

Sanborn Township
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**Regular Township Board of Trustees Meeting
 December 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, Wayne Girard, Charmaine Girard, Esther Kindt, Melinda Mills, Kathy Medeiros, Rex Allen, Devin Robinette, Jennie Robinette, John Moran, and John Kozlowski.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

MEETING MINUTES OF November 10, 2022:

Eaton motioned to approve the minutes. Hart supported. Motion carried.

FINALCIAL REPORT:

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

AAACU General Account	\$121,969.74
AAACU Money Market Account	\$508,059.67
<u>TOTAL General Fund</u>	<u>\$630,029.41</u>
AAACU Tax Account	\$157,031.50
Designated for Water Fund	\$ 6,689.80
Designated for future Fire Equipment	\$204,633.96
Designated for Liquor Enforcement	\$ 739.37
Admin Fee Collected in 2022	\$ 8,224.74
Designated for Parks & Recreation	\$ 0.00
ARPA Funds	\$212,804.66
Summer Taxes 2022-Levied	\$724,041.27
Summer Taxes 2022-PAID	<u>\$679,378.29</u>
Summer Taxes 2022-DUE	<u>\$ 44,662.98</u>
Winter Taxes 2022-Levied	\$1,352,529.03
Winter Taxes 2022-PAID	<u>\$ 146,786.21</u>
Winter Taxes 2022-DUE	<u>\$1,205,742.82</u>

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE BOARD:

-Mark Crevier: Informed the Board that he received a letter from John Moran to remove construction equipment off of his property, spoke with Building and Zoning Official, Keith Krentz and was told his construction permit is good for 1 year. Crevier also informed the Board that his neighbors, the Girard's had started a petition, stating the intentions for the property and building, without speaking to the Crevier's. The Girard's; Wayne & Charmaine

spoke up and noted articles within the zoning ordinance that was the cause of the concern. After continued back-and-forth between the feuding neighbors, and the Board calling for the yelling and name calling between them to stop, Supervisor Gauthier advised Crevier to ignore the blight letter. He also noted that Krentz issued the zoning and construction permits, and it is an ongoing construction site. Crevier had also applied for special permission from the Planning Commission due to the height of the sidewalls during construction, even though the exterior walls won't be that height at the end of the construction process.

-Esther Kindt: Along with neighbors from the City View Subdivision brought their concerns to the Board regarding a property on Rude Road that has become filled with junk vehicles, campers, trailers, farm equipment, and livestock all on a 300' x 300' parcel. Concerned neighbors noted that several properties are moving things from one property to another, and it's bringing their properties down in value. These residents have lived in their homes for 40-50 years, and value their homes and properties, one resident stated. After some discussions, further enforcement via lawyer and court appearance should increase motivation to clean up these properties. Supervisor Gauthier also noted that the City View Subdivision does have their own ordinance they can enforce, in addition to the Township's ordinance.

-Rex Allen: Thanks to the Board, or whomever fixed the clock. Dale Hart was the one who finally fixed the clock at the corner. Allen also spoke about his concerns with the gypsy moths and the destruction they're causing to the trees in the area. Previous information that has been shared at Board meetings was shared, and further information with DNR and MSU extension office will be had before deciding about spraying.

-John Kozlowski: Spoke with a lawyer in DC and confirmed that he can be appointed to County Commissioner, after he resigns from current position as County Commissioner. Kozlowski stated he is receiving endorsement and support from all elected officials, including the Sheriff. *Stephan motioned for the Board to write a letter of endorsement in support for John Kozlowski to be appointed as our County Commissioner representative. Eaton supported. Motion carried.*

CONSENT AGENDA:

Hart motioned to receive and file the consent agenda, including A) Senator Gary Peters, B) Representative Jack Bergman, C) Foster Swift, D) MI Dept. of Treasury, E) Alpena Intergovernmental Council: 01/12/2023, F) MDNR Road Inventory Review, G) MTA Board of Directors: Talking Points. Carstens supported. Motion carried.

ROADS:

Carstens paid the final bills for the 2022 road projects.

REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION & ZBA:

Chairman Prittie spoke with Denise Cline, and she will be attending the next scheduled meeting on 01/16/2023. She noted the current language in the ordinance book is too vague and suggests a complete review.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Dale Hart Jr. presented the board with the Fire Report for November 2022. The department had a total of 22 runs, bringing the year-to-date total to 270. Chief Hart spoke

with Mark Brown to get an update on the new fire truck, and nothing new to report, as the chassis is due for delivery in April or May of 2023. The valves on Tanker #2 have been updated yet waiting on a seal that also needs to be replaced on the truck. Chief Hart gave a quick rundown of the newly adopted NFPA standards, after speaking with Rob Edmonds and Dough Keogh. Supervisor Gauthier noted that Sanborn Township never adopted the NFPA standards. Hart will be attending a Funding & Grants Workshop in Atlanta on January 19th, to better understand how to apply and get more funding for our fire department.

BLIGHT ENFORCEMENT:

Officer John Moran provided the board with updates to some of the ongoing violations, with dates from start of violations. The board agreed that we need to focus on the big problem properties, including Burnham and Knight.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

-APPLICATION FOR CROSSING GUARD: The Board received only one application for the Crossing Guard position at Sanborn School, in-leu of Diana Nelson’s resignation. Cassie Spicer sent a letter of interest to the Board to fill the vacancy. *Stephan motioned to appoint Cassie Spicer for the Crossing Guard position. Hart supported. Motion carried.*

-MI ASSESSOR’S ACCOCIATION-DUES: Supervisor Gauthier presented the annual dues invoice for Regular Member Membership for the 2023 fiscal year. Carstens to issue the \$95.00 membership fee for the Michigan Assessor’s Association Dues.

NEW BUSINESS:

-MI DEPT. OF TREASURY: Michigan Department of Treasury is offering a program called the Asset Management (AM) Champion starting January 2023 to help any local, regional, or state government employee, public sector asset owner, elected official, or leader form an industry organization ‘champion’ asset management best practices.

-NEMCOG-INTRODUCTION TO PLANNING & ZONING FOR RENEWAL ENERGY: This event, taught by Dr. Sarah Mills from the University of Michigan, is the first in a mini-series for NE Michigan local officials on planning and zoning for renewable energy. The event will be held at the University Center in Gaylord on 01/11/2023 at 6:00pm, free dinner is included.

-MTA: WHAT EVERY BOARD MEMBER SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ASSESSING: MTA is offering a half-day event to provide an overview of the board’s role in assessing including timelines, calendars, and a better understanding of who is responsible for what and why. The event days are 12/14/2022 in Gaylord and 12/15/2022 in Lansing. There is also an upcoming MTA lunchtime webinar held on 01/11/2023 at noon discussing insights into mileages.

-SMJ INTERNATIONAL-VERIZON TOWER: Letter of interest in leasing land from Sanborn Township to put up a tower for Verizon service for the area. After discussion, the board is not interested in the lease of township owned land for a tower.

-JILL OLSEN EMAIL: Olsen sent an email to Clerk Carstens inquiring about spraying for gypsy moths in the spring. She also noted concerns about a fence that is in violation due to height in proximity to the road. This was brought up at a previous meeting and owners are aware of the violation and supposed to be cutting down the height of the fence.

-APS SUMMER TAX COLLECTION: Sanborn Township received a proposed resolution for review to ~~impose~~ collect a summer property tax levy in 2023. *Supervisor Gauthier motioned to deny the request to ~~impose~~ collect the 2023 summer property tax levy proposed by APS. Carstens supported. Motion carried.*

-TAX RATE: Carstens received the Tax Names/Mills Report for Sanborn Township. Gauthier to speak with Ted Somers and will get back to Carstens before signing.

-BOARD OF REVIEW-APPOINTMENTS & APPEALS 12/13/2022: *Supervisor Gauthier motioned to re-appoint T. Whittman, S. Gonyea, R. Misiak to Board of Review. Eaton supported. Motioned carried. Eaton motioned to allow for an alternative date for the Board of Review to be held on 12/14/2022. Hart supported. Motioned carried.*

-ARPA FUNDS: MTA News has an article that is very informative. The township needs some ideas asap to make the best use of these funds for our community.

-9 DAYS OF VOTING: Due to Proposal 2 and the cost that it would have on small townships, there is discussion of early voting being held at the county clerk's office.

-BUDGET: NEXT MEETING: Budget talks will be starting at the January Board of Trustee's meeting.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS: *Carstens motioned for the approval of moving \$133.18 from the Contingency Fund to add to Elections, due to underestimating the total cost for the 2022 election cycle. Stephan supported. Motion carried.*

Upon Roll Call Vote, the following Voted:

<i>Supervisor Ken Gauthier:</i>	<i>Yes: X</i>	<i>No:</i>
<i>Clerk Angela Carstens:</i>	<i>Yes: X</i>	<i>No:</i>
<i>Treasurer Mary Eaton:</i>	<i>Yes: X</i>	<i>No:</i>
<i>Trustee Dale Hart Jr:</i>	<i>Yes: X</i>	<i>No:</i>
<i>Trustee Gary Stephan:</i>	<i>Yes: X</i>	<i>No:</i>

BILLS:

*Motion by Carstens to approve the pre-authorized bills with check numbers **25861 through 25894** and monthly bills with check numbers **25895 through 25922**. Eaton supported. Motion carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS/BOARD CONCERNS:

-Rich Prittie, apologized to the Board for certain remarks made during heated discussions earlier in the meeting.

-Angie Carstens, expressed to the Board the findings of mice droppings in the kitchen area, and noted that it needs to be handled.

-Devin Robinette, updated the Board on the new locks that were added to the changing area in the bathrooms at the Beach Park, and that in the Spring all the gates will have new locks keyed the same.

Adjourn @ 9:26pm. Next meeting: January 9th, 2023 @ 7:00pm.