

Sanborn Township
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Regular Township Board of Trustees Meeting
August 10, 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, Jim Farrar.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

MEETING MINUTES OF July 13, 2026:

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

FINANCIAL REPORT as of August 10, 2026: Presented by Treasurer, Eaton is as follows:

AAACU General Account	\$ 363,148.47
AAACU Money Market Account	\$ 543,426.75
<u>TOTAL General Fund</u>	<u>\$ 906,575.22</u>
AAACU Tax Account	\$ 42,927.50
Designated for Water Fund	\$ 7,046.18
Designated for future Fire Equipment	\$ 302,903.94
Designated for Liquor Enforcement	\$ 132.52
Admin Fee Collected in 2026	\$ 2,800.26
Designated for Parks & Recreation	\$ 2,525.00
Summer Taxes 2026	\$ 883,862.20
Taxes Collected	\$ 280,209.94
Still Due	\$ 603,652.26

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE BOARD:

A neighboring resident, Jim Farrar recently visited Sanborn Cemetery and came to the BOT meeting to request the United State flags be updated on all the veterans grave sites.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Congressman Jack Bergman
- B. Foster Swift
- C. Fahey Schultz
- D. Senator Elissa Slotkins
- E. Senator Gary Peters

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

ROADS:

Gauthier announced that the Ossineke Road pavement project is going well.

REPORTS:

Planning & Zoning:

No Report

Fire Department:

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

STFD has responded to 29 runs during the month of July, bringing the total of 210 runs this year to date

This compares to a total of 156 runs last year to date.

Calls included medical, house fire mutual aid assist Alpena Township, a Bob Cat fire and one false call on a medical alarm activation.

Last week the STFD had a walkthrough of Ossineke Industries, which gives them an idea of how the floor plan is laid out and where the power and gas lines are located; as well as other things to look out for.

Blight Report:

Stephan provided updates to the ongoing efforts to clean up the township. Rude Rd areas are getting better and Liske is cleaning up the trailer park on Oss/State Rd.

Shinga-ba Shores had their clean-up, as announced in the annual Township Newsletter. A very big THANK YOU to all the resident volunteers who stepped in to help. The refresh of paint sure makes a wonderful difference to how it looks, as well as preserves the hard work of those before us. Many hands sure makes for light work.

Thanks again for Gary Stephan for leading the charge.

The plan for next year is to freshen the grounds with new cover.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Township Insurance's policy. The current insurance agent has a new proposal to share with the Board. The new proposal is underwritten by a different carrier and is showing a significant cost savings.

Stephan motioned to have Ceslick schedule a Special Meeting to have the insurance agency provide a proposal to for the Board to review. Hart supported. Motioned carried.

No updates on the display cabinet at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Sanborn Township received a Court Legal Notice: "RVC Pipe Antitrust Litigation Case" which was review and determined it did not pertain to the hardware we have installed.

- Ceslick provided a summarized Election report to the Board.
- What went right was that we had a large turnout for the Primary election.
- What didn't go well, was that the humidity was quite high causing the ballot tabulator to not except ballots for approx. 2 hours. Steps were taken to counter the humidity and luckily the tabulator began excepting ballots again, to include the ballots that the electors had dropped in the auxiliary bin. Unfortunately, this incident was not favorable to some residents who expressed their preference to tabulate their own ballot. The ST Board agreed to get price quotes from heating/cooling business' and see if it is cost effective to install an A/C unit in the township hall to prevent this from happening at future elections.

- MTA is offering a class titled: "Emerging Issues in Emergency Services"

Eaton motioned to have Hart and another Fire Department member attend the class on Sept 9th and that the cost of Registration, per diem, lodging and travel would be reimbursed. Stephan supported. Motioned carried.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

No Adjustments.

BILLS:

Motion by Ceslick to approve the pre-authorized bills with check numbers 28148 through 28167 (incl. voided Ck#28163 & voided deposit #5388), and for the approval of monthly bills of check numbers 28168 through 28219 with voided #28172, 28195-28203. Eaton supported. Motion carried.

Public Comments/Board Concerns.

- Training for the new Cemetery software has been scheduled for Aug 13th at 1:00pm ST Hall. TriMedia will provide all training material. Audience will be Lynda VanDusen, Peg Ceslick, Gary Stephan and Dale Hart.
- Charlie Lane plans to place a fresh coat of paint on Paul and Babe.
- Ceslick unable to be present for Sept 14th BOT meeting. All agreed to hold the next meeting Tuesday Sept 15th at regular scheduled time of 7:00pm.

Adjourn @ 8:30 pm. Next meeting: Tuesday Sept 15, 2026 @ 7:00pm