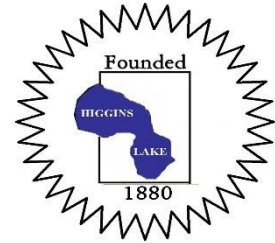


Memorandum



To: **Gerrish Township Board/Community**
cc: file
From: **Supervisor Hill**
Date: **12/31/2025**
Re: **Supervisor December 2025 Board Report**

For December 2025, I am giving the following report:

This month, the Gerrish Township Board passed a final resolution that removed the Gerrish Township representatives (3) from the Gerrish Lyon Utility Authority and to remove the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the Authority as previously created. This concludes Gerrish Township's requirement of resolutions to dissolve the Gerrish Lyon Utility Authority. We await our fellow constituent Township of Lyon to follow suit before final paperwork can be sent to the Secretary of State and the County Clerk's office.

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. Health of HOHL-Steering Committee reports continue to the Gerrish Township Board and public and same is posted to the HOHL page at www.gerrishtownship.org website.

The tree work for the Municipal Center was completed this month as contracted. Most of the tree work at the Gerrish Park has been completed, however not all. Parks and Recreation Chair Susan Semack will follow this through to conclusion which also required the contacting of Consumers Energy regarding the damage this past summer from a large tree limb that weakened a power pole on Carlos.

This month, I chaired the December work session and the December Regular Township meeting to conduct the business of the Township in a public forum. Additionally, I attended the required Board of Review meeting to observe.

This board received the proposed road plan from the Roscommon County Road Commission, and we will review same in January with the Road Commission. Also, we have asked for the Road Commission to come to our work session to explain the new road funding that came from the State of Michigan that resided in the new State budget.

I attended two 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 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. We are now nearing completion of the new plan and blackout dates have been established for the accounts to settle before complete transfer to Lincoln Financial. The Clerk's office has met regarding payroll paperwork and the operation pieces of same once the switch occurs.

This month, Treasurer Anderson and I met with further discuss the Short-Term Rental's and the operation of the same if passed. The A.4 draft was returned to the Township from Attorney Hess's review and distributed to the Township Board and in turn it was placed in the public forum. A Public Hearing is scheduled for January 6, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m. with zoom available. This will be a comment forum for the public and listening session for the board. The board will publicly discuss its opinions about the draft as written at a special meeting on January 16, 2026 @ 1:00 p.m.

Treasurer Anderson and I met with Attorney Hess to address a couple of language issues we already identified as needing work and clarification for the final Ordinance proposal.

We received an update on the SAD LLCs appeal proceedings. No date has been scheduled by the court as of this writing.

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 correct, prompt information for board members prior to the meeting.

I also met with the Clerk's office to work on expenses for the 2026-2027 Budget so that same could be passed to the Treasurer's office for revenue projections to meet the budget projected expenses. I will meet with Treasurer Anderson after the first of the year to shore up a proposed budget for the entire board to review and reflect on in a budget work session yet to be set in January. Once this done, the budget will be available at the office to comply with the 30-day required public viewing and finally a public hearing.

In December, the board made decisions on the 2026-2027 Health Care package. This year it was proposed to continue our opt out of PA 152 of 2011 and continue with Priority Health with a high deductible and high out of pocket approach. The premium is expected to increase by 6.86%, which appears within reason considering the current insurance predicament.

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.

This month, I will be on vacation beginning December 19, 2025, and I will return just after the first of the year. Township offices Holiday schedule of closing has been posted on the Township website.

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 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.

May you all have a blessed Holiday Season and be reinvigorated with renewal in the coming New Year.

Respectfully given,

Brian A. Hill, Supervisor

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