

SODUS TOWNSHIP
4056 King Drive
Sodus, MI 49126
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TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Subject to amendment

Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - Regular Meeting

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

Minutes of the January 10, 2017 regular meeting were read and approved on a motion by Chandler, supported by Andres. Motion carried.

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

Bills presented: General Fund: \$18,417.24 Road Fund: \$0.00 Cemetery: \$362.43
Motion made to pay the bills by Chandler, supported by Peters. Motion carried.

Public comment held:

Lt. Robert Mazurek of the Berrien County Sheriff's Department presented the December 2106 Incident Report to the Board.

Aaron Stevens, of Abraham & Gaffney, P.C., addressed and answered any questions the Board had with the audit proposal submitted by his accounting firm.

Everett Steinke updated the Board that the Annual Sodus Township Firefighter's Pancake Breakfast will be held on April 23, 2017 from 7am to 12 noon. Adults will be \$6.00 and children 12 and under \$2.00 all you can eat.

Steinke also stated that the Fire Department raised \$2600.00 in donations from the St. Jude Run Walk that was held last August 2016, of which \$2000.00 was donated to St. Jude and \$600.00 was going towards purchase of training videos.

Renda Brown, cemetery sexton, asked the Board to post on the website that spring cleanup of flowers on all cemeteries must be completed by April 1, 2017 or flowers will be removed by the Sextons.

Pam Fetke, Property Mgr., with the Homeowners Association of the Villas on the River, asked questions concerning the water rate study the Township performed on the water line/system.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Peters to approve renting a twenty yard dumpster for the fire department for a spring cleaning of the building. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Peters to increase the following cemetery fees for 2017: Disinterment Permit, Transfer of Ownership of Plot, and Change of Name Designation/Occupant of Plot, from \$25.00 to \$50.00 effective immediately. Motion carried.

Motion made by Andres, supported by Chandler to raise the 2017 Inspector Fees: Building, Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing Permit Application fees from \$50.00 to \$75.00 effective immediately. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Peters to approve the appointment of Board of Review members: David Schilke, Clarke Allen, Ilene Fox, and Keith Hafer as alternate member for 2017. Motion carried.

Motion made by Morgan, supported by Peters to decline collecting the taxes for Lake Michigan College on the summer 2017 tax bills. Motion carried.

Motion made by Andres, supported by Chandler to approve paying the three election inspectors \$10/hour for attending the demonstration of the new election equipment presented by the three vendors chosen by the State, on Friday February 17, 2017. Motion carried.

Additional notes:

Some of the Planning Commission members will be attending a Marijuana Seminar at MSU in March.

River Road between Pipestone Road and Naomi will be closed to through traffic from April 17th to September 2nd to replace the bridge over Pipestone Creek.

Budget Hearing meeting dates are February 16th and 23rd and March 2nd, if needed, at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Motion made by Andres to adjourn the meeting, supported by Bennett and so declared by Supervisor Chandler at 9:59 p.m.. Motion carried.

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Thursday, February 16, 2017 - Special Meeting

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Chandler at 6:30p.m. All Board members were present.

The purpose of the special meeting is to review the current budget for amendments as needed and prepare a new budget for 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Peters to schedule two additional special meetings to continue budget talks on February 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. and March 2, 2017 at 6:00p.m.. Motion carried.

Public comment held: None.

Motion made by Chandler to adjourn the meeting, supported by Bennett and so declared by Supervisor Chandler at 8:30 p.m.. Motion carried.

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