

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Eaton motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Hart supported. Motioned carried.

MEETING MINUTES OF June 8, 2026:

Eaton motioned to accept the meeting minutes as written, with change on page 3 para 3 line 3 replace ‘the’ with ‘they’. Hart supported. Motion carried.

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

AAACU General Account	\$ 392,448.40
AAACU Money Market Account	\$ 542,505.56
<u>TOTAL General Fund</u>	<u>\$ 934,953.96</u>
<u>AAACU Tax Account</u>	<u>\$ 158,213.08</u>
Designated for Water Fund	\$ 7,062.02
Designated for future Fire Equipment	\$ 302,903.94
Designated for Liquor Enforcement	\$ 202.87
Admin Fee Collected in 2025	\$ 1,475.45
Designated for Parks & Recreation	\$ 2,525.00
Summer Taxes 2026	\$ 883,862.20
Taxes Collected	\$ 147,943.05
Still Due	\$ 735,919.15

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE BOARD:

No comments were made

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Congressman Jack Bergman
- B. Foster Swift
- C. Fahey Schultz
- D. Senator Slotkins
- E. Gary Peters
- F. Election Commission meeting to follow this BOT meeting.

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

ROADS: No update was provided.

REPORTS:

Planning & Zoning:

Next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for July 20th.

Commission Chair, Rich Prittie will contact NECO to make further inquiries about the changes they intend to do to the Zoning Ordinance.

Fire Department:

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

Chief Hart received an expressed gratitude from the Family Resource Center for the STFD participation in their annual carnival. Mostly importantly for the use of the smoke house for children and families to experience.

Chief Hart informed the Board that the fire tanker needs to be taken to Grayling for welding to be done on the pumping system.

The fire tanker truck is 24 years old and has been used a great deal. It is at the point of needing some costly repairs and Chief Hart has recommend that we order a new replacement tanker, which could take approximately 4 years to receive.

Stephan made motion that Chief Hart look in the cost and other details of purchasing a new fire tanker truck. Eaton supported. Motion carried.

Blight Report:

Stephan provided updates to the ongoing efforts to clean up the township.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ceslick motioned to update EMC Insurance, to have location 6 removed from our coverage, because in accordance with the Alpena Public School Business office APS has all of the assets on the property covered under their insurance. Stephan supported. Motioned carried.

Gauthier informed the Board of the material and size details as well as the cost needed to construct the display cabinet project.

NEW BUSINESS:

- FIRE DEPARTMENT MILLAGE RENEWAL: Clerk Ceslick provided a copy of the proposed millage renewal as written by the township's attorney. Gauthier requested Ceslick to contact the attorney and make an inquiry: "If the township changes the written millage to include that the money collected in the millage can be spent on the fire departments building maintenance as well as spent on fire

department equipment; and if changing that wordage would change the millage from a *renewal* to a *new* millage?”

It was agreed by the Board that if the response from the attorney was the millage would become a “new” millage; that at this time we would not change how it is currently written and to keep the millage as a renewal millage.

Moved by Ceslick to approve the renewal of the Fire Departments 5-year millage and place it on the November General Election ballot as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Supervisor Gauthier, Clerk Ceslick, Treasurer Eaton, Trustee Hart, and Trustee Stephan. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

- Principals of Governance: Ceslick provided an updated copy of the “Sanborn Township Principles of Governance” to be signed by the members of the Board of Trustees.

Motioned by Eaton to approve the Sanborn Township Principles of Governance”. Supported by Hart. Motion carried.

- The current Election Pollbook laptop is outdated and unable to upgrade to the required operating system. A new laptop will need to be purchased.

Eaton motion to except the bid from 1010 technologies to purchase a new Election Pollbook laptop. Supported by Hart. Motioned carried.

- Ceslick brought to the boards attention a request to look into other CPA firms for the purpose of conducting annual audits. However, it was advised not to spend time doing that at this time.
- A 3-hour MTA training session is available at 3 separate August dates/locations. Training covers Planning & Zoning issues: data centers, renewable energy and short-term rentals + more.

Eaton motion to allow members of the Board to attend and the township would provide the cost of Registration Fee, per diem and travel reimbursement. Hart supported. Motion carried.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

No Adjustments.

BILLS:

Motion by Ceslick to approve the pre-authorized bills with check numbers 28092 through 28116 with voided # 28101 and #28104, and monthly bills with check numbers 28117 through 28146 with voided #28139. Hart supported. Motion carried.

Public Comments/Board Concerns.

- Gauthier mentioned that he asked the groundskeeper to mow outside the fence at Ossineke Beach.
- The Clean-up at Ossineke Beach project was supported by Dinosaurs Gardens and it was reported that over 4k items were picked up and disposed of.

- Shinga-ba Shores clean-up project is scheduled for the evening of August 6th. This project is being coordinated by Gary Stephan. He has received phone calls from the community with very good feedback. If anyone else would like to help improve Shinga-ba Shores, please call Gary at (989) 350-1074.
- Stephan will coordinate the cemetery 's new software training. He will schedule the date/time for each member attending.
- A copy of the current cemetery ordinance was passed out to each Board member for review and to prepare any recommendation at the next BOT.
- July 30th is a Putt-Putt fund raiser at Dinosaur Gardens. This year, the money raised will go to the Partners in Prevention Program.

Adjourn @ 8:50 pm. Next meeting: August 10, 2026 @ 7:00pm