

GERRISH TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
February 14, 2012

Regular meeting called to order at 7:32pm at the Municipal Center. Present: Supervisor Homola, Clerk Valentino, Treasurer Tulgetske, Trustee Link and Trustee Long. Also present: 26 citizens

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA: Under Approval of Minutes add 'January 18, 2012 Special'. Under New Business remove #3 TCO for Hitchcock.

Presentation by Larry Fox, C2AE on behalf of the Higgins Lake Foundation. The presentation was regarding the purposes, process and intent of the MDEQ S2 grant. Information provided centered on application process and public input opportunities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Opened at 7:45pm. Presentation of concerns regarding proposed Bittersweet grading project. Request that Board review project with input from DNR and DEQ before requesting estimate from RCRC in order to protect lake while continuing to provide lake access. Closed at 7:56pm.

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

REPORTS:

1. Trustee Link: a. Attended all regular and special meetings as scheduled b. 01/16ACT-NOW meeting c. 02/02 ACT-NOW executive meeting d. No February Recycling/compost meeting scheduled e. Research and presentation of Composting survey f. Request for Workforce Review Committee meeting
2. Trustee Long: a. Attended all regular and special meetings as scheduled, except February 2, 2012 special b. Involved in numerous telephone calls and emails with Township Attorney c. Research regarding S2 grant
3. Treasurer Tulgetske: a. Attended all regular and special meetings as scheduled b. 02/01 meeting with T. O'Brian regarding Community Park Marina c. 02/06 RTA meeting d. 02/07 meeting with Township Attorney regarding Township owned properties e. Completed rebilling and refunds for STC ECF adjustments f. Spoke with numerous citizens concerning refunds g. February 14th is last day to collect winter taxes without interest
4. Clerk Valentino: a. Attended all regular and special meetings as scheduled, except February 2, 2012 special b. 02/06 RTA meeting with Rep. Rendon c. Thank you to Leasa and Maryann for coverage during my illness d. Research, emails and telephone calls on S2 grant and Charter telephone services e. Election preparations; 390 Absentee ballots sent to date f. Finalization and preparation for 2012-2013 budget g. 02/08 meeting with Higgins Twp. Clerk Morely regarding election procedures h. Accounts payable, payroll and general ledger i. 02/09 Public Accuracy Test j. Review of past Township minutes regarding various 'housekeeping' issues k. Job postings and resume receipt and responses for Seasonal Marina Manager position
5. Supervisor Homola: a. Chaired all regular and special meetings as scheduled b. Worked 36 days for a total of 246 hours c. Attended 2 RCRC meetings d. Attended 2 County Commissioners' meetings e. Attended 4 Winterfest

committee meetings f. Attended 1 911 authority board meeting g. 02/06 RTA meeting h. Attended Huron Pines Conference i. Attended DNR grant work shop j. Attended 1 Planning Commission meeting k. 02/01 meeting with T. O'Brian regarding Community Park Marina l. Met with Republic Waste regarding contract bids m. Met with civil engineer regarding possible grants n. Involved in recreation project in Village o. Met with G. Thornton concerning BOR Forum held 02/08 p. Handled several garbage pickup issues q. Daily maintenance at Community Park Marina including ice rink r. Spoke with RCRC regarding several road issues s. Met with several citizens both in and out of office concerning various issues

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request for estimate of work to the Roscommon County Road Commission for minor grading at Bittersweet, as presented by P. Butcher, tabled pending further research and information.
2. Charter Communications for local and long distance phone services tabled pending further information and contract comparison.
3. TCO Hitchcock removed from agenda
4. Motion by Link, supported by Long: CARRIED
that the Board authorizes Treasurer Tulgetske and Clerk Valentino to sign the 2012 Summer Tax Collection Agreement with R.A.P.S.
5. Motion by Tulgetske, supported by Link: CARRIED
that the Board authorizes Clerk Valentino to investigate and report on the processes and procedures for applying for Seasonal Employer Status with the Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency.
6. Motion by Long, supported by Valentino: CARRIED
that the Board agree to act as S2 grant applicant on behalf of the Higgins Lake Foundation and authorize Supervisor Homola to sign the application once completed by C2AE.

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

7. Updates to FOIA policy tabled to develop more comprehensive policy involving electronic media.
8. Motion by Valentino, supported by Long: CARRIED
to authorize Supervisor Homola to submit Passport Grant Applications for building improvements at the Community Park Marina and ADA restroom upgrades and playground equipment at the Gerrish Township Park.

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

9. Compost Site Advisory Committee tabled for further research and discussion. Citizen comments and questions centered on accommodating commercial users while charging fee for usage, expiration of Waste management contract and additional revenue ideas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Contact Trustee Link at trustee1@gerrishtownship.org with any insight into improvements to our compost sight
2. No February ACT-NOW meeting. Next meeting is March 9, 2012 'ECD Education and Awareness'
3. Thank you for hosting the Board of Review Forum
4. Winterfest is this weekend, February 17-18. There will be numerous events around the lake including open ice skating both Friday and Saturday and a vintage snowmobile show, both held at the Community Park Marina
5. Introduction of Ken Carlson, running as Republican candidate for Gerrish Township Supervisor
6. Gerrish Township Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing will be March 6th
7. Presidential Primary Election February 28, 2012
8. Pet Licenses, at a discounted rate, can still be purchased in the Treasurer's office until February 29th
9. Treasurer's office can continue to collect taxes, with interest, until February 28th

Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.

Jodi Valentino, Clerk

Frank Homola, Supervisor

Approval