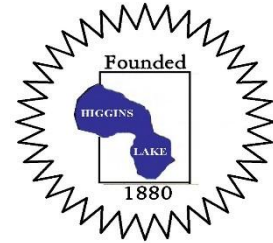


Memorandum



To: Gerrish Township Board/Community
cc: file
From: Supervisor Hill
Date: 01/31/2026
Re: Supervisor January 2026 Board Report

For January 2026, I am giving the following report:

January 2026 status update of the Gerrish Lyon Utility Authority dissolution is that Gerrish Township has completed its processes to file the Township's required paperwork to the Secretary of State and the County Clerk's office. Our attorney is providing that work and any further communication necessary with the Lyon Township Attorney as they work their process as a constituent Township.

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 was recently replaced by local resident Jennie Walker as chair of the Health of Higgins Lake Steering Committee (HOHL-Steering Committee). 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.

This month, I chaired the January work session, the January Regular Township meeting, Public Hearing on Short term rentals ordinance, Special meeting of the Board to discuss the Short term Rental progress and board opinions of same after reflecting from Hearing, and one 2026-2027 Budget Construction Special meeting to conduct the business of the Township in a public forum.

Additionally, I chaired a Roscommon County E-911 Authority Board meeting in my

chairperson role to conduct the business of the 911 Center and collaborate with the 911 Director as needed.

I met with Treasurer Anderson to discuss and facilitate a proposed 2026-2027 Budget for the Township to discuss at our Budget work session. We discussed and compared assumptions for the formulation of same. An executive overview of the budget will also be produced.

I attended an on-line knowledge at noon session provided by the Michigan Township Association Law firm regarding the new Federal rescheduling of Marihuana to a Schedule III drug and impact on Employment Law when same becomes effective. Nothing new yet for real advice other than continuing with current drug testing suggestions and practice. More to follow as becomes available.

Clerk Squires and I met with the Michigan Township Participating Plan Risk Control Manager Mike Gombo to have a review of policies, procedures and operations. Separately, the Police Department and Fire/EMS also did the same. Any recommendations, he will forward to us with suggestions to improve risk management. Nothing major was noted, however there is room for improvement in third party contracts documentation, parks and recreation volunteer exposure paperwork beyond hold harmless agreements. Overall, as a Township, it went very well.

The board reviewed the proposed 2026-2030 Preventive Maintenance Plan and the 2026-2030 Structural Improvement Plan from the Roscommon County Road Commission. Additionally at our regular meeting the board approved the carryover money from the 2025 Budget be applied to these plans. With this action, we do not need to allocate any further money from the 2026-2027 General fund budget to accomplish the plan. Additionally, there is no new information on the appropriation of the "new" State of Michigan road assistance monies as of this date.

I continued this month attending 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. We are nearing the completion of the work, and the financial handover of the Township retirement funds to Lincoln Financial from

One America Securities. Our black out period is over, and conversion has occurred to Lincoln Financial. The Clerks office continues to meet to work out payroll particulars.

This month, Treasurer Anderson and I met to further discuss the Short-Term Rental's and the operation of the same if passed. A draft resolution is being made for Board consideration concerning the specifics that need addressed if the ordinance passes. The A.4 draft with attorney corrections from December 2025 was returned to the Township and provided to all Board members.

Treasurer Anderson and I met again after the Public Hearing and the Board Special work session to hear Board comments/discussion. The purpose of that meeting was to integrate suggestions from Board members and to reflect on areas that had been discussed that may need verbiage changing and of course placed in the correct Section in hopes of getting an A.5 document for the ultimate voting process and implementation should the board be inclined. It was determined that one more attorney visit was needed from board questions that involved further verbiage consideration.

As a follow up to the above paragraph, Treasurer Anderson and I met with our Township Attorney on the complied A.5 Draft Ordinance for the STR's at the end of January 2026. From that meeting a few minor verbiage changes were noted and thus an A.5-1 Draft was formed with all cumulative language to be presented at the board at the February 2026 work session. Also, a resolution was created for review by the board which would accompany the Ordinance which contains specific operational instruction and an appointment of a short-term rental coordinator to process the permitting documentation and records management.

We received an update on the SAD LLCs appeal proceedings. No date has been scheduled by the court as of this writing. Attorney Hess reports that he just received transcripts he requested in order, however he feels he will need a couple more of some other meetings that occurred to best prepare our position in preparation.

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 provide the board with prompt information for board members prior to the meeting.

I continue to manage the Website/Facebook, 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 usually 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.

Respectfully given,

Brian A. Hill, Supervisor

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