

SODUS TOWNSHIP
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TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Subject to amendment

Tuesday, September 11, 2018 - Regular Meeting

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

Minutes of the August 14, 2018 meeting were read and approved with two corrections on a motion by Peters supported by Chandler. Motion carried.

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

Bills presented: General Fund: \$17,283.36 Road Fund: \$100,975.03 Cemetery: \$4,145.13
Fire Fund: \$824.24 Public Works \$0.00
Motion was made by Bennett, supported by Chandler to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Public comment held: Lt. Josh Sutherland of the Berrien County Sheriff's Department presented the July Incident Report to the Board.
Everett Steinke announced that the Fire Department will be hosting an Open House in conjunction with River School's Chili Cookoff on October 27th. This will allow the public to view the new fire truck. Hours will be 11am to 3pm.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Peters to accept the bid by Aaron's Handyman Service to remove existing damaged gutters and replace rotted wood of soffit and fascia. Once repaired replace new five inch gutter and four down spots for a total cost of around \$4000.00 on the Fire Station building. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Andres to approve the sale of the Township's Ford lawnmower to Chapel Hill Church for \$300.00. Motion carried.

Motion made by Morgan, supported by Chandler to approve the L-4029 with stated millages: Operating- 0.8866; Fire Protection- 1.0000; Roads- 1.9930; Library Operations- 0.4000. Motion carried.

Resolution # 21-2018 to Repair and maintain the Jerue Drain was made by Chandler, supported by Morgan. Pursuant to Section 196 of the MI Drain Code (MCL280.196; MSA

11,1196), and inspection was made of the Jerue Drain and it has been determined, as a result of the inspection, that certain maintenance must be performed upon the Drain. The Drain Commissioner stated the drain is allowed \$10,000.00 in maintenance each year but the proposed work exceeds that amount.

The drain currently has 216 property owners within the drainage district. The assessment will be for one year as it not a large burden for property owners.

The Drain Commissioner will not exceed \$20,000.00. The Township will be responsible for 20% of the cost, property owners' cost will be 58.36%.

Roll call to approve was taken: Andres-yes, Morgan -yes, Chandler- yes, Bennett- yes, and Peters-yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Andres, supported by Chandler to approve amending the budget as follows:
206 Fire Fund:

#206-000-402.002 Fire Tax Revenue from \$68,000 to \$71,000

#206-000-441.000 Local Com. Stabilization from \$2000 to 1500

For a total change from \$70,000 to \$72,500.00 in revenue.

#206-336-703.000 Wages from \$27,000 to \$25,000

#206-336-714.000 FICA from \$2000 to \$1500

#206-336-720.000 Insurance Premium from \$17,000 to \$12,500

#206-336-740.000 Supplies from \$1000 to \$1200

#206-336-853.000 Communication from \$2100 to \$1600

#206-336-864.000 Conference & workshops from \$2,000 to \$1000

#206-336-931.000 Bldg Maint.& Repair from \$5000 to \$7000

#206-336-934.000 Equip Maint. & Repair from \$9000 to \$7000

#206-336-977.000 Operating Equip Purchased \$10,000 to \$6,600

For a total change from \$84,200.00 to \$72,500.00 in expenses.

These amendments of the Fire Fund will balance the account since it was separated out into it's own fund from General Fund per recommendations by the Township's auditor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to explore getting an ORV Ordinance written. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Morgan to approve landfill passes good for the month of October 2018. One pass per household will be issued. They are available at the Hall office. Motion carried.

Motion made by Andres, supported by Chandler to approve the AT&T Metro Act/ Right of Away for a another five year permit extension. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler to adjourn the meeting supported by Morgan and so declared by Supervisor Chandler at 8:58 p.m.. Motion carried.

Cheryl Andres

Cheryl Andres, Sodus Township Clerk