

GERRISH TOWNSHIP BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

September 8, 2009

Regular meeting called to order at 7:33 p.m. at the Municipal Center. Present: Supervisor Homola, Clerk Boyle, Treasurer Tulgetske, Trustee Link and Trustee Long. Also present: 16 citizens.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA:

New Business: 21. Part-time Zoning Administrator

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Opened at 7:34 p.m.

1) Question on Traverse City Area Public Schools bill 2) Question regarding lawsuit in newspaper 3) Question regarding status of election lawsuit 4) Concern expressed regarding overpopulation of Gerrish Township Park due to newly posted location signs 5) Request for new signs at Gerrish Township Park stating rules and regulations

Closed at 7:37 p.m.

Motion by Tulgetske, second by Long: CARRIED  
that the Consent Agenda is approved as presented.

REPORTS: 1. Trustee Link a) County Commissioners' meeting b) Two Road Commission meetings c) ACT-Now Annual Softball Fundraiser d) Recycling EMOGG meeting e) Fire/EMS Pig Roast f) Road cleanup Sept. 9 g) "Shake Your Mailbox Day" October 24

2. Trustee Long a) Umpired ACT-Now Annual Softball Fundraiser b) Trailway meeting c) numerous trips to Gerrish Township Park d) Revisit to KOA regarding excessive traffic to Park

3. Treasurer a) report attached b) audit c) tax collection

4. Clerk a) working with incoming Clerk b) Election lawsuit – costs now total \$7,002.00. We received list of witnesses. Court date is the end of October c) audit

5. Supervisor a) In office 28 days, 183 hours on Township business b) attended two County Commissioners' meetings c) attended Dam Committee meeting d)

attended Public Hearing regarding Higgins Lake water levels e) numerous citizens' concerns and complaints f) attended one Road Commission meeting g) attended Library Committee meeting h) met with resident regarding possible DEQ violation discussions with Zoning Administrator regarding removal of old buildings

i) Marina now on waiting list for 2010 slip rentals

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. AccuMed billing agreement tabled until October

2. Motion by Long, second by Link: CARRIED  
that the Board authorizes the Planning Commission to distribute the draft amendments to the Master Plan per the Planning Enabling Act.

3. Chief Hill explained road study parameters and requirements for reduction in speed limit. Supervisor will contact Road Commission regarding possible isolation of specific areas of E. Higgins Lake Drive for speed study.

4. Trustee Link will contact company to remove brush and leaves from compost site at end of clean up season. Clean up to be performed free of charge.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Tulgetske, second by Long: CARRIED  
that upon the recommendation of Fire/EMS Chief Patchin, Lisa Wilder is classified as a regular part-time paramedic effective September 2, 2009.
2. Motion by Link, supported by Long: CARRIED  
that the General Fund Operating Millage for the 2010-2011 budget will be .9654 mills which is the same as last year due to the high rate of inflation of 4.4%.  
Roll call: Yes: Homola, Boyle, Tulgetske, Link, Long  
No: None  
Absent: None
3. Motion by Tulgetske, supported by Link: 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 2010-2011 fiscal year has been determined to be \$1,488,539.00 with \$503,721.00 capital equipment carryover, \$60,115.00 water supply carryover, \$27,500.00 capital projects carryover and \$45,094.00 SCBA replacement carryover. The Special Assessment district shall contain all taxable property within the Township with the millage rate to be 2.07 mills, compared to 2.34 mills last year, to yield \$599,049.00.  
Roll call: Yes: Homola, Boyle, Tulgetske, Link, Long  
No: None  
Absent: None
4. Motion by Tulgetske, supported by Long: 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 2010-2011 has been determined to be \$748,695.00 to include \$40,100.00 capital equipment carry-over and \$20,160.00 Capital Project carry-over. The Special Assessment district shall contain all taxable property within the Township with the millage rate to be 1.96 mills, compared to 2.08 mills last year, to yield \$567,215.00.  
Roll call: Yes: Homola, Boyle, Tulgetske, Link, Long  
No: None  
Absent: None
5. Motion by Link, supported by Tulgetske: CARRIED  
that the Sanitation fee for fiscal year 2010-2011 will be \$88.00 per year, compared to \$93.00 per year for 2009-2010.  
Roll call: Yes: Homola, Boyle, Tulgetske, Link, Long  
No: None  
Absent: None
6. Motion by Tulgetske, second by Link: CARRIED  
that the Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the release of easements agreement releasing and quit-claiming to Lakeshore East Condominium Association any and all interest in the easements for the operation of their water system.  
Roll call: Yes: Homola, Boyle, Tulgetske, Link, Long  
No: None

Absent: None

7. Motion by Long, second by Link: CARRIED  
that the Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Bill of Sale for the water system located on the Lakeshore East Condominium property.

Roll call: Yes: Homola, Boyle, Tulgetske, Link, Long

No: None

Absent: None

8. Motion by Link, second by Tulgetske: CARRIED  
that the Gerrish Township Board adopts the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Lakeshore East Condominium Association owns and operates a drinking water system serving Lakeshore East Condominiums located at 124 Flagpoint Drive, Roscommon, Michigan, 48653, Section 16, Town 24 North, Range 3 West and,

WHEREAS, Lakeshore East Condominium Association possesses the ability and willingness to continue effective operation and maintenance of said system; and

WHEREAS, Gerrish Township recognizes the need for effective and continued operation and maintenance of said system to protect the public health; and

WHEREAS, Gerrish Township deems it impractical for the Township to own, operate, and administer this particular drinking water supply;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Gerrish Township refuses to accept ownership of or operation, maintenance, and administrative responsibilities for said particular drinking water supply. Gerrish Township endorses the application of Lakeshore East Condominium Association to continue these responsibilities under state permit.

Roll call: Yes: Homola, Boyle, Tulgetske, Link, Long

No: None

Absent: None

9. Motion by Link, second by Long: CARRIED  
that the Board authorizes the Supervisor sign the quit claim deed to Lakeshore East Condominium Association for the easement in question.

Roll call: Yes: Homola, Boyle, Tulgetske, Link, Long

No: None

Absent: None

10. Motion by Homola, second by Long: CARRIED  
that the Supervisor is authorized to sign the contract for engineering services with Rowe Professional Services Company.

11. Motion by Long, second by Tulgetske: CARRIED  
that Fire/EMS Chief Patchin is authorized to proceed with acceptance of the bid from Jeff Dewitt, subject to review of specifications, for \$4725.00 for the replacement of the roof on Station 2.

12. Action on replacement of overhead door at Station 2 tabled until October Work Session.

13. Motion by Link, second by Long: CARRIED  
that the Board authorizes the pay of \$13.77 per hour for Deputy Clerk Boyle effective September 9, 2009.

14. Motion by Homola, second by Tulgetske: CARRIED

that the Board approves and adopts the boat slip permit application as presented.  
(See attached).

15. Motion by Tulgetske, second by Long: CARRIED

that the Board approves and adopts the marina registration form as presented.

16. Motion by Link, second by Tulgetske: CARRIED

that the Board approves and adopts the marina rules as presented.

17. Motion by Tulgetske, second by Link: CARRIED

that the Board authorizes the Supervisor to proceed with ordering of sign for the  
Community Park site.

18. Motion by Boyle, second by Link: CARRIED

that the Board authorizes the Supervisor to create an informal Community Resource  
Committee to investigate and coordinate various resources that are available in and  
to Gerrish Township.

19. Motion by Boyle, second by Tulgetske: CARRIED

that the Board appoints Jodi Valentino, incoming Clerk, to be the Gerrish Township  
representative to the Roscommon Township Association.

20. Motion by Boyle, second by Long: CARRIED

that the Board acknowledges the letter of resignation from Ed Behnke. The Clerk is  
authorized to advertise to fill the vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

21. Motion by Long, second by Link: CARRIED

that the Board approves the re-hire of Ray Newton, III, as part-time Zoning  
Administrator effective September 9, 2009, at reduced winter hours from November  
through March of no more than twelve (12) hours per week and summer hours from  
April through October of approximately twenty (20) hours per week. Hourly rate  
will be \$13.00 per hour.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: a) ACT-Now, Monday, September 21, 7:00 p.m – ‘Going  
Green’. Guest speakers – Sonia Lake, Bob Solomon and Audrey Schultz b) Taxes  
due September 14 c) Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off – Saturday, September  
12, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. c) Donations of hoists accepted at the Community Park  
for the State required transient slip locations d) Treasurer’s Office will be open until  
5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 14 e) Firemen’s Memorial Festival weekend of  
September 19 f) Roscommon Area Booster Club Tailgate Party September 18, 5:00  
p.m. – 7:00 p.m. to raise money for scholarships g) Special thank you and  
presentation to Clerk Norma Lee Boyle for her years of service as Clerk for the  
Township of Gerrish

Meeting adjourned at 8:55p.m.

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Jodi Valentino, Clerk

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Frank Homola, Supervisor

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Approved