

SODUS TOWNSHIP
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TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Subject to amendment

Tuesday, January 8, 2019 - Regular Meeting

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

Minutes of the December 18, 2018 regular meeting were read and approved on a motion by Peters, supported by Bennett. Motion carried.

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

Bills presented: General Fund: \$28,032.51 Road Fund: \$0.00 Cemetery: \$791.37 Fire Fund: \$10,721.64 Public Works \$985.44

Motion was made by Bennett, supported by Chandler to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Public comment held: Jamie Leitz wanted the Board to know that he may not be able to meet the deadline proposed in the demolition citation on the 5963 Hillandale property, which is February 28, 2019. He just purchased the property and has just started going through the buildings. He is getting quotes and depending on whether it has to be torn down and hauled away vs torn down and burned or buried on-site will determine if can get it completed in that time frame. He assured the Board he plans to be completed by April 30, 2019. Boards only stipulation is that he somehow secure the houses and buildings until they are torn down for safety reasons.

Everett Steinke stated the internet is not working at the Fire Department.

A resident of the Meadow Streams Mobile Home Park thanked the Township and the Fire Department for a job well done with the flood evacuation process at the park this past spring. He said it was well organized and everyone got safely evacuated.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to add seven items to the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to approve getting internet for the Fire Department. The present set up is not a strong enough signal for what they need there to work with. Supervisor Chandler will be calling Comcast to get it installed. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Andres to set a special budget meeting for budget workshop and any other regular meeting business for Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 6:00pm. Notice will be posted. Motion carried.

Motion made by Resolution #1-2019 to approve the meeting dates for 2019. See attached sheet. Roll call: Bennett-yes, Andres-yes, Chandler-yes, Morgan-yes, and Peters-yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Resolution #2-2019 to approve the mileage reimbursement rate of 0.58 cents per mile same as the business rate set by the IRS for 2019. Roll call: Peters-yes, Chandler-yes, Bennett-yes, Morgan -yes, Andres-yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Peters to approve the Fee Schedule as presented for 2019. There are no changes in any of the fees for the Township. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Andres to approve hiring the Assessor as an employee of the Township effective January 1, 2019. He will be an salary employee based upon the rates stated in his contract from last year. Motion carried.

Motion made by Morgan, supported by Chandler to approve the contract with Benton Harbor Area Schools to have the Township collect the summer taxes for the system on the Township's 2019 summer tax bills. The cost to the BHAS will be \$3.50 per parcel. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to adjourn the meeting, supported by Bennett and so declared by Supervisor Chandler at 8:45p.m.. Motion carried.

Cheryl Andres

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Sodus Township Clerk