

## A.C.T. – N.O.W.

### Advisory Community Team – Neighbors On Watch

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 1, 2026

Meeting was called to order by Chair John Ellis at 09:59 am

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

Absent: Carlos Jean-Francois

#### **Special Presentation**

Guest speakers Kaye Sherwood and Donnie Boursaw from the Roscommon County Genealogy Society. Looking for community assistance for their new building fund campaign, they are currently leasing a building in Prudenville that will end at the end of this year. They shared what services they provide and that they have been a non-profit organization since 1999. Gave their background, staffing, impact statement and that they are seeking partnerships with other counties and historical societies to bring in programs and presentations with a long-term goal of becoming the largest genealogy center in Northern Michigan. Their focus is to preserve history for future generations.

#### **MINUTES**

- Julie Hill presented the published meeting minutes from the April 10, 2026 Executive Board meeting. Ralph Rowland made a motion to accept the minutes as published, support by John Ellis. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

#### **TREASURERS REPORT**

- Treasurer Bob Barber submitted the following published report for APRIL 2026 (10<sup>th</sup> month of the 2025-2026 fiscal year) SEE ATTACHED REPORT:

Checking Acct.	\$13,165.06
Savings Acct.	\$ 287.83
MMA	\$16,218.02
CD	\$10,299.97
Pending Deposit (+)	\$ 132.52
<u>Petty Cash</u>	<u>\$ 416.47</u>
TOTAL	\$40,519.87

- Motion by Julie Hill to accept the April 2026 Treasurer's Report as submitted. Support by Sgt. John Ellis, 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)***

- Spring Newsletter from Oasis of Hope.
- RHS Email Scholarship Award Form Submitted 04/15/26.

- Email request from DHHS for a \$63.00 reimbursement for a Foster Child summer softball fee (check picked up on 04/20/26).
- Invoice \$500.00 for pre-cast concrete foundation installed for Mary Link's Memorial Bench from St. Helen Roscommon Monument.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Bowling Tournament Fundraiser was a great success. We raised \$2,532.50, had 40 bowlers (8 teams), 10 prizes for the Chinese Raffle, 12 Lane Sponsors, 9 volunteers. Sold 1,078 50/50 Raffle Tickets for a total of \$705.00. ACT NOW got ½ and winner (Julie Hill) donated \$200.00 back for a total of \$552.50 to ACT NOW. Photos, winning teams, lane sponsors, prize donors, and more information available on our website.
- Reminder that May 12<sup>th</sup> we will present our \$3,000.00 donation check (with a BIG check) to the Gerrish Township Parks & Recreation Committee to go towards the new spinner playground equipment that was recently installed in the Gerrish Municipal Park behind the hall. If anyone would like to attend and be in the photo, the meeting starts at 7:00 pm.
- The Memorial Bench for Mary Link has been ordered on 04/16/26 and arrangements are being made for a pre-cast concrete foundation to be installed under the bench. The township board will mark the location for the placement of the bench on the south side of the entry walkway to their building and it will face the north. The bench has an approximate delivery date of six weeks, and the installation of the foundation will be 3-4 weeks. Julie has sent thank you notes out to all of those that donated funds to ACT NOW in memory of Mary from her service.
- Spring Road Clean-Up is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm, starting at Gerrish PD. Pizza and pop will be served afterwards to all volunteers. Sign-up sheet is in the PD meeting room on the board, please sign up so we know how many to expect. Julie will pre-order the pizzas and arrange for pick up at 4:30ish on 05/14/26 and will also have beverages and supplies stocked and ready to go.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Discussed a donation to the Roscommon County Genealogy Society Golf Outing Fundraiser. They have just one level of sponsorship for \$100.00. John Ellis made a motion that ACT NOW donate \$100.00 for the event. Support by Sgt. John Ellis, all in favor, motion carried.
- After hearing the presentation from the Genealogy Society at the beginning of the meeting and asking some questions, there was discussion on a donation to the society for assistance with their down payment on a possible land contract building purchase. Everyone would like to support their efforts but felt that more information was needed as to the exact purchase price and they were not sure yet about a permanent location. Thought it would be better to let them get a bit further in their campaign as they have only received about \$700 from the community and are looking for approximately \$50,000.00. Have tabled this to be discussed at a future date when we can obtain more solid information and confirm whether this is an attainable goal for the society.
- Higgins Lake Sunrise Run will take place on 06/20/26 and a planning meeting is scheduled for 05/20/26 at 10:00 am at the Gerrish P.D.

- The ACT NOW 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Picnic will be held on 07/20/26 at the Gerrish Park Marina at 6:00 pm. Food will again be provided. More information to come.
- Discussed signage for Scrap Metal Project as we feel we need to be more specific on what items we do NOT accept such as appliances that contain Freon (refrigerators, freezers, AC units), computers, printers, electronics, TVs, propane tanks, tires (rims are fine just need to have tires removed). Bob Barber made a motion that we allocate up to \$250.00 to replace and update the existing Scrap Metal Project sign. Support by Stanley Baysdell, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried. Chief and Julie will work on the new sign order.
- Chief also indicated that they have worked on a new scrap process to make the sorting more efficient by utilizing the old trailer inside the Impound Lot and having bins to separate cords, copper, brass and a pallet for rotors. This way when items are sorted before each run it should make the last runs of the year easier.

### **CERT UPDATE (Sgt. Ellis & Mike Briggs)**

- Five volunteers attended the monthly Food Distribution on 04/25/26. Next truck is 05/16/26.
- Mike Briggs will attend the next 7<sup>th</sup> Region Citizen Corp. quarterly Zoom meeting on 06/02/26.
- Disaster Assessment training for June has been cancelled by Vanessa as the State Police are unable to provide that training at this time due to flooding in the State. Mike will work on a quarterly training scavenger hunt/poker run to stay on track for the CERT annual training requirements.
- CERT Trailer will be taken out of storage at the West side Fire Station and brought over to the PD parking lot for the summer on 05/04/26.
- We will be placing the CERT jacket order soon as it looks like everyone who wanted to try on the sample jacket has done so. Hats are still available to be distributed if you do not have one of the new thicker knit ones yet.

### **OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- N/A

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

- Next Executive Board Meeting will be June 5, 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 Sgt. John Ellis, all in favor, none opposed. Chair John Ellis adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Julie Hill*

Julie Hill, ACT-NOW Secretary