

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

Tuesday, March 14, 2017 - Public Budget Hearing/Regular Meeting

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

Public Hearing opened with Supervisor Chandler reading the Public Notice for the Hearing. See attached notice.

Treasurer Morgan read through the proposed 2017-2018 proposed budgets for General, Cemetery, and Road Funds.

Public comment held: None, no further discussion.

Chandler made a motion to close the hearing, supported by Morgan and so declared by Supervisor Chandler to close the hearing at 7:40 p.m..

Supervisor Chandler called to order the Regular Meeting at 7:42 p.m.. All members present.

Minutes of the February 16th, 23rd, and March 2nd, 2017 special meetings and regular meeting of February 14, 2017 were approved as presented on a motion by Chandler, supported by Peters. Motion carried.

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

Bills presented: General Fund: \$19,609.75 Road Fund: \$93.81 Cemetery: \$333.66  
Motion made to pay the bills by Chandler, supported by Bennett. Motion carried.

**Public comment held:** Sgt. Ryan Sullivan of the Berrien County Sheriff's Department presented the January 2017 Incident Report for Sodus Township.

Captain Jacob LaVanway of the Sodus Fire Department requisitioned the Board for Water Rescue Equipment needed by the Fire Department. Approximate cost would be \$700.00 for two vests, and two throw bags. Board would like the Fire Department to check into grants for the equipment before a decision is made.

Everett Steinke from the fire truck committee said bid submissions on new firetruck were pushed back till April 3, 2017.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Andres to add one item to the agenda as presented under new business. Motion carried.

Resolution #4, made by Chandler, supported by Andres to approve This Addendum to the Benton Charter Township and Sodus Township Water Service Agreement dated March 7, 2013, by and between the two stated townships. Roll call: Andres-yes; Peters- yes; Chandler-yes; Morgan-yes; Bennett-yes. Motion carried.

Resolution #5, made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to approve the Amended Budget for 2016-2017 Fiscal Year. See attached report. Roll call: Bennett-yes; Andres-yes; Chandler-yes; Morgan-yes; Peters-yes. Motion carried.

Resolutions #6,7,8, and 9, made by Andres, supported by Chandler that the Township Board deems it desirable to increase the salaries for the said positions: Clerk, Treasurer, Supervisor, and Trustees. Roll call: Peters-yes; Morgan-yes; Chandler-yes; Andres-yes; Bennett-yes. Motion carried.

Resolution #10, made by Andres, supported by Chandler to approve the General Appropriations Act of 2017 (proposed budget). Roll Call: Chandler-yes; Morgan-yes; Peters-yes; Bennett-yes; Andres-yes. Motion Carried.

Resolution #11, made by Chandler, supported by Morgan to approve the proposal submitted by Abraham & Gaffney, P.C. Certified Public Accountants for a new three year contract for auditing the Township financial statements. Roll Call: Andres-yes; Morgan- yes; Chandler-yes; Peters-yes; Bennett-yes. Motion carried.

Resolution #12, made by Chandler, supported by Peters to approve the adoption of Ordinance #36 Water Ordinance for Sodus Township. Roll Call: Bennett-yes; Chandler-yes; Peters-yes; Andres-yes; Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Andres, supported by Chandler to approve the application for the Hardship and Physician Statement of Physical Hardship for Robert Muskoph, 3250 Townline Road Sodus, Michigan 49126, for 2017. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, to adjourn the meeting, supported by Morgan and so declared by Supervisor Chandler at 9:04p.m.. Motion carried.

*Cheryl Andres*

Cheryl Andres  
Sodus Township Clerk