

**A.C.T. – N.O.W.**  
Advisory Community Team – Neighbors On Watch  
COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES  
**JULY 15, 2024 (25th ANNUAL MEETING)**

The Annual Community Meeting was called to order by Chair John Ellis at 6:49 p.m. with 42 members/guests present.

**MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2023, 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting (see attached) by Ralph Rowland support by Stanley Baysdell. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Julie Hill presented Bob Barber’s 2023-2024 Fiscal Year End Treasurer’s Report (see attached).

Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report as given by Stanley Baysdell, support by Norm LaBonte. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

**ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS**

Chief Muszynski, member of the nominating committee opened the 2024-2025 slate of officers with nominations from the floor at 6:52 p.m.

**Chair** (Currently John Ellis)

John Ellis was nominated by Sharon Zacny, support by Ralph Rowland. No other nominations from the floor. Gerald Wall 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. Gerald Wall 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. Gerald Wall 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 John Ellis, support by Mike Briggs. No other nominations from the floor. Gerald Wall 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 Ralph Rowland, support by Mike Briggs. No other nominations from the floor. Gerald Wall 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 John Ellis, support by Julie Hill. No other nominations from the floor. Gerald Wall 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 John Ellis, support by Sharon Zacny. No other nominations from the floor. Gerald Wall 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 Ralph Rowland, support by John Ellis. No other nominations from the floor. Gerald Wall moved that nominations for Community Rep. be closed with unanimous ballot cast for Stanley Baysdell as Community Representative, support by all, motion carried.

Chief Muszynski has re-appointed Lt. Norm LaBonte to the ACT NOW Executive Board as the Police Department Representative. Chief Muszynski will remain on the board as a non-voting advisory member. Citizen Representative Patrick Mrosz was nominated to replace Mary Link as the non-voting Citizen Representative. Motion by Julie Hill, support by John Ellis, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Motion by Sharon Zacny to close the above nominations at 7:00 p.m. Support by Norm LaBonte, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Scrap Metal Project has been up and running. Items can be dropped off to the trailer next to the Police Department Impound Lot. Thank you to Carlos Jean-Francois and assistance at times from Terry Newton for sorting and taking the scrap metal to the recycling center in Houghton Lake. Recognition of Stanley Baysdell and Dave Blazejewski for their years of service as our “scrapers” and that they have “retired” and turned the project over.
- Annual Golf Outing August 10, 2024 at Redwood Golf Course. Flyers and registration forms/brochures available. Looking for teams, 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 10, 2024. This is the LETR 40 Year Anniversary. See Julie for registration forms or to purchase a \$20 pre-run sale shirt to support Special Olympics Michigan or a \$10 Commemorative Challenge Coin.

- Rebecca Yuncker, Executive Director of NMCAC presented ACT NOW/CERT with a \$2,000.00 donation check for their assistance with traffic/pedestrian safety throughout the course for the Annual Higgins Lake Sunrise Run.

#### **NEXT ANNUAL MEETING**

- July 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. This will be the **26<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**.

There being no further business, John Ellis made a motion to adjourn the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual ACT NOW meeting. Support by Norm LaBonte, all in favor, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.