

Sanborn Township

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Regular Township Board of Trustees Meeting August 19, 2024

Clerk Carstens called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, roll call found the following present, Clerk: Angela Carstens, Treasurer: Mary Eaton, Trustee: Dale Hart Jr., Trustee: Gary Stephan, and Deputy Clerk: Margaret Ceslick. Supervisor: Ken Gauthier was not in attendance. Also in attendance, Rich Prittie, Devin Robinette, John Moran, and Dan Ager.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Eaton motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Stephan supported. Motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES OF July 8,2024:

Eaton motioned to accept the meeting minutes for 7/8/2024 as presented. Hart supported. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report as of August 19, 2024, presented by: Treasurer, Eaton is as follows:

AAACU General Account	\$336,315.05
AAACU Money Market Account	\$522,018.51
<u>TOTAL General Fund</u>	<u>\$858,333.56</u>
AAACU Tax Account	\$ 18,278.75
Designated for Water Fund	\$ 6,857.70
Designated for future Fire Equipment	\$201,473.05
Designated for Liquor Enforcement	\$ 927.87
Admin Fee Collected in 2024	\$ 2,977.80
Designated for Parks & Recreation	\$ 0.00
ARPA Funds	\$212,804.66
Summer 2024 Tax Levied	\$841,451.48
Paid	\$300,657.49
Due	\$540,793.99

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE BOARD:

-Devin Robinette: Shingaba Shores Park has some playground equipment that needs replacement/repairs. Materials to be purchased by the Township at Ossineke Hardware, and labor will be provided by Devin Robinette as community service.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Eaton motioned to receive and file the consent agenda, including A) Foster Swift, and B) MTA Insights. Hart supported. Motion carried.

ROADS:

-Carstens presented the 2024 Dust Control Bill for a total of \$29,361.71 from Alpena County Road Commission with matching funds. *Carstens motioned to pay the Dust Control Bill for 2024 services. Eaton supported. Motion carried.*

REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION & ZBA:

Chairman, Prittie stated that they had a productive meeting in July. Next regular scheduled meeting is September 16, 2024 at 7:00pm.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Dale Hart Jr. presented the board with the Fire Report for July 2024. The department had a total of 21 runs during July, of the calls 16 were medical. Fire Academy is starting the first week of October, and new members Mitch Aube & Rhett McDonald are signed up to take the class that runs 2 times a week through May 2025. Hart is seeking the board to approve spending \$800.00 to buy fire prevention supplies for the Sanborn School Safety week; to be held in October 2024. Hubbard Lake Fire Department will be contributing \$300.00 for this event as well. *Eaton motioned for Hart to purchase \$800.00 in Fire Prevention Supplies for the event. Stephan supported. Motion carried.*

RECYCLING AUTHORITY: Stephan presented a letter to the Board. The letter is titled: "Funding for the Regional Recycling Facility-Alpena". Stephens request the Board to approve the letter for NMMMA to seek authority to proceed with final funding from the State of Michigan, Lansing; for the construction of a new recycling facility that will serve the counties of Alpena, Iosco, Montmorency, Oscoda, Alcona and Presque Isle.

This letter will need to be signed by the Sanborn Township Representative and submitted to Rachel Smolinski, NMMMA Treasurer.

Carstens Motioned the approval of the letter mentioned above to seek final funding for the recycling facility. Eaton supported. Motion carried.

Stephan mentioned NMMMA is seeking to hire an Executive Director to manage Recycling Program. Resumes can be submitted to Rachel Smolinski.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

PAUL & BABE PLATFORM: Stephan will contact MDOT and Alpena County Road Commission to see if planning can move forward on the platform. Charlie Lane volunteered his time to repaint both Paul and Babe, if the township will purchase the painting material. Carstens mentioned she would like to see the word "Ossineke" painted on Paul's axe handle. *Carstens motioned to allow Charlie Lane to paint Paul and Babe with the word Ossineke on the handle and the Township cover the cost of material. Eaton Supported. Motion Carried.*

NEW BUSINESS:

MTA FALL REGIONAL MEETINGS: MTA is offering a meeting in Gaylord on Oct 2 2024. *Hart motioned for any Board members to attend this one-day meeting. The Township will pay for the cost of the class, per diem, and milage. Eaton Supported. Motion carried.*

PRIMARY ELECTION: Carstens reported a total 562 voters participated in the State Primary Election. Early voting had a total of 5 Sanborn voters, Absentee voting had a total 250 ballots received, and 307 voted on election day.

LAWN CARE: Carstens questioned billing dates for lawn cutting at the STFD Hall and Paul & Babe locations. Robinette stated billing was accurate however, dates may be off. Carstens then presented pictures to the Board showing the grass was not cut 4 of the 6 dates Robinette was billing for, during the months of June and July. Robinette abruptly left the conversation and the building. The Board proceeded with the discussion of what dates and locations to pay Robinette. *Eaton motioned to pay Robinette for all services billed, with the exception of the STFD Hall and Paul & Babe locations, the township will only be paying for 1 cut of these properties for each month billed. Stephan supported. Motion carried.*

ASSESSOR OF RECORD / MAILING ADDRESS: Hart mentioned that Ted Sommers suggested that the address for the Township Assessor be changed to PO Box 428, Ossineke, MI 49766. *Stephan motioned to change the address to the Township PO Box for all Assessor mailings. Eaton supported. Motion carried.*

Gauthier is the designated Assessor of Record, and Hart is going to check to see if he can be added to sign certain documents.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:
None.

BILLS:
*Motion by Carstens to approve the pre-authorized bills with check numbers **26845 through 26877** and monthly bills with check numbers **26878 through 26918**. Stephan supported. Motion carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS/BOARD CONCERNS:
-Gary Stephan: Put-Put Fundraiser raised over \$10,000.00 for the STFD & COC. Funds for the Fire Department will be added to the donation fund for future use as needed by the department. The community and local businesses really came together to support this fundraiser. Joe Troy Park: Brass plaque is ready to be installed on the large rock that will be placed at the newly designed park, formerly known as BeeBe Beach Park. Possible dedication to be held Labor Day 2024.
-Dale Hart: Wendy Werth has more Veteran banners and is seeking approval to have them placed near the Veteran Stone at the Paul & Babe site. The board will be removing the banners that are currently up now just after Labor Day, and the site might be under renovations next year. Board members agreed that no more banners shall be put up this year at the Paul & Babe site.

Adjourn @ 8:15pm. Next meeting: September 9th, 2024 @ 7:00pm.