

Sanborn Township

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Regular Township Board of Trustees Meeting July 8, 2024

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, Devin Robinette, Wendy Werth, Alexa Blumenthal, and Margaret Ceslick.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Carstens motioned to accept the agenda with the addition under New Business, H) MTA classes. Eaton supported. Motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES OF June 10, 2024 & June 17, 2024:

Eaton motioned to accept the meeting minutes for 6/10/2024 as presented. Stephan supported. Motion carried. Eaton motioned to accept the meeting minutes for 6/17/2024 as presented. Hart supported. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report as of July 8, 2024, presented by: Treasurer, Eaton is as follows:

AAACU General Account	\$375,761.30
AAACU Money Market Account	\$521,135.79
TOTAL General Fund	\$896,897.09
AAACU Tax Account	\$ 72,209.51
Designated for Water Fund	\$ 6,871.13
Designated for future Fire Equipment	\$201,473.05
Designated for Liquor Enforcement	\$ 998.22
Admin Fee Collected in 2024	\$ 711.94
Designated for Parks & Recreation	\$ 0.00
ARPA Funds	\$212,804.66
Summer 2024 Tax Levied	\$842,312.88
Paid	\$ 72,109.52
Due	\$770,203.36

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE BOARD:

-Wendy Werth: Veteran Banners have had lots of positive feedback from all over the area. Cost, locations and universal appearance along with board members putting up and storing banners was discussed. Criteria for Veteran must be or have been a property taxpayer of Sanborn Township. Mary Eaton will head up the collection to pay for the materials to construct the post for the banners. Residents can contact Wendy Werth for more information.

-Alexa Blumenthal: A resident who lives on Beebe Blvd., and owns a lot next to the Beebe Beach Park. Voiced concerns to the board about the few upgrades to the beach park,

and the rise in usage of the “pocket beach”. Board members and Devin Robinette conversed about the upcoming changes that have been discussed including the renaming and dedication of the beach park to Joe Troy. Fighting erosion and phragmites, along with poles being put up to prevent ATV’s and vehicles from driving onto the beach was also discussed. Stephan noted that a sign with BEACH RULES needs be on site, and trash barrels are needed, Carstens will donate barrels for trash. These updates will be implemented to keep this a beach that families can enjoy for years to come.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Eaton motioned to receive and file the consent agenda, including A) Senator, Gary Peters, B) Congressman, Jack Bergman, C) Fahey Schultz, D) Ballot information, and E) Charter Communications. Hart supported. Motion carried.

ROADS:

-Gauthier: Stumps have been removed from Ossineke Road. Gravel and Chloride projects are currently under way.

REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION & ZBA:

Chairman, Prittie stated that Nico from NEMCOG sent in the updated Rec Plan for the next 5 years. Next regular scheduled meeting is July 15, 2024 at 7:00pm.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Dale Hart Jr. presented the board with the Fire Report for June 2024. The department had a total of 20 runs during June, of the calls 18 were medical. Hart said the smoke house at the Carnival was a big hit for the kids and he will be taking it to Sanborn for the Fire Prevention demonstration in October. AAACU gave the department a donation of \$413.75 and the Chief will be sending them a Thank You card. Hart is seeking the boards approval of a new member, Rhett McDonald who recently relocated his family to Ossineke. McDonald would be on a 6-month probation period during training and certification. *Eaton motioned to hire McDonald on a 6-month probation period. Gauthier supported. Motion carried.*

RECYCLING AUTHORITY:

Stephan reported the cost of both the annual countywide Clean-Up Day & Electronics Day. The banner will be taken down and stored until next year’s annual Clean-up. The authority has received their new truck, that will provide better service for the recycling bins. Ken Lobert resigned from the board and Cindy Johnson has taken the position. Stephan and Hart will be installing cameras that were previously purchased to monitor and fine people up to \$500 for disposing trash and other non-recyclables.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

VETERAN BANNERS: Supervisor Gauthier suggested we keep the banners on either side of Paul & Babe so as not to detract from them. Another suggestion is to put them closer to the Veteran Stone located near the south parking area.

JOE TROY STONE: Stephan gave the board a copy of the phrase that will be placed on a bronze plaque affixed to a stone that will be placed at Beebe Beach Park. The park will be

renamed “JOE TROY PARK” in honor and dedication to Joe Troy and his numerous donations to our community. The stone will be placed on a concrete pad to secure its placement at the park. Curt Doan has offered to donate gravel for the parking area at the park.

NEW BUSINESS:

MTA: HOT TOPICS IN PLANNING & ZONING: MTA is offering evening classes on Planning & Zoning in several locations in Michigan. There is also a class being held on Strategic Planning. No board members are available to attend these classes.

ALPENA COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY: The county is seeking a type of partnership with the townships. Gauthier to get more information about the program.

FOIA REQUEST: Carstens received a FOIA request from Straits Corporation in reference to any licenses, easements, access agreements, crossing agreements, or other agreements of any kind with Lake Sate Railway Company or its affiliates from March 27, 1997, to present. Sanborn Township has no known agreements.

SHERIFF DEPT. REPORT: Gauthier along with other Supervisors in the County were invited to attend a meeting at the Sheriff Department. Sheriff Smith gave each Supervisor a copy of the Statistical Reporting over the past three years and the current year thus far. Smith intends to continue this annually and get feedback from each municipality.

PAUL & BABE PLATFORM: Supervisor Gauthier provided a sketch of the property along with setbacks for powerlines and roads. Discussion of building a platform with possible seating and lighting was offered up by Carstens at the Special Meeting that was held on 06/17/2024. Gauthier will be contacting MDOT & Alpena County Road Commission for approval before seeking professional development drawings from Huron Engineering for the proposed platform.

INSURANCE RENEWAL & ADD-ONS: Board members reviewed our policy with Assured Partners, formerly known as Lappan Agency. The board went over each of the bullet points of possible add-ons and other notable changes. *Hart motioned to renew our policy at a cost of \$14,378.00 for the year with no add-ons. Stephan supported. Motion carried, with Gauthier voting no.* All board members agreed that the township should get quotes from other insurance agencies.

ELECTION COMMISSION: Sanborn Township will hold its Election Commission meeting following tonight’s Board of Trustees meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to appoint the election inspectors for the Primary Election on 08/06/2024.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

None.

BILLS:

*Motion by Carstens to approve the pre-authorized bills with check numbers **26803 through 26821** and monthly bills with check numbers **26822 through 26844**. Eaton supported. Motion carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS/BOARD CONCERNS:

-Devin Robinette: Held a volunteer work-bee at Shingaba the weekend prior to the carnival. He purchased 2 swings that needed repair and replaced them, along with adding mulch. He also scraped the sand that had built up in the parking lot at Beebe Beach Park and cleaned up firework debris at our parks after celebrating Independence Day.

-Gary Stephan: Discussion about a house trailer wanting to be put onto a property on Woodland Way that is owned by Frey.

-Mary Eaton: Cost for banner poles that were constructed by Hart & Stephan came to \$50/each. Eaton will collect and pay bills at Ossineke Hardware.

Adjourn @ 9:10pm. Next meeting: August 12th, 2024 @ 7:00pm.