

SODUS TOWNSHIP
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TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Subject to amendment

Tuesday, January 10th, 2017 - Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Chandier at 7:30 p.m. All Board members were present.

Minutes of the December 13th regular meeting were read and approved on a motion by Peters, supported by Chandier. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was read and approved on a motion by Chandler, supported by Bennett. Motion carried.

**Bills presented: General Fund: \$11,136.45 Road Fund: \$0.00 Cemetery: \$2,419.06
Motion made to pay the bills by Peters, supported by Chandier. Motion carried.**

Public comment held:

Deputy Kate VanKampen from the Berrien County Sheriff's Department presented the November 2016 Incident Report to the Township.

Captain Jacob LaVanway requisitioned the Board to consider purchasing a laptop computer and projector for the fire department. It would be used to play training videos at training meetings. No decision was made as there are other factors such as: internet speed, actual need for second laptop, wireless router, and using a flat screen television vs projector, to be considered before a decision can be made. Trustee Bennett is going to look into the matter and report back to the Board.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Peters to add two items to the agenda as presented.

Resolution #1-2017 made by Andres, supported by Bennett to approve holding one Board Meeting a month. The meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. for the 2017 calendar year. Roll call: Bennett- yes, Andres-yes, Chandler- yes, Morgan-no, Peters-yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Peters, supported by Chandier to approve the purchase of a new computer for the Township Treasurer. Motion carried.

Resolution #2-2017 made by Andres, supported by Chandler to adopt the IRS Standard Mileage Rate, which is 53.5 cents for the year 2017 for mileage reimbursement in Sodus Township. Roll call: Peters-yes, Chandler- yes, Bennett-yes, Morgan-yes, Andres-yes. Motion carried.

Resolution #3-2017 made by Andres, supported by Bennett to adopt the 2017 Federal Poverty Guidelines as the standard used by Sodus Township for poverty exemption guidelines. Roll call: Morgan-yes, Andres-yes, Bennett-yes, Peters-yes, Chandler- yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to allow Supervisor Chandler to file for a grant from the Van Buren Regional Homeland Security Grant Fund for 4 new 800 MHz radios for the fire department. The Township's cost would be a 20 % match (\$5200 to \$6200 depending on whether activation fee is covered under the grant). Motion carried.

Motion made by Morgan, supported by Chandler to approve the Agreement for Collection of 2017 Summer School Property Taxes with Benton Harbor Area Schools. The school district agrees to compensate the Township \$2.50 per parcel for collecting the taxes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Morgan, supported by Chandler to approve and adopt Ordinance #35 which is Ordinance to License and Establish Standards for Halfway Houses in the Township of Sodus. A summary of the ordinance will be published in The Journal Era on January 18, 2017 and will take effect in 30 days February 17, 2017. A full copy of the ordinance will be on file at the Township Hall and available on the Township website after the effective date. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler to adjourn the meeting, supported by Peters and so declared by Supervisor Chandier at 9:13 p.m..

Cheryl Andres

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Sodus Township Clerk