

A.C.T. – N.O.W.
Advisory Community Team – Neighbors On Watch
COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES
JULY 21, 2025 (26th ANNUAL MEETING)

The Annual Community Meeting was called to order by Chair John Ellis at 6:53 p.m. with 61 members/guests present.

Board Members Present (stand when name is announced):

- Chair – John Ellis
- Co Chair – Mike Briggs
- Secretary – Julie Hill
- Treasurer – Bob Barber
- Membership Chair – Carlos Jean Francois (absent)
- Community Representatives (3) – Sharon Zacny, Ralph Rowland, Stanley Baysdell
- PD Representative – Lt. Norm LaBonte
- Non-Voting Community Representative – Patrick Mrosz
- Non-Voting Advisory Member – Chief Eric Muszynski

MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2024, 25th Annual Meeting (see attached) by Bob Barber support by Ralph Rowland. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Bob Barber presented the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year End Treasurer’s Report (see attached). Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report as given by Sharon Zacny, support by Norm LaBonte. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

Chief Muszynski, member of the nominating committee opened the 2025-2026 slate of officers with nominations from the floor at 6:58 p.m.

Chair (Currently John Ellis)

John Ellis was nominated by Bob Barber, support by Ralph Rowland. No other nominations from the floor. Eric Muszynski moved that nominations for Chair be closed with unanimous ballot cast for John Ellis as Chair, support by all, motion carried.

Co-Chair (Currently Mike Briggs)

Mike Briggs was nominated by John Ellis, support by Sharon Zacny. No other nominations from the floor. Eric Muszynski moved that nominations for Co-Chair be closed with unanimous ballot cast for Mike Briggs as Co-Chair, support by all, motion carried.

Treasurer (Currently Bob Barber)

Bob Barber was nominated by Sharon Zacny, support by John Ellis. No other nominations from the floor. Eric Muszynski moved that nominations for Treasurer be closed with unanimous ballot cast for Bob Barber as Treasurer, support by all, motion carried.

Secretary (Currently Julie Hill)

Julie Hill was nominated by Norm LaBonte, support by John Ellis. No other nominations from the floor. Eric Muszynski moved that nominations for Secretary be closed with unanimous ballot cast for Julie Hill as Secretary, support by all, motion carried.

Membership Chair (Currently Carlos Jean-Francois)

Carlos Jean-Francois was nominated by John Ellis, support by Bob Barber. No other nominations from the floor. Eric Muszynski moved that nominations for Membership Chair be closed with unanimous ballot cast for Carlos Jean-Francois as Membership Chair, support by all, motion carried.

Community Representative (Currently Sharon Zacny)

Sharon Zacny was nominated by Bob Barber, support by John Ellis. No other nominations from the floor. Eric Muszynski moved that nominations for Community Rep. be closed with unanimous ballot cast for Sharon Zacny as Community Representative, support by all, motion carried.

Community Representative (Currently Ralph Rowland)

Ralph Rowland was nominated by Stanley Baysdell, support by Sharon Zacny. No other nominations from the floor. Eric Muszynski moved that nominations for Community Rep. be closed with unanimous ballot cast for Ralph Rowland as Community Representative, support by all, motion carried.

Community Representative (Currently Stanley Baysdell)

Stanley Baysdell was nominated by Dave Blazejewski, support by Ralph Rowland. No other nominations from the floor. Eric Muszynski moved that nominations for Community Rep. be closed with unanimous ballot cast for Stanley Baydell as Community Representative, support by all, motion carried.

Chief Muszynski has appointed Officer Zachary Stachurski to the ACT NOW Executive Board as the Police Department Representative. Chief Muszynski will remain on the board as a non-voting advisory member.

Board appointment of Patrick Mrosz as the non-voting Citizen Representative. Motion by Julie Hill, support by John Ellis, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Motion by Dave Blazejewski to close the above nominations at 7:04 p.m. Support by Sharon Zacny in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Thank you to Blue Line Q and Brew (Allen & Kelly Sharrow) for the great food tonight!**
- **Introduction of new Officers Rodney Most, Dallas McGeary and Cadet Dylan Sharrow and acknowledgement of all Officers in attendance.**
- **Chief Muszynski introduced Becky Yuncker the Director of the Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center, who gave an update on the Center and what they do and on their capital building campaign. Becky presented a \$2,000.00 check to ACT NOW/CERT from their 2025 Annual Higgins Lake Sunrise Run for being a valuable partner in the course safety and traffic/pedestrian control.**
- Scrap Metal Project has been extremely busy. Items can be dropped off to the trailer next to the Police Department Impound Lot. Thank you to Carlos Jean-Francois and Patrick Mrosz for sorting and taking the scrap metal to the recycling center in Houghton Lake. We have raised approximately \$1,500.00 since the project opened in May.
- Annual Golf Outing August 9, 2025 at Redwood Golf Course. Flyers and registration forms/brochures available. We currently have 17 teams pre-registered. Looking for hole sponsors, auction items, etc. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO SIT A HOLE GAME OR HELP OTHERWISE, PLEASE SEE JULIE.
- Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run September 9, 2025. See Julie for registration forms or to purchase a \$20 pre-run sale shirt to support Special Olympics Michigan or a \$10 Challenge Coin.
- GTPD has a free mobile app for downloading to either iPhones or Androids. Grab a brochure and scan QR code to download or any officer can assist you with it.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING

- July 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. This will be the **27th Annual Meeting**.

There being no further business, Ralph Rowland made a motion to adjourn the 26th Annual ACT NOW meeting. Support by Bob Barber, all in favor, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.