

SODUS TOWNSHIP
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TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Subject to amendment

Tuesday, January 9, 2018 - Regular Meeting

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

Minutes of the December 12,, 2017 regular meeting were read and approved on a motion by Andres, supported by Chandler. Motion carried.

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

Bills presented: General Fund: \$36,961.11 Road Fund: \$0.00 Cemetery: \$33.63
Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Public comment held: Everett Steinke updated the Board on the fire department.

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

Resolution #1-2018 to approve one meeting a month and meeting dates for 2018 was presented by Andres, supported by Chandler. Roll call: Bennett- yes, Peters- yes, Morgan-yes, Andres- yes, Chandler-yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Peters to approve sending four firefighters to the Cause & Origin Class at Baroda Fire Department at a cost of \$50.00/ firefighter. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Peters to purchase five or six badges for the fire department for new firefighters and to replace ones that have been lost by current firefighters. Motion carried.

Motion made by Andres, supported by Bennett to approve paying the Township's portion of the Benke Drain repair in full by January 15, 2018 to avoid interest charges. That amount is \$15, 919.00. Motion carried.

Motion made by Morgan, supported by Andres to amend the budget in the Drain Cost Center: Dept 445 Drains- 101-445-810.002 from \$17,000.00 to \$33,000.00. Motion carried.

Resolution #2-2018 presented by Andres, supported by Chandler to approve the IRS Standard Mileage Rate for 2018. The rate will be .545 cents per mile for business miles driven. Roll call: Peter-yes, Bennett-yes, Chandler- yes, Andres-yes, Morgan-yes. Motion carried.

Resolution #3-2018 to approve the Federal Homestead Poverty Rate Standard for 2018 as the guidelines used by the Township of Sodus was presented by Andres, supported by Chandler. Roll call: Morgan-yes, Peters-yes, Bennett-yes, Chandler-yes, Andres-yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to increase the cost per parcel from \$2.50 to \$3.50 in the contract with Benton Harbor Area Schools, charged by the Township to cover administrative costs for collecting the school taxes for Benton Harbor Area Schools. Motion carried.

Motion made by Morgan, supported by Peters to support Supervisor Chandler's appointment of Jerry Grajauskis and Jean Froehlich to the Zoning Board of Appeals for another two year term. Karen Morgan to the Planning Commission Board for another three year term and Keith Hafer as alternate for the Board of Review for a three year term. Motion carried.

Motion made by Andres, supported by Chandler to approve "no increase" in fees on the Fee Schedule as presented for 2018. Fee Schedule is available on Township website. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler to adjourn the meeting, supported by Peters and so declared by Supervisor Chandler at 9:17p.m.. Motion carried.

Cheryl Andres

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Sodus Township Clerk