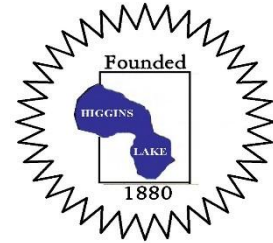


# Memorandum



To: Gerrish Township Board/Community  
 CC: file  
 From: Supervisor Hill  
 Date: 10/23/2025  
 Re: Supervisor October 2025 Board Report

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For October 2025, I am giving the following report:

As an update to the Gerrish Lyon Utility Authority (GLUA), legal processes continue to be followed to fulfill the dissolution of the corporation via the advice of our legal counsel. This month, the GLUA board met twice to conduct business towards some resolutions required for the constituent Townships of Lyon and Gerrish to dissolve the Authority. The first was to request that the Township's address the removal of each Township's representatives. Essentially, they ask and the Township's follow through with resolutions of their own. Next, they saw fit to have Phil Czech, Treasurer foster and provide the oversight for the funds dispersed to be able to reconcile the account to \$0.00. They also approved that any uncashed or residual balance left was to be split and conveyed to the constituent Township's of Lyon and Gerrish in a 50/50 fashion. Once these things have occurred, the boards will follow two more necessary steps to have the matter of processing the closure of the corporation/authority with the State and IRS to be managed by counsel for Gerrish and Lyon Twp.

On a Health of Higgins Lake note, the various committees continue to work and inform the public through their website, Facebook page, and newsletters. Trustee Jim Ostling continues as the temporary chair of the Health of Higgins Lake Steering Committee (HOHL-Steering Committee) until a new candidate can be found. In that, le, Tru. e Ostli. will co. nue the HOHL-Steering Committee reports to the Gerrish Township Board and public and same is posted to the HOHL page at

[www.gerrishtownship.org](http://www.gerrishtownship.org) website.

This month, I have finished the winter closings of the Gerrish Township Park and the Gerrish Township Cemetery water. Additionally, all Township tree work was conducted on November 1, 2025, to address many Oak tree related issues from dead limbs to overgrowth at the Municipal Complex and safety related tree maintenance at the Gerrish Township Park.

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

This month, I met with the Roscommon County Road Commission Manager Roger Saxton regarding a couple of road issues on behalf of the Township.

I attended three Microsoft Teams meetings to facilitate the new retirement plan documents and to switch over to Lincoln Financial from One America Securities. The plan addresses the 401a/457b retirement components, rules for operation etc. The document will replace our last document some ten plus years ago. There will be no increases in Township contributions to accomplish this. Our managed rate will be a reduction from our current company One America Securities rate.

This month Trustee Ostling and I met with Roscommon County Commissioner Rex Wolfsen in an attempt to find clarification of the timeline for the Materials Management Plan that the County agreed to be the point entity back in 2024. Further, trying to clarify the words "sharing" and exactly what was to be proposed to share to check on any potential mandated language that may be incorporated in the "plan" that was mandated to be written with the aid of the grant to hire a solution planner to write the plan for the County. We found that the plan is not written to date, the money to do so has not changed hands from the State to the County for same. He advised that with his conversations with EGLE any sharing would be of equipment only. We were relieved to hear this as it will not be necessary now to future plan any expansion to our site. The discussion for sharing centered around perhaps "sharing" a portable "grinder" piece of equipment for Townships to share. As we do no portable grinding, this will become a moot point for our Township.

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 done to ensure we have corrected, prompt information for board members prior to the meeting.

I continue to receive inquiries and thoughts about the Short-Term Rental topic to include helpful questions, examples of situations etc. for inclusion on the topic. The latest update as of this writing on this topic is that the document STR A.3 Draft remains in the Township Attorney offices. Treasurer Anderson and I have a scheduled meeting with counsel on November 18, 2025, regarding a few topics, but STR will be a predominate focus to be able to set a solid timeline for the topic that is in the minds of many. The work on this document was delayed this month due to our Township Attorney being directed to file an appeal regarding the A-Large Special Assessment of the Lake Level Control Structure.

This month as mentioned above, the progression of the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners BOC Special Assessment District-Lake Level Control Structure continued. At our direction, our Attorney has filed the appropriate paperwork with the 34<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of record in the matter and awaits a schedule to be heard. That amount of \$18,203.22 is planned for assessment as of this writing. In clarifying the "At-Large" definition, the Gerrish Township Board took exception to being taxed for property we do not own as defined by Michigan Roads Statutes. Simply put, Townships in Michigan own no roads. Only villages, cities, counties, and the state own roads and indeed receive funds to maintain same. When clarification was received by BOC Chair Sensor, the assessment was for the "Use" and "Benefits" of the road ends. This caused our board to decide to authorize our Attorney to file an appeal within the 15 days to the court of record as defined in the BOC's advertisement, which is the local Circuit Court to be heard on this issue on behalf of the taxpayers who are the ones that would be saddled with the payment of this assessment. If there are any arguable benefits to the economy, availability etc., those benefits they list are also enjoyed by Roscommon County as the Roscommon County Road Commission "owns" the roads for maintenance, permits etc., for anything in/on the right of way of their roads. To not assess themselves seems arbitrary at best. We have been told the Roscommon County Road Commission is "exempt" from any Special Assessments. More to follow as the court processes move forward. We do not

enter this decision lightly.

I was finally able to get a company to appraise our well problems other than the obvious age, size, and performance problems even when working and was advised that the best route is a new well, pump etc. especially considering the recent expansion of the cemetery. I asked for an approximate cost and received an estimate of \$12,241.00 to try to work into a budget next year. We will discuss it at a future meeting once we see how the budget comes together with the many unknowns in this writing.

I continue to answer day-to-day emails from citizens, meet with same in person, process contact forms from the website and solve garbage pickup issues from week to week and day to day.

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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