

Township of Gerrish
129th Annual Meeting
March 9, 2010

The 129th Annual Meeting of the Electors of Gerrish Township was held at 7:00pm, March 9, 2010, at the Gerrish Township Municipal Center.

Moderator: Supervisor Frank Homola
Secretary: Clerk Jodi Valentino

Other Board members present: Treasurer Leasa Tulgetske, Trustee Mary Link and Trustee Gary Long.

11 Citizens attended.

Meeting was called to order with residents standing to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Larry Paxton, support by Robert Boyle, to accept the minutes of the 128th Annual Meeting as read by Clerk Valentino. Motion carried.

State of the Township Address:

Supervisor Homola thanked the electors for providing him the opportunity to lead the Township in building its future and acknowledged that the difficult economy has placed restraints on the township budget. Supervisor Homola recapped the 2009-2010 budget by stating that all departments were able to provide full services within their allocated finances and continue to plan for departmental savings. The 2010-2011 general budget, despite decreased revenues, increases the contingency line item while maintaining the Boards commitment to roads and quality of life. The Board passed resolutions to maintain current salaries without increases.

Major accomplishments for the Township Board include final closing on the Community Park and Marina, receipt of a DNRE engineering grant for boat ramp improvements, creation of an indoor ice rink, continued support for legal lake access for the public through our Lake Access Plan and support of Higgins Lake quality controls and improvements. The township was successful in improving road brining efforts, partnered with Lyon, Higgins and the Village to create the Roscommon Area District Library Board, improved our various committee structures and, through the Treasurer's diligence, is protecting funds through diversification and FDIC accounts.

Both the Police and Fire/EMS departments have had successful years. Highlights for the Police include receipt of grant monies to fund, train and place AEDS in each Roscommon area school as well as monies for alcohol enforcement, successful fundraising to support Shop with a Cop, and a successful 4th Annual Project Blue Light memorial. The GTPD were able to upgrade department service weapons, participated in the mass H1N1 vaccination clinic(s), and continue successful work in the Stay On Track program at the local middle school. Highlights for the Fire/EMS department include receipt of grant monies to purchase four 800MHZ radios, donation of a Sea Wolf Inflatable Rescue Boat, implementation and participation in the mass H1N1 vaccination clinic(s) and continued fire safety education of children in the community. Our Fire/EMS department had one successful ice rescue on Higgins Lake, hosted the Region 7 ICS class for emergency procedures/protocol, and had four Explorers receive their State Firefighter I&II certification. The Supervisor affirmed that the Township Board, office staff, GTPD, and Fire/EMS are committed to maintain quality of life for citizens while remaining fiscally responsible.

The 2010-2011 Gerrish Township Board regular meetings will be scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month at the Municipal Center at 7:30pm. Dates for regular session meetings were scheduled as follows: **2010:** April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9 and December 14. **2011:** January 11, February 8 and March 8.

Depositories of Township funds were stated as follows: Northwestern Bank, Prudenville, MI; Chemical Bank, Roscommon, MI; Chase Bank, Roscommon, MI; MBIA Municipal Investors, Ann Arbor, MI

Motion by Norma Boyle, support by Larry Paxton, to set the Supervisor's salary, with no assessing duties, at \$33,877.80 effective April 1, 2010. Motion carried by voice votes. No 'nays'.

Motion by Larry Paxton, support by Robert Boyle, to accept the proposed salary of \$54,543.84 for Supervisor with assessing duties effective April 1, 2010. Motion carried by voice votes. No 'nays'.

Motion by Ken Melvin, support by John Patchin, to accept the proposed salary of \$33,877.80 for Clerk effective April 1, 2010. Motion carried by voice votes. No 'nays'.

Motion by Norma Boyle, support by Larry Paxton, to set the Treasurer's salary at \$33,877.80 (includes \$6,364.80 for summer tax collection) effective April 1, 2010. Motion carried by voice vote. 'Nays': Leasa Tulgetske

Motion by Norma Boyle, support by Larry Paxton, to accept the proposed salary of \$6,085.08 for each trustee effective April 1, 2010. Motion carried by voice vote. No 'nays'.

Citizens' petitions: None

Announcements: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Jodi Valentino, Gerrish Township Clerk
Subject to residents approval at March 2010 Annual Meeting