

Sanborn Township
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Regular Township Board of Trustees Meeting
 April 13, 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, Ryan Green and Kevin Grulke.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

MEETING MINUTES OF March 9, 2026:

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

FINANCIAL REPORT as of April 13, 2026: Presented by Treasurer, Eaton is as follows:

AAACU General Account	\$ 394,073.08
AAACU Money Market Account	\$ 539,754.16
<u>TOTAL General Fund</u>	<u>\$ 933,827.24</u>
AAACU Tax Account	\$ 10,861.08
Designated for Water Fund	\$ 6,905.47
Designated for future Fire Equipment	\$ 302,903.94
Designated for Liquor Enforcement	\$ 100.57
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 Elissa Slotkins
- C. Foster Swift

- D. BS&A
- E. MTA Talking Points and Planning & Zoning Classes
- F. Treasury
- G. Charter Communications
- H. H. A Little History – Devils River watershed

Hart made a motion except the Consent Agenda. Eaton supported. Motion carried.

ROADS:

- Supervisor, Gauthier is planning a ride-a-long with Road Commission, Thursday April 16th, to evaluate all township road conditions.
- Gauthier mentioned that the latest downpour of rain was approximately 2 ½” inches and has caused some township roads to close. The road commission was able to open a drainage ditch down Nicholson Hill Rd W., to allow redirection of some of the water.
- Gauthier received a phone call with concern of Samson Road having an excess amount of pot holes. He explained that until the frost lifts nothing can be done except drive very slow. After the frost lifts, grading and gravel can be applied according to schedule. Unfortunately, last Fall weather didn’t allow for a good grading of that road.

REPORTS:

Planning & Zoning:

- Chair Prittie stated that they are still lacking 1 board member and is requesting advertising for the vacant position.
- Gauthier will follow up with NEMCOG to get maps associated with new zoning books.

Fire Department:

- Chief Hart provided STFD (*Sanborn Township Fire Department*) monthly report.
- Calls for assistance increased due to the ice storm. Chief stated Sanborn has a great team who came through for our community.
- Chief Hart requested funding to purchase a “trash pump”.

Gauthier motioned the purchase of a new “trash pump” for \$449.98. Eaton supported. Motioned carried.

Blight Report was provided by Stephan. He stated letters are being prepared and sent to the reported Blight violators.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Supervisor Gauthier will continue to get ahold of Tim Kent, to discuss the options for a display of Tim’s donated historical artifacts.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Gauthier discussed an email he had received from one of our inspectors and with little discussion it was determined that the email was a phishing scam and the email needed to be deleted.

2 bids were submitted for lawn maintenance this year for Sanborn Township properties. *Stephan motioned to secure a contract with Green Properties, LLC, Hart supported. Motioned carried.*

2026 ice storm clean-up is needed at the Sanborn Cemetery and Ossineke Beach. *Ceslick motioned to advertise in the Alpena News for bids to clean-up down trees and branch debris from the ice storm at both the cemetery and the beach. The ad will run for 3 days. Eaton supported. Motioned carried.*

The Fire Department bill can be lowered \$38 dollars per month by removing the IWMP (*Inside Wire Maintenance Plan*).

Eaton motioned to cancel the IWMP with Frontier, Hart supported. Motioned carried.

Ossineke Beach pavilion roof is in much needed repair.

Stephan motioned to place advertisement in the Alpena News for bids to tear off and replace Ossineke Beach pavilion roof, as well as replace damage fascia. The ad will run for 3 days. Eaton Supported. Motioned passed.

Shinga-ba Shore Park could use some mulch replenished. Eaton has the contact for the company who has supplied us in the past. She will provide a price list at next meeting.

At Joe Troy Memorial beach; post need to be placed in the ground for the purpose of preventing motorized vehicles to enter onto the beach. Both Stephan and Hart volunteered to dig holes and set the post.

The roof on the back half of Sanborn Township Hall is in disrepair.

Ceslick motioned to advertise in the Alpena News seeking bids for the repair. The ad will run for 3 days. Eaton supported. Motioned carried.

Veteran Flags:

Eaton motioned Sanborn Township will provide Veteran Flags to all of our Veterans buried at any one of our 3 Township Cemeteries. Hart supported. Motioned carried.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

No Adjustments.

BILLS:

Motion by Ceslick to approve the pre-authorized bills with check numbers 27916 through 27945, and monthly bills with check numbers 27946 through 27973. Stephan supported. Motion carried.

No Public Comments/Board Concerns.

Adjourn @ 8:35 pm. Next meeting: May 11, 2026 @ 7:00pm

Board of Elections meeting to follow