

Township of Gerrish
130th Annual Meeting
March 8, 2011

The 130th Annual Meeting of the Electors of Gerrish Township was held at 6:30 pm, March 8, 2011, 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.

Citizens attended: 23

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

Motion by Gerald Larson, support by Terry M. Shaltz, to accept the minutes of the 129th Annual Meeting as read by Clerk Valentino. Motion carried.

State of the Township Address:

The Supervisor opened by welcoming all in attendance and thanking them for their support. He acknowledged that the economic times are still placing restraints on expenditures and stated that the Township remains committed to providing services the level of service our citizens expect while remaining fiscally responsible. The 2011-2012 General Budget shows a reduction of line items and retains roughly a 10% contingency fund.

Supervisor Homola addressed the citizens concerns over the 2010 State Tax Commission 14 point mini review, stating that all townships in Roscommon County were reviewed and we were one of eight townships that had failed the mini-review. The Supervisor stated that immediate corrective action was taken and submitted and approved by the State Tax Commission. The Board also chose to request a full 14 point review from the State Tax Commission, which will include review of approximately 126 points. The Supervisor informed the citizens that at no time throughout the review or follow up had he received any indications from County Equalization or the State Tax Commission that our citizens were being over assessed. Any citizens with concerns regarding their assessments were invited to protest at the Board of Review meeting(s) in March. Supervisor Homola stated that the Board of Review was an impartial board whose duties were to hear and review assessment protests and problems. Protests must first be made to the Board of Review, but if a citizen is not satisfied with the result they may then protest to the Tax Tribunal.

The Gerrish Township Police Department has had an active year promoting Community Policing and improving their education and training to better serve the public. Chief Hill has continued to serve on the Roscommon County 911 Authority Board as well as oversee and train our Township C.E.R.T. Our police department has continued to work closely with A.C.T.-N.O.W., assisting with several yearly fundraisers that raise funds for Trunk or Treat, R.A.P.S. scholarship and Shop with a Cop, which helped ten area families totaling thirty-six individuals enjoy a merry Christmas. C.E.R.T. Coordinator Don Granzine was awarded Michigan Citizen Corp Individual of the Year and Officer Pam Williams received the 2010 Officer of the Year award. The GTPD carried out a successful prescription drug turn in program, received a grant for six VHF hand held radios and hosted a successful Project Blue Light program.

The Gerrish Township Fire/EMS Department have continued to improve skills and services through training and skill development. The Explorer program, which allows teenagers the opportunity to train and learn firefighting skills, continues to thrive. Another successful Drive Thru Flu Shot Clinic provided seventy-seven shots to residents. Our EMS service responded to 444 runs which an average response to the rig time of 3:20 minutes. Our Fire service was dispatched to 118 calls with an average response to the rig time of 5:36 minutes. A new mutual aid agreement for EMS services was entered into and they have been able to purchase additional equipment to aid in their service to the community.

Our Planning Commission is closing approaching the adoption of an updated Zoning Ordinance and the Community Park Marina has had a second successful year. Gas sales and the completion of the environmental clean up project were large priorities at the Community Park Marina in 2010, along with the completion of a training room and boat wash. Special thanks to those who provided grant funds and volunteered times to assist with these projects. A Gerrish Township Park Advisory Committee was created and developed recommendation of improvements to the Board for possible implementation. The Board continues to discuss and improve on our Lake Access Plan and is working to update and revise our Recreational Plan. The Roscommon Area District Library mileage was adopted and the R.A.D.L. continues to improve its services to our community. Road improvements and brining were successful implemented and continued work with the Road Commission is planned.

We are blessed to be living in one of the finest areas of this Great State and must continue to protect our beautiful lake. Thank you again for your support and remember that my door is always open to hear your concerns and comments.

The 2011-2012 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: **2011:** April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8 and December 13. **2012:** January 10, February 14, and March 13.

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 Gerald Larson, support by Michael McManamon, to set the Supervisor's salary, with no assessing duties, at \$33,877.80 effective April 1, 2011. Motion carried by voice vote. No Nays.

Motion by Mike McManamon, support by Brian Hill, to accept the proposed salary of \$54,543.84 for Supervisor with assessing duties effective April 1, 2011. Motion carried by voice vote. No Nays.

Motion by Brian Hill, support by Terry M. Shaltz, to accept the proposed salary of \$33,877.80 for Clerk effective April 1, 2011. Motion carried by voice vote. No Nays.

Motion by Ken Melvin, support by Gerald Larson, to set the Treasurer's salary at \$33,877.80 (includes \$6,364.80 for summer tax collection) effective April 1, 2011. Motion carried by voice vote. No Nays.

Motion by Brian Hill, support by Terry M. Shaltz, to accept the proposed salary of \$6267.63. for each trustee effective April 1, 2011. Motion carried by voice vote. No Nays.

Citizens' petitions: None presented

Announcements: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Jodi Valentino, Gerrish Township Clerk
Subject to residents approval at March 2012 Annual Meeting