

**A.C.T. – N.O.W.**  
Advisory Community Team – Neighbors On Watch  
COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 21, 2016

Community Meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Link at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by 20 members and guests in attendance.

**MINUTES**

- Bob Barber made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the October 19, 2015 Community Meeting as published. Seconded by John Klein. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

- Treasurer Bob Barber submitted the following published report for FEBRUARY 2016:

Checking Account	\$ 1,520.61
Savings Account	\$ 285.58
Money Market Acct.	\$ 8,280.77
<u>Petty Cash</u>	<u>\$ 191.30</u>
TOTAL	\$10,278.26

- Ginny Trombley made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as read. John Klein seconded, and the motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- April 18<sup>th</sup> Community Meeting will be a G.A.P. Report Update given by Officer Martin and the other Gerrish Police Officers at 7:00 p.m. at the Gerrish Twp. Hall.
- Road Clean Up will be May 11<sup>th</sup> (Alternate date due to bad weather will be May 17<sup>th</sup>) starting at 4:00 p.m. at the police department. Pizza and pop will be served afterwards.
- ACT NOW Bowling Fundraiser at Fred’s in Roscommon on May 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person and includes bowling, shoe rental, pizza and pop. There will be 50/50 raffles and a Chinese Raffle with great prizes. You do not have to bowl to come out and participate in the raffles. This will be a fun family oriented event and all proceeds go to support ACT NOW programs and projects.

## **CERT**

- CERT Coordinator Sharon Zacny announced that the current Basic CERT class final will be this Wednesday and that 8 new members will join the Gerrish CERT team from that class.

## **GAP REPORT**

- N/A

## **SPEAKER/PROGRAM**

- Mary Link introduced Randy Hartman (Fire Fighter Officer) from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fire Division. Randy presented a very informative program on how the DNR Fire Services work, what areas our local office serves, what standard and specialized equipment they have available, suppression tactics, attack plans and their Incident Management Team (ICS). He explained how Michigan DNR is part of the Great Lakes Forest Fire Compact which is a mutual aid agreement for personnel and equipment between Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Ontario and Manitoba Canada. He also went over the purpose, guidelines and plans for prescribed burns. The second portion of the presentation went over property protection from wild fires and "Wildfire Safety." The DNR recognizes "Firewise Communities" as an educational tool for public awareness on how we can keep our properties more protected from fires which helps the DNR and our local fire departments in fire spreading and suppression. Randy brought handouts for after the program for all attendees.

## **NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING**

- April 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Gerrish Twp. Hall. This will be a G.A.P. Report Update given by Gerrish Police Officers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Cookies and refreshments were served after the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Julie Hill*

Julie Hill, ACT NOW Secretary