

GERRISH TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
January 14, 2014

Regular meeting called to order at 7:27pm at the Municipal Center. Present: Supervisor Homola, Clerk Valentino, Treasurer Tulgetske, Trustee Link and Trustee Lippert. Also present: 5 citizens.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Link, supported by Lippert: CARRIED
that the Agenda be approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Opened at 7:28pm. No comments. Closed at 7:28pm.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Tulgetske, second by Link: CARRIED
that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

REPORTS:

1. Trustee Link: See attached
2. Trustee Lippert: See attached
3. Treasurer Tulgetske: See attached
4. Clerk Valentino: See attached
5. Supervisor Homola: See attached

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Hillsdale Heights property quiet title decision tabled pending research and information from Attorney Hess.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Valentino, supported by Tulgetske: CARRIED
to authorize purchase of a replacement BTU furnace from E-AC, upon need, for the Fire/EMS Department at an estimated cost of \$2235.00.
2. Motion by Link, supported by Tulgetske: CARRIED
that the Board adopt Resolution 2014-01-14-01 'Annual Adoption of Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test'.

Roll Call: Ayes: Homola, Tulgetske, Link, Lippert, Valentino
Nays: None

3. Motion by Lippert, supported by Valentino: CARRIED
that the Board approve the hiring of Brandon Rodgers, current on-call GTFD Department member, to the position of FT Firefighter/EMT effective January 28, 2014, with full benefit package as outlined in Gerrish Township Policies and Procedures. Rate of pay will be set at Level 3 (\$17.32 per hour) in conjuncture with the candidate's experience and training.

Roll Call: Ayes: Link, Tulgetske, Homola, Valentino, Lippert
Nays: None

4. Motion by Valentino, supported by Tulgetske: CARRIED
authorizing Supervisor Homola to begin formal surveying and application to the Department of Natural Resources for potential trade of Township Property No. 004-030-002-0020 for State of Michigan Property No. 004-022-007-0040, to include potential survey and application fees up to \$500.00.

5. Motion by Lippert, supported by Valentino: CARRIED
authorizing Supervisor Homola and Clerk Valentino to enter into a Memoranda of Agreement with the MDNR and South Higgins Lake State Park, on behalf of Gerrish Township, for ramp usage at the Community Park Marina during 2014 boat launch construction at the South Higgins Lake State Park.

6. Motion by Lippert, supported by Link: CARRIED

that the Board authorize Clerk Valentino to submit a counterproposal to the MDNR regarding proposed usage of McKenzie Street for a potential marina located in the South Higgins Lake State Park. Proposal will recommend that McKenzie is not found to be a viable solution unless it is used as an entrance/exit only access point.

7. Motion by Valentino, supported by Lippert: CARRIED

authorizing Treasurer Tulgetske to remove and refund \$93.50 for the 2012 sanitation fee for Parcel No. 004-223-167-0000 to owners of record.

8. Motion by Lippert, supported by Tulgetske: CARRIED

authorizing, effective January 15, 2014 the following changes to the Building and Zoning Fee Schedule: Mobile Home \$75.00 from \$50.00 for two inspection, Special Inspections \$50.00 from \$25.00 per inspection, Temporary C of C \$25.00 from \$20.00, Parcel/Lot Split \$150.00 plus \$50 per child parcel from \$75.00/\$50.00 per child parcel.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Opened at 7:56pm. Chief Hill informed the Board that Senate Bill (SB) 636, a Bill to Amend the Michigan Telecommunications Act, would allow for the closure of land lines. This bill is being 'fast-tracked' and poses a real problem in rural areas. Chief Hill stated that he has submitted a letter of opposition to Representative B. Rendon due to the lack of adequate service coverage available in our rural area. The loss of land lines could be extremely detrimental to our citizens and Chief Hill urged the Board to contact House Representatives as quickly as possible. Closed at 8:05pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1. Winterfest will be held on February 14th and 15th. Please visit the Chamber web site for more information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.

Jodi Valentino, Clerk

Frank Homola, Supervisor

Approved