

**Sanborn Township**  
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**Regular Township Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**January 9, 2023**

Supervisor Gauthier called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. 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, Christina Schroeder, John Moran, and John Kozlowski.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

*Carstens added under New Business, F) County Directory-Update, G) Tim Brown from DHD #4, and H) Planning & Zoning Workshop. Stephan motioned for the approval of the agenda with the additions. Eaton supported. Motion carried.*

**MEETING MINUTES OF December 12, 2022:**

*Carstens motioned for changes of replacing the word “impose” to collect in the APS Summer Tax Collection section, misspelling of Ted Somers name in the Tax Rate section, changing G. Gonyea to S. Gonyea in the Board of Review section, and adding the ROLL CALL VOTE to the Budget Adjustment section. Eaton supported. Motion carried.*

**FINALCIAL REPORT:**

The financial report as of January 9, 2023, presented by: Treasurer, Mary Eaton is as follows:

AAACU General Account	\$193,011.18
AAACU Money Market Account	\$508,555.79
<u>TOTAL General Fund</u>	<u>\$701,566.97</u>
<u>AAACU Tax Account</u>	<u>\$103,078.16</u>
Designated for Water Fund	\$ 6,689.80
Designated for future Fire Equipment	\$218,340.04
Designated for Liquor Enforcement	\$ 672.37
Admin Fee Collected in 2022	\$ 11,964.45
Designated for Parks & Recreation	\$ 0.00
ARPA Funds	\$212,804.66
Summer Taxes 2022-Levied	\$720,314.38
Summer Taxes 2022-PAID	<u>\$684,100.76</u>
Summer Taxes 2022-DUE	<u>\$ 36,213.62</u>
Winter Taxes 2022-Levied	\$1,346,538.24
Winter Taxes 2022-PAID	<u>\$ 522,629.49</u>
Winter Taxes 2022-DUE	<u>\$ 823,908.75</u>

**CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE BOARD:**

-John Kozlowski: Appreciative and Thankful to the Board for the letter of endorsement and support to be appointed for the County Commissioner position. He informed the Board

that he has his packet to present to the Commissioners, along with written support from every elected official in the county. He has also spent hours knocking on doors getting signatures from residents in Ossineke and Sanborn Townships and has around 100 signatures. Commissioners meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2023, at 1:00pm in the Howard-Male Conference Room. Several speakers will be in attendance to voice their support of John returning and being appointed as County Commissioner for District 8 in Alpena Co.

-Melinda Mills: Presented pictures of a property in blight violation located on Rude Rd. The property in violation is located adjacent to her property. Mills along with several residents in the area of the property voiced their concern once again about the amount of junk, cows, goats, chickens, and dogs that is only 305' x 300' in size.

-Esther Kindt: Requesting the Boards approval of issuing a ticket to the property above, in hopes of starting the process of the property being cleaned up. Gauthier stated that the property is ~~in zone R1~~ considered Farm & Forestry and they have the "right to farm". He also stated that he has a meeting scheduled with the township attorney tomorrow (1/10/2023). The MDARD (Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development) might need to inspect for compliance due to the farming on the property.

### CONSENT AGENDA:

*Eaton motioned to receive and file the consent agenda, including A) Representative Jack Bergman, B) Foster Swift, C) Fahey Schultz, D) MTA Talking Points, E) Charter Communications, F) Alpena County Road Commission-Road Reports. Hart supported. Motion carried.*

### ROADS:

Alpena County Matching Funds for Local Road Heavy Maintenance is \$49,466.00 for 2023. Possible projects due to complaints and deterioration are Tolan Road, Margaret Road, and Sampson Road.

### REPORTS:

#### PLANNING COMMISSION & ZBA:

Chairman Prittie stated that there is nothing to report. Next scheduled meeting is next Monday, 01/16/2023. Denise Cline will be attending.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Dale Hart Jr. presented the board with the Fire Report for December 2022. The department had a total of 26 runs during December, bringing the annual total to 296 for 2022. Chief Hart also provided an incident summary for the year 2022, with the majority, 89% of the calls being medical related. Chief Hart presented the board with a quote and information on Stair-Chair, that would not only ensure safety to the patient, but also lessen the liability of possible injury to the first responders. *Eaton motioned for the purchase of the Stair-Chair. Carstens supported. Motion carried.*

### BLIGHT ENFORCEMENT:

Officer John Moran provided the board with an update of the closure of 4 violations. Moran also noted another two ongoing violations, that haven't yet been resolved. Continued discussion of the Burnham and Knight property violations.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

-NEMCOG-INTRODUCTION TO PLANNING & ZONING: An event held at the University Center in Gaylord, tomorrow, 01/11/2022 is the first in a mini-series for NE Michigan local officials on planning and zoning for renewable energy. The event will be taught by Dr. Sarah Mills from the University of Michigan.

NEW BUSINESS:

-MTA CONFERENCE: MTA's Educational Conference & Expo will be held at the Grand Traverse Resort on April 17-20, 2023. All 5 of Sanborn Township's Board of Trustee's plan on attending. *Eaton motioned the board to approve reimbursement for registration, room accommodations, meals, mileage, and per-diems. Stephan supported. Motion carried.*

-CAPITAL CONFERENCE: This event will be held in Lansing on 03/01/2023. It's a chance to meet and talk with state legislators. Supervisor Ken Gauthier plans on attending. *Carstens motioned the board to approve reimbursement for registration, room accommodations, meals, mileage, and per-diems. Eaton supported. Motion carried.*

-BOARD OF REVIEW-ALPENA APlex: MTA is offering 2023 Board of Review training, both in-person and live online. There is an in-person training held at the Alpena Apex on 2/14/2023 for the required 2 year certification for the 2023-2024 calendar years. *Eaton motioned for the board to approve reimbursement of registration, mileage, and per-diems. Hart supported. Motion carried.*

-ALPENA RESOURCE RECOVERY BOARD: The Alpena Resource Recovery Board issued a memo to local officials with an update on the annual Clean Up Day, to be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of May, and the Electronics Day to be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of June. The Board is also requesting funding for the popular programs. *Carstens motioned to approve funding to NEMCOG for the recycling programs of \$1,000. Eaton supported. Motioned carried.*

-ALPENA COUNTY INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL: The next Alpena I.G.C. meeting is being held on Thursday, 1/12/2023, 6:30pm, at Alpena Community College.

-ALPENA COUNTY DIRECTORY: Alpena County Clerk Keri Bertrand sent the listing for the Directory to be updated. Clerk Carstens had each board member review the information that will be published in this year's edition of the County Directory.

-DHD #4-TIM BROWN: Carstens received a voicemail from Tim Brown at the Alpena District Health Department #4 requesting access for the 5 year, type 2 survey. This survey includes inspections of the water, well, and pipes for the Sanborn Township Hall. Carstens will schedule a time to meet Brown for the inspection.

-PLANNING & ZONING WORKSHOP: Clerk Carstens provided Rich Prittie a flyer from the Michigan Association of Planning. There are several workshops with different topics being offered both in-person and online. Chairman Prittie will present the flyer to Planning Commission members at their meeting next week.

-2023 - 2024 BUDGET: Board members started to review current budget amounts, and making notes for next year's budget, continuation of review at the February meeting.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS: *None.*

BILLS:

*Motion by Carstens to approve the pre-authorized bills with check numbers **25923** through **25938** and monthly bills with check numbers **25939** through **25961**. Stephan supported. Motion carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS/BOARD CONCERNS:

-John Kozlowski: Thanks again for the support from the entire board, for appointment to County Commissioner, District 8, Alpena County. John disclosed to the board that no matter what happens, he wants to continue to be involved in his community, specifically Sanborn Township.

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Adjourn @ 10:09pm. Next meeting: February 13th, 2023 @ 7:00pm.