

Sanborn Township
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Regular Township Board of Trustees Meeting
June 08, 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 Prittie, Kevin DeKeyser and Dan Ager.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Eaton motioned to accept the Consent Agenda with Gauthier's added items under Unfinished Business: F) Flags across the street and G) Public Newsletter. Stephan supported. Motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES OF May 11, 2026:

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

FINANCIAL REPORT as of June 8, 2026: Presented by Treasurer, Eaton is as follows:

AAACU General Account	\$ 380,116.75
AAACU Money Market Account	\$ 541,587.44
<u>TOTAL General Fund</u>	<u>\$ 921,704.19</u>
<u>AAACU Tax Account</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Designated for Water Fund	\$ 6,890.98
Designated for future Fire Equipment	\$ 302,903.94
Designated for Liquor Enforcement	\$ -40.13
Admin Fee Collected in 2025	\$ 21,858.93
Designated for Parks & Recreation	\$ 2,525.00

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE BOARD:

A concerned citizen brought to the attention of the Board an item and will be later addressed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Congressman Jack Bergman
- B. Foster Swift
- C. Fahey Schultz
- D. Kevin Beeson

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

ROADS:

The Alpena County has blacktop bids out for the Ossineke Road (north section).

Alpena County Road Commission provided 3 proposals. Each proposal shows a group of roads, along with the cost estimate to apply limestone to each of the roads. Proposals are marked either 8A, 8B & 8C.

Eaton made a motion to except the project estimates on 8B. The roads benefiting from this application are: Pratt, Behning, Carriveau, Gehrke and Rude Roads at the cost of \$99,467. Stephan supported. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Planning & Zoning:

Chair Prittie informed Board that NECO will revise the current Zoning ordinance map. Changes to be made are to make each zoning type easier to identify. Once revised, NECO will update the written zoning ordinance to reflect any changes.

Fire Department:

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

Chief Hart expressed his gratitude towards Hope Lutheran Church for their generous donation to the STFD in the amount of \$170.00.

Chief Hart requested Sanborn Township match a DNR 50/50 grant. The grant would help to fund the replacement of their 1 3/4" hoses.

Stephan made a motion spend \$1,500 toward new fire hoses, if Hart is able to secure the DNR 50/50 grant. Eaton supported. Motion carried.

Blight Report:

Stephan provided updates to the ongoing efforts to clean up the township; to include Alpena County wide clean up as well as work he and Hart are doing at Ossineke Beach.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ceslick motioned to renew EMC Insurance's annual policy, coverage dates from July 2026 through July 2027, policy at their proposed quoted price. Hart supported. Motioned carried.

Eaton motioned to get a price quote from Tri-County Insurance Company, in search of a competitive rate. Hart supported. Motioned carried.

Stephan motioned to allow the renewal Thunder Bay Provisioning license. Eaton supported. Motioned carried.

Stephan made motion to pay MTA annual membership & Legal Defense fund. Eaton supported. Motioned carried

Ceslick provided 2026 Millage reduction figures to the Board (*informative*).

Mr. Tim Kent and Supervisor Gauthier did a walk through Sanborn Township Hall; they agreed that there is enough space to build display cabinets that would house Mr. Kents donated lumbering artifacts. Also mentioned is that Alpena Community College has a phone app that will identify & provide history to many of his artifacts. This app can be downloaded & utilized by the public.

Eaton motioned to have Gauthier proceed with display cabinet project. Hart supported. Motioned carried.

Gauthier requested to relocated the veteran flags that are displayed in front of Paul & Babe. In their current location, they are blocking the view of the Paul & Babe structures. It was suggested that ~~the~~ they be relocated in the same general location, just south of the memorial rock. A work be will have to be scheduled to place permanent steel pipes (like conduit) into the ground that would house each flag pole. Eaton supported. Motioned carried.

Sanborn Township Newsletter was updated with the Board's input. Some of the changes: Adding the new location for Early Voting for elections; removing STOP/LOCK program as it is no longer being monitored; updating contact information, scheduling a Shinga-ba Shore's community work-bee.

NEW BUSINESS:

- NEMAA – Upcoming training for personal and Board members.

Eaton motion to approve to cover the cost of \$25.00 to anyone wanting to take the Assessors class. Hart supported. Motioned carried.

- Local MTA meeting will be hosted by Maple Ridge next Monday.
- Gauthier listed some item that need to be addressed at both the Ossineke beach and park. Some items to be addressed are: lawn care at beach, broken toilet seats as well as broken picnic table at Shinga-ba Shores.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

No Adjustments.

BILLS:

Motion by Ceslick to approve the pre-authorized bills with check numbers 28047 through 28060 (incl. voided Ch#28052), and monthly bills with check numbers 28061 through 28091 with voided #28088. Hart supported. Motion carried.

Public Comments/Board Concerns.

A Board of Review meeting will need to be held in July.

Training for the new Cemetery software needs to be schedule.

Adjourn @ 8:55 pm. Next meeting: July 13, 2026 @ 7:00pm