

## A.C.T. – N.O.W.

### Advisory Community Team – Neighbors On Watch

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 10, 2026

Meeting was called to order by Chair John Ellis at 10:04 am

Members Present: John Ellis, Mike Briggs, Julie Hill, Bob Barber, Sharon Zacny (TX), Ralph Rowland, Stanley Baysdell, Patrick Mrosz, Chief Eric Muszynski

Absent: Carlos Jean-Francois, Sgt. John Ellis

#### MINUTES

- Julie Hill presented the published meeting minutes from the March 6, 2026 Executive Board meeting. Ralph Rowland made a motion to accept the minutes as published, support by Bob Barber. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

#### TREASURERS REPORT

- Treasurer Bob Barber submitted the following published report for MARCH 2026 (9<sup>th</sup> month of the 2025-2026 fiscal year) SEE ATTACHED REPORT:

Checking Acct.	\$ 9,369.60
Savings Acct.	\$ 287.83
MMA	\$16,211.14
CD	\$10,265.72
Pending Deposit (+)	\$ 300.00
<u>Petty Cash</u>	<u>\$ 248.97</u>
TOTAL	\$36,683.26

- Motion by Mike Briggs to accept the March 2026 Treasurer's Report as submitted. Support by Ralph Rowland, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
- Bob also presented an updated 2025-2026 Budget Spreadsheet (attached).

#### CORRESPONDENCE

***(All correspondence was given to Secretary to be attached with meeting minutes or filed)***

- Group email regarding Houghton Lake Rotary Auction Donation. Had a motion made by Mike Briggs and support by Sgt. John Ellis to donate a \$100 Gift Basket from Fifth Street Wines for the Houghton Lake Rotary Auction which will take place on April 25, 2026. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried. Julie will make arrangements for gift basket or certificate or sponsorship if there is not enough time to get a basket.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Roscommon Youth Football and Cheerleading Golf Outing Sponsorship request. There are four different levels. John Ellis made a motion that ACT NOW do a \$100 "Par Sponsor" for the event. Support by Bob Barber, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
- Thank you from the Roscommon County Sheriff's Auxiliary for sponsoring their annual Bowling Fundraiser.

- Thank you letter from the Roscommon County Literacy Council for our annual donation to the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.
- Sponsorship request from Gerrish Fire/EMS Chief Kristi Gilliam for the "Walk for the Red" fundraiser that will take place in July. Several levels of sponsorships available. John Ellis made a motion that ACT NOW do a \$500.00 Sponsor for this event. Support by Bob Barber, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
- Donation check received from Fidelity Charitable on behalf of Barry & Lee Ann McGinnis for \$2,500.00 to be used where it is needed most. Julie will make sure a Thank you gets sent to them for this very generous donation.
- Online donation from M. Blankenbuehler in Memory of Mary Link. More donations were received after the meeting agenda was completed. Julie will make sure donors receive a thank you note and that family is notified of any donations that do not come directly from them.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Bowling Tournament Fundraiser will be held on 04/11/26 at Noon at Fred's of Roscommon. Registration will begin at 11:30 am. We have all 8 teams reserved. Volunteers can arrive at Fred's between 10:45-11:00 am. We currently have \$1400.00 in lane sponsorships and 10 prizes for our raffle.
- Thank you to Pat Mrosz for installing the decals/lettering all the way around the new Scrap Metal Trailer. He also put wood rails along the top sides to protect the trailer sides. We will put the trailer in place next week and open the Scrap Metal Project. Chief Muszynski and Pat will hang donation box and sign on the fence behind the trailer.
- ACT NOW members will present the Gerrish Township Parks & Recreation committee our dedicated \$3,000.00 donation for the Spinner playground equipment that was approved at our September 2025 board meeting. The check and "big" check will be presented at the May 12<sup>th</sup> Gerrish Township Regular Board Meeting. Anyone who would like to come to that meeting to represent ACT NOW are welcome for a photo opportunity.
- 2026 Scholarship synopsis was reviewed (there were 6 applicants this year). After some discussion, Mike Briggs made a motion that ACT NOW award three \$1,000.00 scholarships this year and that they go to Applicant #1, #2, and #3. Support by Ralph Rowland, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried. Anyone who would like to attend the RHS Senior Awards Night on 05/04/26 at 6:30 pm at the high school auditorium are welcome to represent ACT NOW.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Note change of date for the Torch Run from 09/08/26 to 09/15/26. Run week will always be the second full week of September.
- Discussed memorial ideas for Mary Link as she was such a long-time activist with ACT NOW, the community, Higgins Lake and Gerrish Township. After some discussion, John Ellis made a motion that ACT NOW spend up to \$1,200.00 for a Pollywood composite "Memory Bench" through Gerrish Township Parks & Recreation that will include an engraved plaque and a concrete foundation under it. Support by Ralph Rowland, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried. The Township has given permission to put the bench butted up to the walkway that leads to the Township Offices on the south side and

facing north. We will include both Mary's service with ACT NOW and as Trustee for the Township. Julie will make the arrangements and complete the order form.

- Received a request from Kaye Sherwood of the Roscommon County Genealogy Society to do a short presentation at an upcoming meeting as they are campaigning for donations for their building fund. Everyone agreed that they could have 10 minutes at the beginning of our meeting on May 1, 2026. Julie will follow-up with Kaye and let her know.
- Make sure spring road clean-up is on your calendar for 05/14/2026 at 4:00 pm start at PD. We will have pizza and pop afterwards for the volunteers.

### **CERT UPDATE (Mike Briggs)**

- Several members attended the annual Pipeline Training in Grayling on 03/18/26.
- Three members attended the March First Aid/CPR/AED training to get their certification cards.
- Five volunteers worked the monthly Food Distribution on 03/28/26. Next truck is 04/25/26.
- Sgt. Ellis and Mike Briggs attended the 7<sup>th</sup> Region Citizen Corp. quarterly Zoom meeting on 03/03/26. Next quarterly meeting is scheduled for 06/02/26.
- Disaster Assessment training for June is still currently in the works.
- CERT Trailer inventory is complete and Mike will be compiling a spreadsheet.
- Terri Mrosz volunteered to sit at the PD during the ice storm and after to keep the building staffed as a warming station and hand out food and water supplied by Roscommon County Emergency Management. Bob Barber assisted putting together food boxes at the Roscommon County Sheriff's Office for the warming stations.
- PD may need some CERT traffic/pedestrian control for May 1<sup>st</sup> which is the first day that Short Term Rental applications will be accepted. Not sure on what to expect as it is first-come first-serve to fulfil the allotted number of applications that will be accepted for 2027.
- Mark your calendars for the annual Sunrise Run that is scheduled for 06/20/26.

### **OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Discuss hole sponsorship for Roscommon County Genealogy Golf Outing at next meeting.

### **NEXT REGULAR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

- Next Executive Board Meeting will be May 1, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the Gerrish Township PD.

There being no further business to discuss, Mike Briggs made a motion to adjourn the meeting, support by John Ellis, all in favor, none opposed. Chair John Ellis adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Julie Hill*

Julie Hill, ACT-NOW Secretary