the reason I articulated my own opinion to reserve the right to appeal if the board wishes. We will be discussing the topic at a coming meeting in September for board discussion.

This month, I provided oversight for the Crack seal, Sealcoating and line striping at the Township Complex. The project went off without an incident and I am very pleased with the result.

Our office staff and I resolved many GFL trash issues this month as they are training new drivers, and we have experienced some issues. I visited one site in person to solve a problem with and question the resident to understand the concern.

This month I met with Jill Baker, Gerrish Township Park Attendant, to discuss the Park operation this year as it is her first year in the position. She has done a great job!

For the Township, I chaired the August work session, August Police Department Public hearing on Budget for 2026-2027, August GTFD/EMS Public hearing on

Budget for the 2026-2027. I also chaired the August Regular Township meeting to conduct the business of the Township in a public forum. Also included was the discussion and proposal and ultimate vote for the tax assessment for the fees necessary to meet the needs of our Sanitation budget, compost site and associated hardware and software to service and support the compost area.

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 earlier paragraph. This is being done to ensure we have correct, prompt information for board members prior to the meeting.

I met with a citizen about the Short-Term Rental topic, and I also reviewed various emails of people voicing their opinions about the Short-Term Rental this month.

Following up from last month's topic of the look into a possible Short Rental Ordinance, the review by our Township Attorney, Supervisor Hill and Treasurer Anderson to discuss and review an adjusted A.3 Draft of the STR Ordinance. We discussed several items within which prompted the need for further language clarification. Attorney Hess will continue the work and will send his work in the coming weeks.

This month, we discovered that our water at the Gerrish Township Cemetery was not functioning all the time and when trying to cycle, the pump tried and at other times it did not. We have not been able to get a diagnosis of this as of this writing to decide the best fix. More to follow as we know more and have a plan of direction for the future. We are coming up to the time where same is shut down for the winter which will give us time to evaluate the true infrastructure need as this is one of the trye aging pieces in our Township infrastructure.

As a follow up to the Gerrish Township Marina installation of a live web cam, Honor Security is planning installation of same on 9/3/25 @ 10:00 a.m. This is a Township owned camera and not an outside contract as was the previous camera.

I am also happy to report that as of this writing, our ever popular Pickleball/Tennis court has a liver webcam. After several technological setbacks, we were able to get same live and under a "Live Video" tab on the website for the public viewing for court conditions and activity.

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 help 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 reach 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.
- I attended the Higgins Lake Foundation Reception and Raffle

Also 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 am happy to report that the Gerrish Township 2024-2025 Township Audit highlights the activity of the board and financial position is on time and we are sound financially. We will approve the document at our September meeting. Many thanks to Treasurer Anderson and Clerk Squires for their work.

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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