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Regular Township Board of Trustees Meeting
Sept 15, 2026

Supervisor Gauthier called the meeting to order at 6:58 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, J. P. Ritter, Barbara May, Dayna & Matt Barbeau, Beth Olsen, Matt Barkley, John Kozlowski, Angie & Jerry Piper.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Ceslick motioned to except the agenda with the addition of 2 items. Item 1. New, D "MFP's repair". Item 2. New, "Leage of Women Voters". Eaton supported. Motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES OF Aug 10th, 2026:

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

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF Aug 19th, 2026:

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

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FINANCIAL REPORT as of ~~January~~ 12, 2026:

Presented by Treasurer, Eaton is as follows:

AAACU General Account	$ 340,227.91
AAACU Money Market Account	$ 544,349.52
TOTAL General Fund	$ 884,577.43
AAACU Tax Account	$ 385,042.49
Designated for Water Fund	$ 7,030.69
Designated for future Fire Equipment	$ 302,903.94
Designated for Liquor Enforcement	$ 720.17
Admin Fee Collected in 2025	$ 7,737.04
Designated for Parks & Recreation	$ 2,525.00
Summer 2026 Taxes Levied	$ 883,862.20
Taxes Collected	$ 775,252.12
Taxes Due:	$ 108,610.08

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE BOARD:

An EM *(Emergency Management)* representative for Alpena County, J.P. Ritter, requested the Board to consider their needs to set up a shelter in place for Sanborn residence, in a case of emergency. The EM is offering items to assist in the set up; cots as well as a used 60 kW, diesel powered generator.

Cousineau plumbing and heating provided a bid to install a water heater into the rental.

Ms. May stated she would like to replace the water heater herself, and stay in the rental until Spring 2027.

D. Barbeau requested Sanborn Township take a closer look at the terrible road conditions on a particular short stretch of Piper Road. Traffic has increased over the years which has led to deeper potholes and riskier driving conditions. Lately, the attempts made by Alpena Road Commission only last until the next rain. The problem is getting worse each year and is a hazard to the wellbeing of area residents.

B. Olsen confirmed how bad the road conditions are on Piper Road. She also posed the question "why is the speed limit 55 through the dirt portion of Piper Road and in Alpena, on the paved section the speed limit is 35?"

Supervisor Gauthier stated that he will address this issue with the Alpena County Road Commission. They will have a discussion to see what solutions are available and affordable. Gauthier pointed out that the stretch of road rarely dries out. If trees were cut down, mother nature could assist with a long-term solution.

The Pipers are still struggling with the noise level from their neighbor. They have tried to find a resolution but thus far they have been unsuccessful. They stated that because this issue is so disruptive to their lives, they intend to continue efforts to find legal recourse, which may be to go through the landlord instead of the tenant.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Congressman Jack Bergman
B. Fahey Schultz Newsletters
C. Senator Elissa Slotkin
D. Dan Hibner – Tire Recycling

Eaton motioned to file consent agenda. Hart supported. Motion carried.

ROADS:

Continued gravel road projects have been underway. Check out the corner of US23 and Hubert Rd. The ditching and culvert work has made significant improvement to that intersection.

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A. Planning & Zoning: Chair Richard Prittie noted their Board is continuing the stay "in the know" of the changes being made to the Alpena County Master Plan. Their next scheduled meeting is Monday Sept 21st, 7:00 at Sanborn Township Hall.

B. Fire Department:
- Chief Hart provided STFD (Sanborn Township Fire Department) monthly report. Chief Hart stated the Fire Department will be conducting their annual "Fire Prevention" demonstration at Sanborn Elementary School the 1st week of October. The team looks forward to teaching the elementary age students about fire safety and its prevention.

C. Blight – An update was provided.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Topic - Kent display case project– Gauthier is in discussions with a local resident that may have some rough sawn building material to be used as part of the display case.

B. A discussion to the limited options of where best to display the veteran flags. Some residents are ok with the veteran flags being placed along the fence in front of Paul and Babe and others feel that placing the flags in that location creates a very busy corner display and would like to see the flags relocated.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bright House Retirement plan handout was provided to each of the Board members. A copy of their handout is available to any current ST Bright House plan recipient. Contact the plan administrator, Clerk Ceslick for a copy.

B. NEMCOG provided a booklet of their agency's history and projects.
NEMCOG also provided a 2027 pricelist for their cost of membership and current services.

C. Gauthier proposed a tree clearing project that he would like to talk with Gene Domrose about. The project lays inside the fence line of Sanborn cemetery. The trees in question are an area at the south end lot between the south lane to the south fence as well as the woods between the west lane to the west fence.

Hart motioned to make an inquiry with Gene Domrose for the removal of the southern and westside trees inside the cemetery fencing. Stephan supported. Motion carried.

D. Ceslick would like to utilize the services of Miller Office to trouble shoot two MFP's, located in the Township building. Neither printer is currently under a service contract. There are no other printer servicing companies available in our area. The touchscreen stopped working on the printer in the hallway, and the Clerk's office printer will jam if trying to make a double sided copy; also, the front load feeder grabs an insufficient amount of documents ~~where~~ when printing checks. If fixing either of the machines is too costly, the next step will be to get price quotes for a replacement.

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E. The Leage of Women Voters is requesting use of the Sanborn Township Building for 1hour presentation followed by Q & A time, for the purpose of informing voters on their voting rights as well as to inform the residents of the changes that have occurred in the election process over the last few election cycles.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

No Adjustments.

BILLS:

Motion by Ceslick to approve the pre-authorized bills with check numbers 28220 through 28238. and monthly bills with check numbers 28239 through ~~27823~~ 28268. Stephan supported. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/BOARD CONCERNS:

- Stephan passed out "At A Boy" to Wayne & Sharmane for Beach cleanup. 12 tractor loads were removed from the beach.
- A very large hole was dug next to the pavilion and left there. Joe Brisson took it upon himself to fill the hole back in, so not to create a safety incident.
- To the volunteers that helped with the painting project at Shinga-ba-Shores; your help was needed and very much appreciated. We thank all of you for your support and interest in keeping our township a better place.

Adjourn @ 8:59 pm. Next meeting: October 12, 2026 @ 7:00pm

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