

GERRISH TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 11, 2018

Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Center. Present: Supervisor Udy, Clerk Patchin, Treasurer Tulgetske, Trustee Lippert and Trustee Link. Also present: 14 citizens.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited along with a moment of silence to honor all those perished on September 11, 2001.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Udy, supported by Tulgetske: CARRIED

That the agenda be approved as presented with the addition of #11 under New Business-Grosbeck Blvd Association DEQ maintenance permit authorization from Gerrish Township.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Lippert, second by Patchin: CARRIED

that the Consent Agenda is approved as presented with the addition of (c.) under correspondence re: Grosbeck Association DEQ maintenance permit authorization

Presentation: Greg Semack gave a presentation on Starry Stonewort-Aquatic invasive species that has been located in various locations of Higgins Lake. They urge the DNR, DEQ and Township to get involved to rectify the situation.

**Elected Officials Reports: (See Attached)**

- a. Trustee Lippert
- b. Trustee Link
- c. Treasurer Tulgetske
- d. Clerk Patchin
- e. Supervisor Udy

**New Business:**

1. Gerrish Township Police Department Policy updates
2. Gerrish Fire-EMS donation of retired rescue tools
3. Gerrish Fire-EMS hiring of Fire Fighter Trainee
4. Gerrish Township Fire-EMS Department Structure
5. Sanitation Fee for 2019-2020
6. General fund operating millage rate for 2019-2020
7. Fire/EMS Special Assessment district millage rate for 2019-2020
8. Police Special Assessment district millage rate for 2019-2020
9. Gerrish Township proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment
10. Special Use Permit and Site Plan Review proposal
- \*\*\*11. Grosbeck Blvd Association DEQ maintenance permit authorization from Gerrish Township.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Motion by Link, supported by Lippert: CARRIED

that the Board, upon recommendation of Police Chief Hill, approve the Key/Security Fobs Control-Building Security Policy and the Patrol Cars-Equipment Policy reflecting correct procedures and compliance requirements.

2. Motion by Lippert, supported by Tulgetske: CARRIED  
that the Board, upon recommendation of Fire/EMS Chief Fisher, approve the donation of the 5 retired and obsolete Holmatro Rescue Tools to Roscommon Auto Recyclers contingent upon a hold harmless agreement.

3. Motion by Link, supported by Patchin: CARRIED  
that the Board authorize Fire/EMS Chief Fisher to offer employment to Rachael LaBonte for an on-call, part time, fire fighter trainee position at the Gerrish Township Fire Department. Employment contingent upon successful completion of physical, background and drug testing

4. Motion by Tulgetske, supported by Lippert: CARRIED  
that the Board, upon recommendation of Fire/EMS Chief Fisher, accept the Gerrish Township Fire Department Organization Structure as presented.

5. Motion by Tulgetske, supported by Patchin: CARRIED  
that the sanitation fee for service for fiscal year 2019-2020 will be \$145.00 per parcel per year, compared to \$142.00 per year for the 2018-2019

Roll Call: Ayes: Tulgetske, Patchin, Udy, Link, Lippert  
Nays: None

6. Motion by Tulgetske, supported by Patchin: CARRIED  
that the General Fund Operating Millage for the 2019-2020 budget will be 0.9587 which is a reduction compared to last year's Millage rate of 0.9616

Roll Call: Ayes: Link, Lippert, Tulgetske, Patchin, Udy  
Nays: None

7. Motion by Patchin, supported by Tulgetske: CARRIED  
that the Township Board determines fire protection and emergency medical services to be in the best interest of the Township and that a Special Assessment district be created under the provisions of P.A. 81 of 1989 in which cost of such service shall be assessed according to benefits. The total budget for fire protection and emergency medical services for the 2019-2020 fiscal year has been determined to be \$1,704,009.00 with \$429,991.00 Capital Equipment Carryover, \$63,043.00 Water Supply Carryover, \$30,000 Extrication Equipment Carryover and \$70,000.00 Capital Projects Carryover. The Special Assessment district shall contain all taxable property within the Township with the millage rate to be 2.53 mills, same as previous year, to yield \$759,475.00

Roll call: Ayes: Udy, Patchin, Link, Tulgetske, Lippert  
Nays: None

8. Motion by Patchin, supported by Lippert: CARRIED  
that the Township Board determines police protection to be in the best interest of the Township and that a Special Assessment district be created under the provisions of P.A. 81 of 1989 in which the cost of such service shall be assessed according to benefits. The total budget for police protection for 2019-2020 has been determined to be \$801,161.98 to include \$45,000 Capital Equipment Carryover and \$4,563.13 Capital Project Carryover. The Special Assessment district shall contain all taxable property within the Township with the millage rate to be 2.26 mills, an increase from previous years 2.21 mills, to yield \$678,424.37.

Roll call: Ayes: Tulgetske, Udy, Lippert, Link, Patchin  
Nays: None

9. Motion by Link, supported by Udy: CARRIED  
that the Board approve the adoption of Zoning Ordinance Amendment XXXXI-4 as recommended by the Planning Commission. Amendment 1: Article 20 (Supplemental Provisions) Section 20.8 Accessory Uses, Buildings, and Structures) D-2 (Height)

Roll call: Ayes: Patchin, Udy, Link, Lippert, Tulgetske  
Nays: None

10. Motion by Link, supported by Tulgetske: CARRIED  
that upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the Gerrish Township Board approves the Special Use Permit including Site Plan Review approval for Kenneth Gibbs and Constance Bogedin for property located at 72-004-018-013-0285

11. Motion by Tulgetske, supported by Lippert: CARRIED  
that the Board Authorize Clerk Patchin to send a letter to Grosbeck Blvd. Association giving authorization to apply for a maintenance permit to the DEQ for maintenance of the boat ramp on Kelly Ave.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Karen Ehinger recommended that boat washes be mandatory to avoid invasive species entering Higgins Lake. Paul Ochmanek thanked the Board for authorization to apply for maintenance permit for the Kelly Ave boat ramp stating this was the 3<sup>rd</sup> maintenance permit in 15 years and noting that all maintenance is funded by private funds and no tax dollars are used. Vicky Springstead explained that the HLF funds the Dash Boat and the boat is currently being retro fitted to try to help in the Starry Stonewort invasive species found in Higgins Lake. Vicky also noted that the HLF is accepting donations towards this effort, more information can be found at [higginslake-foundation.org](http://higginslake-foundation.org). Pete Anderson suggested that boats be required to use a boat wash recommending a system of using a sticker to indicate they have been washed and impose a fine if they haven't. He also noted that he utilized the compost site and has noticed garbage bags have been placed in there. He also stated that he thought the 90 decimal limit for boats on Higgins Lake was too loud and was seeking a township regulation. Greg Semack noted that the HLPOA was in the process of providing a radar gun to the County Marine Patrol noting that the HLF has given additional funding to the County Marine Patrol. Chief Hill noted that the DNR will be holding a meeting for the public, *Higgins Lake State Park Management Plan*, on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm at the Ralph A MacMullan Conference Center noting it would be a great opportunity to express the concerns regarding Starry Stonewort and a Mandatory Boat Wash.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Summer Taxes are due September 14<sup>th</sup>. Treasurer's office will be open till 5:00pm on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Torch Run donations are still be accepted.

Motion by Link, supported by Lippert: CARRIED  
that the board adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

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Kathleen Patchin, Clerk

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David Udy, Supervisor

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Approved