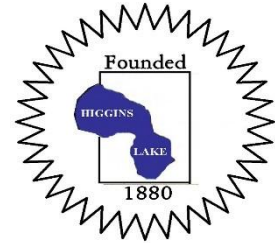


Memorandum



To: Gerrish Township Board/Community
CC: file
From: Supervisor Hill
Date: 03/20/26
Re: Supervisor March 2026 Board Report

For March 2026, I submit the following report of my activity:

On a Health of Higgins Lake note, the Health of Higgins Lake Steering Committee (HOHL-Steering Committee) has forwarded their framework to the Gerrish Township Board in the form of a "Wastewater and Private Water Supply (PWSS) Ordinance." This is what would be commonly referred to as a Septic tank/Well water Ordinance. The Gerrish Township Board received it and decided to let the Board have the month of March to review by each board member for a discussion at the April work session on whether to send it forward to the Gerrish Township Planning Commission or return it to the HOHL-Steering Committee and eventually to the HOHL Subcommittee for more work. The HOHL newsletters continue to be produced and when received, they are posted to the HOHL page at www.gerrishtownship.org website.

This month, I chaired the March work session, the March Regular Township meeting, Special Meeting/Budget Public Hearing and the 145th Annual Meeting of electors. I delivered the 145th State of the Township address as is normal.

This month, the Board officially turned over the Short-Term Rental Ordinance #50 for the operational phase to the newly appointed Designated Township Official/Short Term Rental Coordinator Mary Ellis and the Gerrish Township Police Department. Further, the Police Department and the new Designated Township Official (DTO) for STR coordination, Mary Ellis have formulated all

proper paperwork required for the application and permitting purposes. The Township has designated Mary Ellis as the STR Coordinator, and she will be working in this capacity out of the Gerrish Township Police Department. Mary can be contacted by phone at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 290 and by email at strcoordinator@gerrishtownship.org. All information can be obtained at <https://www.gerrishpolice.org/short-term-rentals/>. Additionally, please go to Apple Store (iPhone use) or the Google Store (Android use) and download the free Gerrish Township Police Department App to receive important announcement notifications as it posts about this topic. After April 1, 2026, which is into the next budget year Treasurer Anderson and I will seek proper budget amendments to the 2026-2027 budget to provide for the revenue generation and projected expenditures to accommodate this new budget center.

All processes are now complete on the transition from One America Securities to Lincoln Financial as our retirement service company. It was a very seamless process and Lincoln Financial has met with all the employees that requested their investment counseling services.

As a follow up to the compost site to a problem that occurred when switching to a new Township server and the program that operates the compost gate access, we have signed a contract for Honor Security to change the "controller box and FOB reader system" to the cloud that we already have with the building security access system. They will migrate all existing data so that all FOB's will be active with no change to the user FOB. We are looking for the parts to come soon and the installation work begins as soon as possible. The keypad box will be switched to a digital reader; however existing FOBS being used will be functional with the new digital reader.

On the Cemetery Well Drilling operational work, a bid announcement has gone out and advertised in the local paper as required. The bid announcement has been picked up by a couple of Construction vendors to share on their sites for more exposure for interested Well Drilling parties. Those sealed bids are due April 1, 2026 by 4:00 p.m. with the board's intentions to open at April work session. If all goes according to plan, we are hoping for a new well-drilled and functional by June 1, 2026. Trustee Ostling has contracted the survey of the proposed cremation lots to be able to mark same. We assume that with weather in the equation, we may be able to have same done in April sometime.

Our new Custodian Doug Cale is in place and is in full swing of acclimating himself to the needs and reviewing the road map left by his predecessor.

This month saw a historic Winter Ice Storm which caused the closing of the Municipal Center for three days and the activation of an emergency declaration. Our Public Safety Departments of Police, Fire and EMS handled the calls for service very well and correlated with County and State partners in the area of safety for powerlines down, providing folks to help clear roads to make them passable by cutting trees off the road, providing warming centers for showers, water and bathroom needs as well as Food and water distribution points, well-being senior citizen checks, assisting elderly with generator starting, gas needs and of course the emergency runs that filled in between proactive efforts. A huge thank you to them, we are very fortunate for these selfless essential services. We also collaborated with the Roscommon County Emergency Management officials, Roscommon County Road Commission and CERT members accordingly. Proactive pre-planning always pays off in times of emergencies. Proactive planning occurs regularly in the scope of being responsible for emergencies and managing unforeseen events.

As we began the recovery phase of the ice event, Trustee Ostling and I worked behind the scenes during the Municipal Center closure to prepare our Compost site for an opening to accommodate the need for a place to bring the downed limbs, brush etc. Also, I worked with decisions on GFL operation balancing providing some normalcy as we could by not changing the days of the pickup while GFL tracked where they were not able pick up due to non-passable roads due to trees, ice and snow accumulation. Also assisting Consumers Energy with their messages to assure folks were kept as up to date as possible. In the weeks ahead, we will be preparing Incident Management forms to attempt to get some re-imburement from the State Declaration for services from this unpredictable event.

The update this month on the progress of the SAD LLCS appeal proceedings is as follows. No hearing date has been scheduled by the court as of this writing. The attorneys for the affected parties are currently working out the schedule for the briefs with the court.

The Township has successfully reached a contract renewal with GFL for our sanitation services with no changes to the days of the week and designated

areas. The renewal of the contract is for 5 years and provides a 3% increase each year for the term of the contract. Critter keepers are still going to be serviced as usual, and all dumpsters will be unaffected.

This month I attended the "Not my Species" Webinar Series to hear the presentation of "old Data, New Insights: Tracking Invasive Plant Trends in Michigan State Parks to understand their data collection and to access their work for site specific locations.

I attended a Teams platform meeting entitled "Community Leader Briefing" regarding what is next for the Electric reliability to secure the grid for the future. Discussion of the funding, investment decisions and the May 2026 anticipated fee increase. Our average household still pays less than most states for their electric services. They have received a 10.5% increase since 2021 in your bills that you have experienced. The goal from their reliability action plan is for fewer and shorter outage exposure. There is a planned 5-year trim cycle which is a reduction in years from previous plans, thus getting better coverage quicker than previously experienced. They will be burying more powerlines than ever. They have 100,000 miles of lines to maintain. They have requested an increase in fees to accomplish the plan with the MPSCS. That decision is expected on 3/27/26.

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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