

SODUS TOWNSHIP
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TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Subject to amendment

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 - Regular Meeting

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

Minutes of the March 12, 2019 Regular & Budget Hearing Meeting, and March 29, 2019 Special Meeting minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Chandler, supported by Morgan. Motion carried.

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

Bills presented: General Fund: \$24,608.11, Road Fund: \$0.00, Cemetery: \$1,572.63, Fire Fund: \$9,435.59, Public Works \$766.91

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

Public comment held: Incident report for February 2019 was dropped off at the hall by Berrien County Sheriff's Department Officer, Lt.Sutherland, for the Board to review.

Jerold N. Wentland stated he has started a petition to try and get all truck traffic off of Pipestone Road between E. Nickerson Road up to S. Pipestone Road (which starts after River Road). Mr. Wentland stated there is heavy truck traffic during the day which is a residential community. He is hoping to get truck traffic to come in off of the Parkway at the intersection of S. Pipestone Rd the Sodus Parkway. Supervisor Chandler stated he would hand over the petition to the Berrien County Road Commission for their input.

Fire Chief Bill Long presented to the Board the Fire Department 2018 Annual Report.

Renda Brown updated the Board on the cemetery. People are placing over two solar lights per grave site which is a violation of the cemetery ordinance.

Everett Steinke stated he and Todd Steinke, both firefighters, attended a class on fire safety of cleaning turn out gear.

Resolution #13-2019 was made by Chandler, supported by Morgan to approve the Township joining the State Fire Insurance Withholding Program. This program allows the Township to keep in a separate escrow account a portion of certain casualty losses for fire or explosion otherwise payable by insurers in order to secure repair, replacement or removal of damaged structure which violate the Township health or safety standards. These monies would then be returned to residents once the structure demolition is completed. If the demolition is not completed with in a certain time period, the Township can use the money in escrow to pay for the demolition. Roll call: Bennett-yes, Andres-yes, Chandler-yes, Morgan -yes, and Chandler-yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Andres, supported by Bennett to approve the presented road projects in Sodus Township for 2019:

Dohm Road from Naomi to end - \$8,973.00

Hartman Road from S. Pipestone Rd to Kirk - \$9,721.00

Merry Road from Watson to Townline - \$26,240.00

McCoy Road from Merry Road to end -\$4,147.00

Union Road from Merry to Fairview -\$13,823.00
Bowers Lane from Naomi to end - \$1,651.00
Spring Valley Court form River to end - \$2,260.00
Oxbow Road from S. Pipestone Road to River Road - \$24,863.00
Dutch Lane from S. Pipestone Rd to end - \$7,648.00
Various Subdivision Roads in Township - \$23,841.00
Subtotal is \$123,191.00 minus local matching road funds from BCRD of \$32,572.00 for a grand total of \$90,619.00. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Peters to approve the 2019 Sexton Cemetery Contract with changes presented. Copies of liability policy insurance certificates also received from Jeff Brown. Motion was carried with a 4 aye, 1 nay vote.

Resolution #14-2019 made by Chandler, supported by Morgan to approve the updated changes to the by-laws of the Medic 1. The Seventh Amendment was updated to include new members so that they may have a voting right. Roll call: Peters-yes, Chandler- yes, Bennett-yes, Morgan-yes, Andres- yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Peters, supported by Chandler to approve purchasing new section and ariel maps for the Township Assessing Department. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Andres to have Beaudoin Electric to replace lighting in foyer of the Township Hall to LED and add on outside LED light for under the canopy back entrance. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Morgan to approve that the presented foreclosure properties in Sodus Township go to auction by the County. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to approve dump passes for Sodus residents one per household. They are good for the months of May and June. Passes are available at the Hall and Library. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to approve Mrs. Fox temporarily working at the Township Hall on Wednesday and Friday mornings for a few hours to answer the phone and secretarial duties as needed. Wage will be \$10.00 per hour. Motion carried.

Ordinance Officer's 2018 Annual Report was presented to the Board.

Resolution #15-2019 made by Andres, supported by Chandler that Sodus Township supports having the option of holding township board member elections on the nonpartisan ballot. Roll call Chandler-yes, Morgan- yes, Andres-yes Peters- yes, Bennett-yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler to adjourn the meeting, supported by Morgan and so declared by Supervisor Chandler at 9:37p.m.. Motion carried.

Cheryl Andres
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Sodus Township Clerk