

Sanborn Township
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Regular Township Board of Trustees Meeting
August 8, 2022

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: Angela Carstens, Treasurer: Mary Eaton, and Trustee: Gary Stephan. Trustee Wayne Liske passed away on July 15, 2022. Also in attendance, Dale Hart Jr., Wayne Girard, Charmaine Girard, Rich Prittie, Marc Knight, Devin Robinette, John Moran, Gayle Krentz, Dyllan Vanderveer, and John Kozlowski.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Eaton motioned the approval of the agenda, Carstens supported. Motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES OF July 11, 2022:

Eaton motioned to approve the minutes as presented Stephan supported. Motion carried.

FINALCIAL REPORT:

The financial report as of August 8, 2022, presented by: Treasurer, Mary Eaton is as follows:

AAACU General Account	\$143,471.41
AAACU Money Market Account	<u>\$506,619.96</u>
Total General Fund	<u>\$650,091.37</u>
AAACU Tax Account	<u>\$ 38,323.54</u>
Designated for Water Fund	\$ 6,724.30
Designated for future Fire Dept Equipment	\$204,633.96
Designated for Liquor Enforcement	\$ 682.08
Admin Fee Collected	\$ 2,521.23
Designated for Parks & Recreation	\$ 0.00
ARPA Funds	\$212,804.66
Summer Taxes: 2022-Levied	\$726,410.89
Summer Taxes: 2022-Paid	<u>\$252,160.69</u>
Summer Taxes: 2022-Due	<u>\$474,250.20</u>

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE BOARD:

-Wayne Girard with "L.O.C.K." (Local Ossineke Citizens Karing) received a quote via Deputy Lash on purchasing new signs to put around the community and stated there is roughly \$180.00 available in their account. After some discussion, *Stephan motioned for*

the Township to pay the difference of \$70.00, or less to purchase the new signs. Eaton supported. Motioned carried.

-Charmaine Girard discussed great concern about the Frey residence and a pit bull being near the road, chasing her grandchildren. She has called the Sheriff Department and Animal Control and hasn't received any response. The yard surrounding the house is continuing to add more trailers & campers with people occupying them and the corner house is also now being occupied, for the first time in over ten years. Unsure if the property is also owned by Frey. Concerns also of the pole barn style house being constructed by Tessmer, due to the property's location on the water.

-Marc Knight brought in pictures that were taken today to update the board on the progress of his property clean up, and John Moran also did an inspection of the property. Discussion regarding a red truck (+25yrs old), not exempt but should apply for classic plate.

-Gayle Krentz stated her interest and asked to be considered for the Trustee position.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Stephan motioned to receive and file the consent agenda, including A) Congressmen Jack Bergman, B) Judy Allen: MTA Voting Success, C) MTA Insights, D) Nicki Janish: Housing Director-Alpena County Home Improvement, E) MTA Board of Directors talking points, and F) Alpena County Road Commission. Carstens supported. Motion carried.

ROADS:

State Street needs to be redone, turning into a washboard.

REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION & ZBA:

Chairman Prittie mentioned that the Bird Rehab will be regulated by the DNR. Kevin DeKeyser received his Marijuana Adult Use Sales license from the State of Michigan. Erosion & Flood Plane classes at ACC in September, contact Denise Cline for more information.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Dale Hart Jr. presented the board with the Fire Report for July 2022. The department had a total of 20 runs, bringing the year-to-date total to 166. Engine #2 will be getting the valves replace within the next week or two.

BLIGHT ENFORCEMENT:

Officer Moran provided updates to ongoing violations and court proceedings. He also updated violation letters will now be sent to property owners, as tenants can change and not be known to the township. Noted that he has been to Frey's on several occasions, and a State Rep has also been there to do a soil test, resulting in no contamination. Frey also now has pigs in addition to chickens on the property.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

-HANDICAPPED FISHING PIER: Stephan has received notification from the DNR that the grass has grown to a level that they have signed off and approved the (SESC) Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Permit. There are two trees that will be replaced by Tessmer that

had disease and do not appear to be coming back. *Carstens motioned to close the project and pay Tessmer the remaining \$5,000.00 balance due. Eaton supported. Motioned carried.*

NEW BUSINESS:

-MI COSTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: Training sessions on Michigan Coastal Management available, Stephan will contact Denise Cline for more information. *Carstens motioned to pay per-diem and any mileage for any board members or staff that would like to attend the training. Stephan supported. Motion carried.*

-2022 TAX RATE: Form L-4029 was received from Ted Somers, Equalization Director for Alpena County with the break down of levied property tax rates. Carstens and Gauthier to sign and return for presentation to the Alpena County Board of Commissioners.

-MTA ON THE ROAD: Regional Summits coming to 5 locations, for mini two-day events with important information and updates for townships. These educational sessions are being held in October. *Eaton motioned to pay registration fees, accommodations, per-diem, and mileage. Carstens supported. Motion carried.*

-CARROT TOP INDUSTRIES: All flags that are flown on property owned and or maintained by Sanborn Township must be manufactured in the USA.

-TREASURY-LOCAL GOVT UPDATE: Michigan Department of Treasury is holding an upcoming Chart Chat Webinar on Thursday, August 25th from 2:00pm-3:00pm. Eaton and Carstens encouraged to attend.

-EGLE-JULIE LOWE: Gauthier received notice of FY 22 Q3 Report for The Barn. Lowe also noted the grant is still good for another year.

-NEM COSTAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY-PLANNING & ZONING: Discussion of the two-part academy, a virtual session on Sept. 29th & in person at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center in Alpena on October 6th. *Carstens motioned to allow Board of Trustee members and or Planning Commission members to attend this no-cost training, paying per-diem and mileage. Eaton supported. Motioned carried.*

-WAYNE'S REPLACEMENT: TRUSTEE & ASSESSOR: The Board received letters of interest and consideration from, Dale Hart Jr., Lisa Timm, and Gayle Krentz. Discussion and MTA Authorities and Responsibilities were read aloud.

Eaton motioned to appoint Dale Hart Jr. as a Trustee for the Sanborn Township Board of Trustees until the end of term. Stephan supported. Motion carried.

Eaton motioned to hire Dale Hart Jr. as the Additional Assessor for Sanborn Township. Stephan supported. Motion carried.

Stephan motioned to pay Dale Hart Jr. \$375.00 per week, per diem, and mileage for training until completion of MCAT program and certification. After certification, Hart Jr. will be moved to regular assessor salary. Carstens supported. Motion carried.

-VOTE COUNTING MACHINE: Gauthier received several complaints about the Dominion Tabulator from electors in the community, he as well as multiple others were having issues

inserting their ballot. Carstens and Robinette also received complaints and had several “jams” during the August 2, 2022 election. Carstens had to make several calls to Kurt Knowles from Election Source to “un-jam” the tabulator and had to have a technician come to the precinct to take apart the tabulator to remove a ballot. After the polls called, the absentee ballots were run through the tabulator and to find out at 10:30pm that the machine was over by one ballot. Around 11:00pm the process of processing the ballots started over and at 3:00am the number of ballots in the tabulator matched the number of voters. Reports were done and signed, and results were drove to Alpena County Clerk Keri Bertrand at 4:00am. Carstens will be having the tabulator looked at, so this doesn’t happen again in the November election.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS: None

BILLS:

*Motion by Carstens to approve the pre-authorized bills with check numbers **25671 through 25691** and monthly bills with check numbers **25692 through 25791**. Eaton supported. Motion carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS/BOARD CONCERNS:

-John Kozlowski: APN Regional Airport made changes to their affiliation and flight schedule, resulting in no longer offering a flight to DTW in the am. Alpena County could lose funding if the airport doesn’t maintain at least 10,000 flights per year. Alpena County decided to allocate some of the ARPA funds to upgrade body cams and vehicle cams for the Sheriff Department. The old jail sold to BCUBED with plans for building 3 businesses and creating revenue for the county.

-Angela Carstens: The Renewal of the Sanborn Township Fire Department mileage passed during the Primary Election on August 2, 2022 with a vote of Yes 326, and No 115. Certified Results were taken to the Alpena County Treasurer today. Kevin DeKeyser of Thunder Bay Provisioning notified me on August 4th that he received his Marijuana Adult Use Retail License from the State of Michigan on Wednesday, August 3rd.

-Mary Eaton: Ann Hartdsey wanted to let the township know that all the hard work done around the township and the parks is very appreciated. She also asked if there is anything that can be done about the Frey property.

-Gary Stephan: Big thanks to Devin Robinette for all the extra work put in at Shingaba Park.

-Devin Robinette: Re-installment of the children’s paintings to be re-installed at the Park entrance arch. While doing some minor repairs and maintenance at the Hall, upon request from Carstens prior to the election, noticed that some of the lights will either need to have the ballast replaced, or the fixtures will need to be upgraded.

Adjourn @ 9:10pm. Next meeting: September 12th, 2022 @ 7:00pm.