

GERRISH TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 5, 2015

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am at the Municipal Center. Present: Supervisor Homola, Clerk Patchin, Treasurer Tulgetske, Trustee Link and Trustee Lippert. Also present: Chief Hill and 5 citizen.

Discussed: Gerrish Township Police Department monthly update

Motion by Link, supported by Patchin: CARRIED
that the board authorize Chief Hill to extend an offer of employment to James Scroggin as a temporary full time Police Officer for the 90 day probation period effective November 5, 2015. Employment is contingent upon successful passing of physical, background investigation, drug testing and fingerprinting. Effective November 5, 2015.

Discussed: Gerrish Township Fire/EMS Department monthly update
 Higgins Lake Landscaping renewal of compost contract
 Chamber of Commerce Renewal
 Resignation of Michael McManamon
 Resignation of Nate Alyas
 Changing March 2016 Meeting Dates
 Gerrish Township Gazette
 Property survey of park
 Election equipment update
 Swimmer's Itch update
 Trustee Lippert is working with Craig Williams
 (Lyon Township) on a survey that would gather information
 and public input on Swimmer's Itch. Lippert and Williams are
 also scheduling a meeting with representatives from SICON
 and Northpoint.
 Renewal of Wheel Mobile Home Park License
 Markey Township Master Plan

Public Comment:

- Chuck Brick inquired on the survey and if a public hearing would be held.
- Walt Mikula, introduced himself as a Retired Lt. DNR District Law Supervisor. He explained he had read the first Sicon proposal and was astonished by the dollar amount. He contacted Steve Sendek with Northpoint for input and thoughts. He showed wing similarities between an immature female and a red breasted merganser.
- Supervisor Homola said that the Red Breasted Merganser complaint that was raised by SICON and the HLPOA/HLSIO was investigated and has been deemed unfounded by the authorities involved.
- Rick Rourke complimented the Northpoint plan saying it would be premature to give up on what we had agreed to do for a 3 year program.
- Diane Wagner recommended a Public Hearing to listen to constituents.
- Ken Dennings asked if a Public Hearing had been scheduled. Board informed that a Public Hearing has not been scheduled at this time. Ken also informed the board of the 13 lakes forming together to try to obtain financial help from Lansing.
- Chuck Brick suggested having the survey after the Northpoint and Sicon groups meet.

Announcements:

- C.E.R.T (Community Emergency Response Team) is looking for additional members. Please contact Chief Hill for more information 989-821-5207 Ext 287
- Roscommon County Ambulance Holiday Food Drive will be November 14, 2015. Visit www.gerrishtownship.org for more information.

Meeting adjourned at 10:41 am.

Kathleen Patchin, Clerk

Frank Homola, Supervisor

Approved