

**Sanborn Township**  
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**Regular Township Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**September 12, 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, Trustee: Dale Hart Jr., and Trustee: Gary Stephan. Also in attendance, Rich Prittie, Jennie Robinette, Devin Robinette, Carrol Cantor, Jason Cantor, Marc Knight, Art Olson, Susan Souva, Charmaine Girard, Wayne Girard, and John Moran.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

*Eaton motioned the approval of the agenda, Stephan supported. Motion carried.*

**MEETING MINUTES OF August 8, 2022:**

*Eaton motioned to approve the minutes, with a correction in the financial report, Carstens supported. Motion carried.*

**FINALCIAL REPORT:**

The financial report as of September 12, 2022, presented by: Treasurer, Mary Eaton is as follows:

AAACU General Account	\$167,205.04
AAACU Money Market Account	<u>\$506,899.51</u>
Total General Fund	<u>\$674,104.55</u>
AAACU Tax Account	<u>\$201,286.94</u>
Designated for Water Fund	\$ 6,712.76
Designated for future Fire Dept Equipment	\$204,633.96
Designated for Liquor Enforcement	\$ 615.08
Admin Fee Collected	\$ 5,953.04
Designated for Parks & Recreation	\$ 0.00
ARPA Funds	\$212,804.66
Summer Taxes: 2022-Levied	\$724,041.27
Summer Taxes: 2022-Paid	<u>\$596,371.47</u>
Summer Taxes: 2022-Due	\$127,669.80

**CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE BOARD:**

-Kevin DeKeyser of Green Pharm, Ossineke presented the board with a letter including reports from the Cannabis Regulatory Agency. DeKeyser requested the extension of his township medical marihuana facility license to match the State license’s expiration date of

11/22/2022. *Eaton motioned to extend the township license renewal for medical marihuana until the state license expiration date of 11/22/2022 for Mr. DeKeyser. Stephan supported. Motion carried.*

-Marc Knight is asking for clarification on the ordinance regarding “junk vehicles” and is more specifically speaking of his hobby of Bump-N-Run vehicles that come and go from his and his son’s properties. Supervisor Gauthier stated that visibility of these vehicles must be blocked from the neighbors and the road. Knight was advised by the board to check property lines, and to contact Krentz to get a zoning permit for putting up a fence.

-Caroll Cantor received an ordinance violation pertaining to the Amish Barn she recently put on her property. After discussions, the board advised her to contact Krentz to update the permit that was originally issued for the structure.

### CONSENT AGENDA:

*Eaton motioned to receive and file the consent agenda, including A) Congressmen Jack Bergman, B) Senator Gary Peters, C) Senator Debbie Stabenow, D) Foster Swift-Municipal, E) MTA Board of Directors talking points, F) Alpena County Road Commission, G) Charter Communications-Channel Change. Stephan supported. Motion carried.*

### ROADS:

Dust Control Bill received for \$26,684.69.

### REPORTS:

#### PLANNING COMMISSION & ZBA:

Chairman Prittie noted they are continuing to work with NEMCOG and finalizing the details on the updated zoning book. Regular scheduled meeting next week Monday 9/19/2022.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Dale Hart Jr. presented the board with the Fire Report for August 2022. The department had a total of 27 runs, bringing the year-to-date total to 193. Engine #2 has yet to get the new valves due to an illness but should be scheduled soon. Hart received an application for a person who is interested in getting on the fire department and is in the process of doing a background check and will be setting up an interview.

### BLIGHT ENFORCEMENT:

Officer John Moran noted that since March of 2022, there have been 29 violations issued and of those 22 have been closed. Moran presented to the board a letter stating the conversation between himself and Michael Frey, the nephew of the property owner at 3038 State St. Frey is looking to clean up the property and install a fence. Board advised Moran to have the property owner contact Mr. Krentz for zoning of the fence. Moran also presented a proposal to modify blight ordinance and was redirected to be in contact with Prittie and the re-writing of the zoning book. Gauthier noted that John needs to be more accessible by telephone to those who have questions regarding violations, and to no longer list the clerk’s office phone for contact. Gauthier also suggested that a simple conversation with people could help to resolve these issues before any violation is processed.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

## NEW BUSINESS:

-MI LIQUOR INSPECTOR PAYMENTS: Allocation of the quarterly Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) payment for liquor law enforcement grants is being redistributed by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

-MTA-ELECTION UPDATE: MTA is offering a live webinar in their “Now You Know” lunchtime learning series. Live webinar will be on 10/12/2022 at noon. *Eaton motioned to allow Carstens to attend the webinar and to pay registration fee and per-diem. Hart supported. Motion carried.*

-REGIONAL SUMMITS: 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, motion was passed in August for board members to attend, with registration fees, mileage, accommodations, and per-diem paid.

-EGLE-GRANT INVOICES: Notice of State of Michigan’s year end closing process for Fiscal Year 2022, ending 9/30/2022. There have been no invoices for “The Barn” project and quarterly reports have been submitted.

-EGLE-VIOLATION 2<sup>ND</sup> NOTICE: Mark Crevier received his 2<sup>nd</sup> violation notice – order to restore. Site Name: 04-US 23 S Parcel 061-002-000-596-00-Sanborn Twp. Property Location: US 23 S, Ossineke, MI 49766; T 29N, R 08E, Section 02

-DAR-DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION PROCLANATIONS: After discussion, the board decided not to create a resolution.

-SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS: David Rabbideau sent a pro-active letter to the Sanborn Township Board of Trustees and is offering to customize a presentation for the community, and also offered to schedule an in-person meeting.

-BALLOT RESOLUTIONS: Discussion on three proposals that will be on the ballot in November. Proposal 22-1: Proposed Constitutional Amendment of Term Limits & Financial Disclosure, Proposal 22-2: Promote the Vote, Proposal 22-3: Reproductive Bill.

-NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING: The November meeting will be moved from Monday, November 14, 2022. The Board Meeting will now be held on Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Sanborn Township Hall. Additional notice of this change will be posted at the Hall and on our website at [www.sanborntwp.com](http://www.sanborntwp.com)

-BATHROOM AT FISHING PIER: Sherrie Robinette, custodian for Sanborn Township Parks is requesting for the bathroom located at the handicap fishing pier to be closed for the winter, just as the others are. Carstens motioned to close the bathroom for the winter months, in keeping with the consistency of the other parks. Eaton supported. Motion carried.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS: None

## BILLS:

*Motion by Carstens to approve the pre-authorized bills with check numbers **25721 through 25744** and monthly bills with check numbers **25745 through 25760 25761**. Eaton supported. Motion carried.*

## PUBLIC COMMENTS/BOARD CONCERNS:

-Charmaine & Wayne Girard; brought up once again the Frey residence and have also been in talks with Denise Cline about the “grandfather clause” and stated that after that issuance, there was to be no increase to the junk yard. They are also concerned about the yellow house and are looking for guidance on who can inspect the house for safety. Girard’s also brought up some concerns about the missing posts at the cemetery and ORV’s riding through and causing issues.

-Devin Robinette; noted issues on people using the cemetery as a drive-thru passage and are both tearing up the cemetery and causing harm to the grounds. Suggested the US-23 entrance to be closed for the winter by pushing the snow against the entrance. Rich Prittie has been in talks with the Rail about a possible easement.

-Mary Eaton; stated that her battery back-up isn’t working and will be going to Miller Office to get a new one. Eaton also will be getting in touch with 1010 Technologies for them to update her anti-virus as it’s expired, yet the township has paid for the service.

-Ken Gauthier; received notice of an upcoming assessor class that will be held in Tawas on 10/21/2022 and believes it will be a benefit for Dale Hart to attend. Carstens motioned for the township to pay for registration fee, mileage, and per-diem for the class. Eaton supported. Motion carried.

Adjourn @ 8:57pm. Next meeting: October 10th, 2022 @ 7:00pm.