

**HEALTH OF HIGGINS LAKE  
STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES  
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**WHEN:** Tuesday, December 16, 2025

**PLACE:** Gerrish Township Municipal Center

**PURPOSE:** Regular Meeting

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance:

**Roll Call:** Biggar present, Booser present, Teisen Zoom, Walker present, Ostling present, Chaney present

**APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA as Amended:**

Motion by Biggar, supported by Walker that the agenda for the December 16, 2025 be approved as amended. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF November 18, 2025, MEETING MINUTES\_**

Motion by Chaney, supported by Biggar that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS AS ATTACHED**

Motion by Walker, supported by Booser that the reports be approved as presented. Motion carried.

**Public Comments Agenda Items:**

No Comments.

**Old Business**

EGLE grant opportunity – submitted for \$40,000 on 12/9/25. Decision will be announced in Spring, 2026. If accepted, grant should be available in Fall, 2026.

**New Business**

**Approval of Ripple Effects**

Motion to approve the Ripple Effect for distribution as presented by the Communications Committee.

Motion by Biggar, supported by Chaney that the motion be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Jim reported the Septic Committee met and decided they need to revisit the Septic Ordinance draft in January.

Discussion about possible long term objectives for the Steering Committee include taking suggestions and ideas that will be addressed in work sessions,

**Sub Committee Reports Submitted**

1. Science – Gibson
2. Communications – Gelderbloom added additional emails have been collected as a result of communications in tax statements sent out. Marty Barta has been answering questions on the Facebook page for the HOHL.
3. IT – Panyard
4. Roads – O'Rourke not present. Panyard stated GPS coordinates for road ends are not complete and should be resurveyed.
5. Septic – Ostling

**Public Comments:**

Marty Barta stated we should move forward with the Septic Ordinance.

**Announcements/ Member comments:**

Sue Gelderbloom suggested the Fertilizer Ordinance be investigated by the Science Committee.

Next meeting will be held January 20, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Motion by Walker, supported by Biggar that the Board adjourn at 7:47 pm. Motion carried.

Jim Ostling, Interim Chair

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