

Sanborn Township
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Regular Township Board of Trustees Meeting
 March 09, 2026

Supervisor Gauthier called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, roll call found the following present, Supervisor: Ken Gauthier, Clerk: Peg Ceslick, Treasurer: Mary Eaton, Trustee: Dale Hart Jr. and Trustee: Gary Stephan. Community member attending, Richard J. Prittie and Tim Gapski

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Eaton motioned to accept the Consent Agenda as written. Stephan supported. Motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES OF February 09, 2026:

Eaton motioned to accept the meeting minutes as written. Hart supported. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT as of March 9, 2026: Presented by Treasurer, Eaton is as follows:

AAACU General Account	\$ 399,977.45
AAACU Money Market Account	\$ 538,839.16
<u>TOTAL General Fund</u>	<u>\$ 938,816.61</u>
<u>AAACU Tax Account</u>	<u>\$ 186,171.25</u>
Designated for Water Fund	\$ 6,920.15
Designated for future Fire Equipment	\$ 302,903.94
Designated for Liquor Enforcement	\$ 170.92
Admin Fee Collected in 2025	\$ 21,858.93
Designated for Parks & Recreation	\$ 2,525.00
Summer 2025 Taxes Levied	\$ 853,394.80
Taxes Collected	\$ 810,657.03
Taxes Due:	\$ 42,719.77
Winter 2025 Taxes Levied	\$1,578,465.87
Taxes Collected	\$1,440,911.34
Taxes Due:	\$ 137,554.53

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE BOARD:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Congressman Jack Bergman
- B. Senator Gary Peters

- C. Senator Elissa Slotkins
- D. New Zoning Laws Proposed
- E. Bridge – Zoning Laws
- F. BS&A Conference
- G. Senator Gary Peters – Direct Spending

BUDGET HEARING & TRUTH IN TAXATION: Eaton motioned to recess the regular meeting and open the budget hearing & truth in taxation discussions for fiscal year 2026-2027. Stephan supported. Budget hearing opened at 7:10pm Roll call Gauthier, Eaton, Hart, Stephan, Ceslick present. Stephan requested to move funding for the purpose of beginning the FY with a balanced budget. Gauthier stated the contingency fund is available for that purpose. No comments from Citizens on Budget or Truth in Taxation. The result of 5 ayes, and 0 nays to except the proposed budget and Truth in Taxation; Gauthier declared the Resolution adopted.

CLOSE BUDGET HEARING & TRUTH IN TAXATION DISCUSSION, RE-OPEN REGULAR MEETING: Eaton motioned to close the budget hearing & truth in taxation discussion, and to re-open the regular meeting., Stephan supported. Regular meeting re-opened at 7:20pm.

ROADS:

Dust Control Agreement was presented.

Eaton motioned to enter in agreement with the Alpena Count Road Commission for dust control. A copy of the agreement is available for review located at the Township Clerk's office and the Alpena County Road Commission office.

REPORTS:

Planning & Zoning:

Next meeting is scheduled for March 16th. A discussion of the Alpena County Plan will be discussed.

Fire Department:

Chief Hart provided STFD (Sanborn Township Fire Department) monthly report.

Blight: No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

US Department of the Treasury Letter – Return unobligated funds

Hart made a motion to pay back the \$426.54 of non-obligated SLFRF funds back to the US Department of Treasury. Eaton supported. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Law firm agreement: Gauthier stated contract for attorney's annual retainer cost has remained the same as last year.

Motion by Hart to accept the retainer agreement and the law firm of Bauer, Florip, & Wojda for 2026-2027 in the amount of \$6,292.00. Eaton supported. Motion carried.

Election Update (informative): Clerk Ceslick provided an update on elections. Sanborn Township has 7 returning inspection workers. Currently all persons are in need of their 2-year certification, which the County Clerk will be providing later this month. Each of the 7 Township Clerks, along with the Alpena Charter Township Clerk and the City Clerk are in discussions to form an agreement to have only 1 early voting location.

Frontier Bill and Contract: The Fire Department bill can be lowered nearly \$40 dollars per month if we enter into a 1-year contract.

Hart motioned to enter a 1-year contract with Frontier, Stephan supported. Motioned carried.

Approval of Budget:

Motion by Hart to approve the FY 2026-2027 Sanborn Township Budget. Supported by Stephan. Roll call: 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. Supervisor Gauthier declared the resolution adopted.

MEETING DATES & TIMES:

Eaton motioned that the Sanborn Township Board of Trustee's meetings for 2026-2027 FY to be held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00pm, at the Sanborn Township Hall. Meeting dates will be 04/13/2025, 05/11/2025, 06/08/2025, 07/13/2025, 08/10/2025, 09/14/2025, 10/12/2025, 11/09/2025, 12/14/2025, 01/11/2027, 02/08/2027, and 03/08/2027. Stephan supported. Motion carried.

RULES FOR CONDUCTING MEETINGS: *BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees rules for conducting meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order as amended. This resolution is offered by Stephan and supported by Eaton. Roll call resulted in 5 ayes, 0 nays. Supervisor Gauthier declared the resolution adopted.*

SALARY RESOLUTIONS: *WHEREAS, according to MCL 41.95(3), in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board; and WHEREAS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the officers is warranted in consideration since township board members; salaries were last adjusted., now BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1, 2026, the annual salaries of the Sanborn Township Board members will be as follows:*

Supervisor:	\$17,040.00	<i>Motion-Eaton, Supported-Eaton</i>
		<i>Roll Call: 5 ayes, 0 nays</i>
Clerk:	\$22,257.00	<i>Motion-Stephan, Supported-Eaton</i>
		<i>Roll Call: 5 ayes, 0 nays</i>
Treasurer:	\$19,522.00	<i>Motion-Stephan, Supported-Hart</i>
		<i>Roll Call: 5 ayes, 0 nays</i>
Trustees	\$ 2,455.00	<i>Motion-Ceslick, Supported-Stephan</i>
		<i>Roll Call: 5 ayes, 0 nays</i>

Supervisor Gauthier declared the Salary Resolutions adopted.

Kimberly Elkie, Director, Alpena County Central Dispatch has offered to provide a presentation outlining the surcharge being proposed for the Special Election in May.

Stephan motioned to not have a presentation to the board concerning the upcoming Special Election. Eaton Supported. Motioned passed.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

No Adjustments.

BILLS:

Motion by Ceslick to approve the pre-authorized bills with check numbers 27867 through 27889, and monthly bills with check numbers 27890 through 27915, along with void check 20906. Hart supported. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/BOARD CONCERNS:

Gauthier suggested a light be installed right at the crosswalk of Sanborn School. Currently the location of the yellow lights are not sufficiently alerting traffic to stop as the children are crossing US 23. It is a concern of a potential accident, and a risk we should not take.

Adjourn @ 7:58 pm. Next meeting: April 13, 2026 @ 7:00pm