

A.C.T. – N.O.W.
Advisory Community Team – Neighbors On Watch
COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

Community Meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Link at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by 31 members and guests in attendance.

MINUTES

- Danny Bates made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the May 19, 2014 Community Meeting as published. Seconded by Ginny Trombley. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Al Schultz made a motion to accept the AUGUST 2014 (2nd month of 2014-2015 Fiscal Year) Treasurer's Report as submitted by Bob Barber. Seconded by Phil Schuricht. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Checking	\$ 6,089.42
Savings	\$ 285.04
MMA	\$ 6,261.84
<u>Petty Cash</u>	<u>\$ 250.34</u>
TOTAL	\$12,886.64

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Fall Road Clean-up will be 9/17/14 at 4:00 p.m. Meet at the police department, pizza and pop will be served afterwards. Sign-up sheet here tonight if you are available to help.
- "Winter Weather" class presented by Gaylord Weather Service on 10/20/14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Gerrish Township Hall. This will be ACT NOW's last Community Meeting for the year. Refreshments will be served.
- ACT NOW Annual Raffle "Get Away Package" tickets are available. \$10 each or 3/\$25. Drawing will take place on 11/17/14. First Prize is a Water Park Package (Value \$1,000), Second Prize is a Casino Package (Value \$750) and Third Prize is \$250 Cash.
- ACT NOW Polo Shirts are available to purchase in a variety of colors.

- Shop-With-A-Cop annual stuffed animal fundraiser will take place Friday & Saturday (9/19 & 9/20) at the Firemen's Memorial Festival Grounds. Colorful Gorillas are this year's edition, \$5 for the large size and \$3 for the small size.

CERT

Sharon Zacny announced that the group had call out details for the AuSable River Canoe Marathon start of the race and the parade in Grayling and for the Roscommon Area District Library Bike Tour around Higgins Lake.

The last annual CERT training took place 9/13/14 and was an evening Search & Rescue exercise. 29 people attended as participants, victims, officers and/or proctors for the event which covered Communications, Incident Command, Operations Command, Search & Rescue Techniques, Patient Packaging/First Aid, and Evidence Recognition/Marking/Protection. Volunteers will be needed to assist with upcoming events including the Firemen's Memorial Festival Parade, Walk to School Day and Trunk or Treat. There is also a Preparedness & Skills Training at Camp Grayling on 10/24/14 – 10/26/14, let Sharon know if you are interested in attending.

GAP REPORT

- Sgt. Patchin presented the G.A.P. Report for the period of May 20, 2014 to September 15, 2014.

SPEAKER/PROGRAM

- Mary introduced guest speaker Michelle who is a neighbor and Gerrish Township resident who has become involved with human trafficking and SOAP (Stop Our Adolescents for Prostitution). She gave an informative program on creating awareness of this global problem and how it is occurring right here in our own small communities. "Project Liberty" is a Michigan faith-based ministry that assists families of these victims. Human Trafficking is the 2nd largest crime in the world and has currently been recognized by several local groups such as the Masons and Zonta, and local, state and federal agencies as a target problem which needs community awareness and support. If you suspect any victim of human trafficking please contact your local police department or call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-3737-888. You can also visit their website at www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking for more information on recognizing victims of

human trafficking, identifying local agencies that can assist victims so that they can begin the process of restoring their lives. "LOOK BENEATH THE SURFACE"...we as neighbors, citizens, parents, grandparents can make a difference and speak up when these victims cannot, if something doesn't look right to you, it probably isn't.

NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING

- October 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Gerrish Twp. Hall. "Winter Weather" Class presented by the Gaylord Weather Service.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hill

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ACT NOW Secretary

cc/All Executive Board Members and the Gerrish Township Police Dept. Website