Sanborn Township
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Regular Township Board of Trustees Meeting
Oct 12, 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, Jerry & Angela Piper, Jeff Thomas and Jake Przysieck.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Eaton motioned to except the agenda with the correction of the numbering #12 - # 16 to read # 12 - #15 also, addition 12B New Business: MI Doc Destruction. Stephan supported. Motioned passed.

MEETING MINUTES OF Sept 15th, 2026:

Eaton motioned to accept the meeting minutes as written with grammar corrections on page 2, 3 and 4. Hart supported. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT as of October 12, 2026:

Presented by Treasurer, Eaton is as follows:

AAACU General Account	$ 313,399.00
AAACU Money Market Account	$ 545,244.03
TOTAL General Fund	$ 858,643.03
AAACU Tax Account	$ 11,862.06
Designated for Water Fund	$ 7,013.78
Designated for future Fire Equipment	$ 302,903.94
Designated for Liquor Enforcement	$ 649.82
Admin Fee Collected in 2025	$ 8,084.51
Designated for Parks & Recreation	$ 2,525.00
Summer 2026 Taxes Levied	$ 883,862.20
Taxes Collected	$ 810,180.73
Taxes Due:	$ 73,681.47

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE BOARD:

No Comment

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CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Congressman Jack Bergman
B. Fahey Schultz
C. Foster Swift
D. Senator Gary Peters
E. Rep Cam Cavit
F. MTA Board Talking Points
G. Alpena County Governmental Council
H. Alpena County MTA Chapter Meeting – Oct 19th, 6pm

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

ROADS:

Gauthier provided progress of the ditching and culvert project, located at the corner of US23 & Hubert Rd. Note: There is a final step before the project is complete.

REPORTS:

A. Planning & Zoning: Chair Richard Prittie noted he plans to attend the Data Center briefing provided by NEMCOG this Friday, in Lincoln.

B. Planning Commission's next scheduled meeting is Monday Nov 16th, 7:00 at Sanborn Township Hall.

C. Fire Department:
- Chief Hart provided STFD (Sanborn Township Fire Department) monthly "run report".
- Chief Hart stated STFD was accompanied by the Hubbard Lake Fire Dept. at the annual Fire Prevention demonstration at Sanborn Elementary School. The team talked to approximately 200 kids. The kids had a chance to spray water.
- Hubbard Lake FD donated $300.00 to STFD to be applied to the cost of their annual joint Fire Prevention demonstration.
- Chief Hart along with the help of firefighter Rob Edmonds applied for the $50,000 grant. They don't expect to hear if they will be awarded any amount until around March of 2027.
- Chief Hart has signed up for the "Knox Box" program. Businesses and residents can purchase a lock box to mount outside their building/structure. The owner will place an entry key to their building/premises. The STFD will have a key to the lock box. For more information, please call Chief Hart (989) 471-2835.
- Chief Hart requested to purchase a dry erase board to be used at training sessions.

Eaton motioned for the Fire Dept to purchase a dry erase board for training purposes. Stephan supported. Motioned carried.

D. Blight – An update was provided by Stephan.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Gauthier stated that Dave McQuarrie is interested in donating rough sawed lumber for Kent display case project.

B. Talks continue on the topic to except a generator from the county for the purpose of having an emergency day time warming shelter. The discussion addressed creating a concrete pad with a roof to house the generator, also to find a location away from the entry door and vent fans to prevent fumes entering into the building, the maintenance responsibilities, as well as an agreement letter signed by a member of Alpena County/ST Supervisor/ST Clerk. Stephan will follow up with a county agreement template.

Hart motioned to move ahead with plans to except the generator offered by Alpena County for the purpose of providing an emergency daytime warming shelter. Eaton supported. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

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A. The Board interviewed Jerry Piper for the position of "Member" of the Sanborn Township Planning Commission.

Eaton motioned to appoint Jerry Piper in the position of "Member" of the ST Planning Commission. Hart supported. Motioned carried.

B. Ceslick requested to use Michigan Confidential Document for cleanup of stored retention documents.

Hart motion to use Michigan Confidential Document for record retention clean up. Eaton supported. Motion carried.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

No Adjustments.

BILLS:

Motion by Ceslick to approve the pre-authorized bills with check numbers 28269 through 28288, and monthly bills with check numbers 28289 through 28327. Eaton supported. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/BOARD CONCERNS:

- Public comments where heard.

Adjourn @ 7:55 pm. Next meeting: Nov 9, 2026 @ 7:00pm

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