

Sanborn Township
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Regular Township Board of Trustees Meeting
April 10, 2023

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, Esther Kindt, Kathy Medeiros, Melinda Mills, John Kozlowski, and John Moran.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Eaton motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Hart supported. Motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES OF March 13, 2023:

Eaton motioned to accept the meeting minutes with adding “updated maps” to the Doug Baum (NEMCOG) proposal. Stephan supported. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report as of April 10, 2023, presented by: Treasurer, Eaton is as follows:

AAACU General Account	\$326,872.58
AAACU Money Market Account	\$510,124.53
<u>TOTAL General Fund</u>	<u>\$836,997.11</u>
<u>AAACU Tax Account</u>	\$ 4,460.51
Designated for Water Fund	\$ 6,939.68
Designated for future Fire Equipment	\$260,148.69
Designated for Liquor Enforcement	\$ 471.37
Admin Fee Collected in 2022	\$ 20,072.68
Designated for Parks & Recreation	\$ 0.00
ARPA Funds	\$212,804.66

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE BOARD:

-Melinda Mills: Asks the board if they are stone-walling the issues at the Burnham property on Rude Rd. Supervisor Gauthier noted that with the weather conditions, assessing duties, board of review, etc. there wasn't any extra time to walk the property and he is also having an issue with getting ahold of the residents. Gauthier also stated that he has an appointment with the township attorney to discuss the property violations. Mills mentioned she spoke with the resident, Ally Roberts earlier and gave Gauthier her current phone number. Continued frustrations were voiced by several neighbors that were in attendance, as this issue has been ongoing since July of 2022.

-John Kozlowski: Updated the board and residents of ongoing talks at the county level in regards to animal control, recycling authority, and the pool project at the Apex. Talks at the county level also include possible mileage increases for recycling. Carstens asked if

anyone from the recycling authority has reached out to the surrounding counties for contributions, and both Kozlowski and Stephan said it had been mentioned but no action has taken place yet.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Eaton motioned to receive and file the consent agenda, including A) Foster Swift, B) Rep, Jack Bergman, C) Senator, Gary Peters, D) Senator, Michele Hoytenga, E) MTA Talking Points, F) Alpena Co. Road Commission-Road Reports. Stephan supported. Motion carried.

ROADS:

Road project agreements for 2023 that will have a 50% match from the Alpena County Road Commission. There will be a total of 6 projects for a total of \$95,714.00. These projects include, Sampson Road, Behning Road, Lytle Road, Piper Road, Tolan Road, and Wilds Road. *Carstens motioned to approve the agreements for the 2023 season, for an estimated cost to the township of \$47,857.00. Eaton supported. Motioned carried. Board members passed around the agreements for signatures.*

REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION & ZBA:

Rich Prittie spoke with the guy who is trying to get a Verizon tower put up in Ossineke about a potential property. Waiting to hear back from NEMCOG on a schedule for the agreement presented last month. Next regular meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2023.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Dale Hart Jr. presented the board with the Fire Report for March 2023. The department had a total of 20 runs during March, of the calls 16 were medical, 1 controlled burn, 1 false fire alarm, and 2 motor vehicle accidents. Thunder Bay Firefighters Association is having their 1st annual Firemen's Ball on May 13, 2023. Chief Hart spoke with Mark Brown and received an update on the chassis for the new fire truck, and stated that it is now a few months longer out than originally anticipated.

BLIGHT ENFORCEMENT:

John Moran gave a timeline of events on the Rude Road property, stating that the original blight issue started back in July of 2022. State of Michigan contacted property owner and gave a timeline of March 30th, or the state would take control of the animals, but as of today the animals are still there. Prittie asked what has happened with the issues at the trailer park, and Moran stated that he has been in talks with Liske's about two of the trailers. Moran also informed the board that LeSage failed to show up to the court hearing last month.

RECYCLING AUTHORITY:

Stephan attended the latest meeting and handed out flyers about the upcoming CLEAN-UP DAY on Saturday, May 6, 2023. The event will be held at Northern Lights Arena from 8am-1pm. Special exceptions can be granted through the Township Supervisor for extra items.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

-MTA CEMETERY MANAGEMENT: MTA is offering an afternoon workshop event on Cemetery Management and Administration in June. Carstens gave a copy of the brochure to Cemetery Sexton, VanDusen.

-BREAKING THE ZONING CODE: MTA is offering a new workshop to be held in May. Rich Prittie would like to attend the online class on May 18, 2023. *Eaton motioned to allow Rich Prittie to attend the online class. Carstens supported. Motioned carried.*

-SLFRF REPORT: Due: April 30, 2023. SLFRF Project and Expenditure Report due on 4/30/2023. Eaton noted that the format for reporting ARPA funds has changed, but the regulations for spending the funds has decreased. Board members discussed a couple ideas for spending the funds, as the plan will need to be reported by the end of the calendar year.

-STATE OF MICHIGAN LETTER: A copy of the letter addressed to Carl Cripps of N. Rude Road was received from the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. MDARD stated that after receiving a complaint about the property, they would like to schedule a tentative follow up review date of June 12, 2023. A copy of the letter was also sent to the Alpena County Clerk.

-BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

None.

BILLS:

*Motion by Carstens to approve the pre-authorized bills with check numbers **26076 through 26096** and monthly bills with check numbers **26097 through 26121**. Gauthier supported. Motion carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS/BOARD CONCERNS:

-None.

Adjourn @ 8:40pm. Next meeting: May 8th, 2023 @ 7:00pm.