

Sanborn Township
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Regular Township Board of Trustees Meeting
September 20, 2021

Supervisor Gauthier called the meeting to order at 7:00pm 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 Stephen. Others in attendance included STFD Chief Dale Hart Jr., Zoning and Blight Enforcement Officer Bill Estlack, ZBA/Planning Commission Chairman Rich Prittie and County Commissioner John Kozlowski. Also present were the following citizens Wayne Girard and Charmaine Girard.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2021

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report as of September 20, 2021 presented by Treasurer Eaton is as follows:

AAACU General Account	\$293,697.13
AAACU Money Market Account	<u>\$205,566.25</u>
Total General Fund	\$499,263.38

AAACU Tax Account	\$ 10,549.47
Designated Water Fund	\$ 6,658.69

(Financial Report continued)

Designated for future Fire Equipment	\$233,023.41
Designated for Liquor Enforcement	\$ 133.32
Admin Fee Collected	\$ 6,173.12
Designated for Parks & Rec	\$ -0-

Summer Taxes 2021-Levied	\$694,935.11
Summer Taxes 2021-Paid	<u>\$618,702.94</u>
Summer Taxes 2021-Due	\$ 76,232.17

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 Talking Points and Charter Communication. Eaton supported. Motion carried unanimously.

ROADS

No Update at this time.

REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION & ZBA- Chairman Prittie informed the Board that the meeting of 09/20/2021 has been rescheduled to 09/27/2021 and requested that Clerk Krentz post this change.

FIRE DEPARTMENT- Chief Hart presented response report for August 2021. Medical Responses 29. Possible Gas Leak 1. Power Lines downed 6. For a total of 36 responses in August, which brings the yearly total to 203 responses. Hart commented that this is only the 2nd time in his 35 year career with a total of responses greater than 200 for the year. A copy of the STFD Member Response Summary for 01/01/2021-08/31/2021 was provided. Hart also presented an email from Mark Hall-Emergency Services Coordinator of Alpena County.

(Fire Department Report Continued)

Hall is offering a County Partnership to Sanborn Township for new Portable Radio or Pager purchase in the approximate amount of \$1,635.78. Motion by Liske that the township enter an agreement to Partnership with the County at this time for the amount of \$1,635.78 to be matched by the Township and used to purchase 2 New Portable Radios for the Fire Department. Eaton supported. Motion carried unanimously.

ZONING/ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT- Enforcement Officer Bill Estlack presented the Board with his resignation effective 09/30/2021. Which the Board reluctantly received and thanked Estlack for his service as the Enforcement Officer over the past 7 years. Estlack reported that he is currently working on several cases. Rude Rd- Bump and Run Cars/ unable to contact owner. A property in South Sanborn Township that started with a blight complaint which upon investigation Estlack observed a possible Meth Lab and referred the matter to the HUNT Team with an investigation on-going by them. 9887 US 23 South-Squatters/Trash, Estlack was able to make contact with property owner however unable to locate/contact Squatters. Shawlani Ln/ Mark Knight- unable to contact. Estlack also recommends that going forward the Board address several Ordinances with Denise Cline and Attorney Gulden. These Ordinances are as follows: Residential Dumpsters, Garage Sales, Residential Grass Cutting/ Upkeep, Burned or Dilapidated Buildings. Also the conflicting Zoning/Blight Ordinances currently used. Supervisor Gauthier asked Estlack if there was anything that would change his decision to resign, to which Estlack replied no. Discussion followed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Handicapped Fishing Pier- A letter received by Attorney Gulden from Attorney Timothy R. Freel representing citizen Shaun Rogers alleging a property line discrepancy at the Fishing Pier Site.

(Handicapped Fishing Pier continued)

Gulden and Gauthier plan to physically walk the property on Wednesday September 23, 2021 at 2:30 pm. To investigate the alleged discrepancy. Stephen questioned why he wasn't informed of this situation prior to the meeting as he is Project Coordinator for the Fishing Pier Project. Gauthier then invited Stephen to participate in the property walk. Discussion followed.

Krentz reported that she has received a complaint regarding the full dumpster that has been sitting at the Old Bay's Gas Station clean-up site ever since the clean-up was completed several weeks ago. Eaton added that she also has received complaints. Discussion followed. Krentz will contact Sunrise Sanitation and request they remove the dumpster as soon as possible.

Gauthier reported that the Changing Room/Bathrooms at the Beach were damaged by a fallen tree in a recent storm. He has reported the damage to Lappan Insurance who is working with carrier Tokyo Marine to expedite a claim on behalf of the Township. Tokyo Marine has requested photos which Gauthier will provide to them, as well as an estimate of repairs from Tessmer Construction. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Denise Cline/NEMCOG- Gauthier is working with Denise regarding Ordinances and will forward information to the Planning Commission.

Bonnie Fredricks/Gypsy Moths- Letter presented to board from Ms. Fredricks. Discussion followed. County Commissioner Kozlowski questioned possible County involvement using ARPA Funds. Gauthier to follow up with options and present to Board at a future meeting.

(New Business Continued)

Back of Hall Paint- Discussion followed. Stephen to coordinate possible tree trimming/removal and painting of the back of the hall and report to Board at a future meeting.

Krentz questioned Board why the Trustees are not paid on the same schedule as the rest of the Board. Discussion followed. Krentz motioned to pay Trustees monthly on the 1st day of the month with the rest of the Board. Eaton supported. Motion carried unanimously.

Stephen opened a discussion regarding the replacement of Enforcement Officer Estlack. Gauthier will speak with Ossineke Township Supervisor Ken Lobert regarding the compensation model used by them to pay their Enforcement Officer. Eaton motioned to proceed with Advertisement of applicants for the position of Blight/Zoning Enforcement Officer be published in the Alpena News. Stephen supported. Motion carried unanimously. Stephen to draft the advertisement with Krentz to publish when completed.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

None

BILLS

Liske motioned to approve the pre-authorized bills with check numbers 25125 through 25156 (with voided check 25146) and monthly bills with check numbers 25157 through 25171. Eaton supported. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Kozlowski- updates from County Commissioner. New Jail continues to be vacant. Discussion followed

Adjourned at 8:37pm. Next meeting October 11, 2021

