

Sanborn Township
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Regular Township Board of Trustees Meeting
August 9, 2021

Supervisor Gauthier called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, roll call found the following present. Supervisor Ken Gauthier, Clerk Gayle Krentz, Treasurer Mary Eaton, Trustee Wayne Liske and Trustee Gary Stephan. Others in attendance included STFD Chief Dale Hart Jr., Zoning and Blight Enforcement Officer Bill Estlack and ZBA/Planning Commission Chairman Rich Prittie. Also present were the following citizens Devin Robinette, Wayne Girard and Charmaine Girard.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Liske to approve Agenda as presented. Supported by Eaton. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2021

Motion by Liske to approve Minutes as presented. Supported by Eaton. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report as of August 9, 2021 presented by Treasurer Eaton is as follows:

AAACU General Account	\$268,348.17
AAACU Money Market Account	<u>\$205,513.96</u>
Total General Fund	\$473,862.13
AAACU Tax Account	\$ 36,657.88
Designated Water Fund	\$ 6,670.93

(Financial Report Continued)

Designated Future Fire Equipment	\$235,032.94
Designated Liquor Enforcement	\$ 200.32
Admin Fee Collected	\$ 2,184.15
Designated Parks & Rec	\$ -0-
Summer Taxes 2021-Levied	\$694,935.11
Summer Taxes 2021-Paid	<u>\$218,648.68</u>
Summer Taxes 2021-Due	\$476,286.43

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE BOARD

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Liske to receive and file A-D which includes Fahey-Schultz News Letter, Congressman Jack Bergman, MTA In person Learning-August Talking-Township Insight, Alpena County Road Commission Minutes and Road Report. Supported by Eaton. Motion carried unanimously.

ROADS

Gauthier stated township projects are in progress. Rich Prittie stated that he has received several complaints regarding Wilds Road. Discussion followed

REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION & ZBA- Chairman Prittie updated Board of Trustees regarding the discussion he and Supervisor Gauthier had with Planning Commission Secretary Jennifer Domrase regarding their expectations of her professional/public/social media conduct going forward in the remainder of her term on the Planning Commission.

(Reports continued)

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT-Chief Hart presented report for July 2021. Medical Responses 26. Carbon Monoxide Detector Alarm 1. For a total of 27 responses in July, which brings the yearly total to 167 responses as compared to 153 responses at this time in 2020. A copy of the STFD Member Response Summary for 01/01/2021-07/30/2021 was provided. Chief Hart will be contacting Dave Abend of Abend Brothers Collision for an estimate of repair costs concerning rust on STFD Engine #1.

ZONING/ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT- Enforcement Officer Bill Estlack discussed on going issue with the Champagne property and a letter sent by Attorney Tim Gulden referencing possible Contempt of Court proceedings going forward. Estlack also discussed Zoning and Blight Ordinance conflicts within our current Ordinances. And requested that the Board approve a meeting between Officer Estlack, Attorney Tim Gulden and Denise Cline of NEMCOG to review and update the ordinances in accordance with the latest Supreme Court Judgements. Supervisor Gauthier stated that he felt it would be cost prohibitive to involve Attorney Gulden in such a meeting at this time. And that he will schedule a phone meeting between himself, Officer Estlack and Denise Cline to review and possibly draft updates for the ZBA/Planning Commission regarding the ordinances in question. A discussion of Disposal Dumpsters in residential areas followed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ZBA & PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE REGARDING APPOINTMENTS -Supervisor Gauthier presented that according to his records multiple appointments are in need of Board of Trustees confirmation. Discussion of appointments followed. Liske motioned that ZBA/Planning Commission Chair Richard Prittie's appointment be confirmed until 2024. Eaton supported. Motion carried unanimously.

(Unfinished Business continued)

Liske motioned that ZBA/Planning Commission Member Gerald Gonyea's appointment be confirmed until 2023. Eaton supported. Motion carried unanimously.

Liske motioned that ZBA/Planning Commission Secretary Jennifer Domrase's appointment be confirmed until 2022. Eaton supported. Motion carried with a vote of 3- yes (Gauthier, Eaton and Liske), 2- no (Krentz and Stephen).

Liske motioned that ZBA/Planning Commission Member Bob Lee's appointment be confirmed until 2023. Eaton supported. Motion carried unanimously.

Liske motioned that ZBA/Planning Commission Alternate Member Pat Sampier's appointment be confirmed until 2024. Eaton supported. Motion carried unanimously.

Liske motioned that Board of Appeals Member Rich Prittie's appointment be confirmed until 2022. Eaton supported. Motion carried unanimously.

Liske motioned that Board of Appeals Member Ken Gauthier's appointment be confirmed until 2024. Eaton Supported. Motion carried unanimously.

Liske motioned that Board of Appeals Member Bob Cummins's appointment be confirmed until 2022. Eaton supported. Motion carried unanimously.

THE BARN- Discussion followed.

AUDITOR LETTER- Discussion followed

TOWNSHIP COVID GRANT/CLFRF- Discussion followed.

FORMER BAYS GAS STATION- Demolition and site clean-up has been completed. With 2 dumpsters of debris removed instead of the projected 1 dumpster. Ron Fortin has requested the Township assist with the expense of the 2nd dumpster charge. After discussion. Motion by Eaton to pay ½ of the 2nd dumpster charge. Second by Krentz. Motion carried with a vote of 4-yes (Gauthier, Eaton, Krentz and Stephan) 1-no (Liske).

SCANNER- Pending

NEWBUSINESS

CARLA GIBBS/DTE/MSHDA- Discussion followed.

HANDICAP FISHING PIER BIDS- Bids were received and opened on August 4, 2021 with Board Members Gauthier, Liske and Stephan in attendance. As well as Rebecca Rivard of Huron Engineering & Surveying Inc. The 2 bids received were as follows:

Tessmer Contracting & Excavating Inc. \$136,000.00

Meridian Contracting Services \$138,500.00

A letter from Huron Engineering & Surveying Inc. dated 08-06-2021 recommending the project be awarded to Tessmer Contracting & Excavating Inc. was presented to the Board.

Discussion followed. Motion by Liske to accept and follow the recommendation of Huron Engineering and award the contract to Tessmer Contracting & Excavating Inc. at this time. Supported by Eaton. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion of the technical/mechanical/electrical problems being experienced in the Clerk's office with the existing printer and battery back-up followed. A quote from 1010 Tech for a new HP Laser Printer at a cost of \$261.25 for the unit was presented to the board by Clerk Krentz. Motion by Eaton to authorize Krentz to sign and submit the quote to 1010 Tech for the purchase of this printer. Supported by Stephan. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Eaton authorizing Krentz to also purchase a new Battery Back-up Unit from 1010 Tech at the same time as the printer so they can be installed by 1010 Tech in the same visit. Supported by Liske. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

None

BILLS

Motion by Liske to approve the pre-authorized bills with check numbers 25082-25097 and monthly bills with check numbers 25098-25124. Supported by Stephan. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wayne Girard addressed the Board regarding the ZBA/Planning Commission Member/Secretary Jennifer Domrase's conduct towards himself, his wife (Charmaine) and Enforcement Officer Estlack. He voiced his displeasure that this member continues to serve on the Commission and that the member has not issued an apology to those involved. Discussion followed.

Adjourned at 8:25 pm, Next meeting will be held on September 20, 2021.