

**SODUS TOWNSHIP**  
**TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
Subject to Amendment

4056 King Drive  
Sodus, MI 49126  
269.926.6285

**Tuesday, June 10, 2025**

**Meeting called to order:** by Supervisor Chandler at 7:00pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Board members present:** Supervisor David Chandler, Clerk Cheryl Andres, Treasurer Terry McCain, Trustee Ken Peters arrived late

**Board member absent:** Trustee Loyall Bennett

**Approval of the Agenda:**

**Motion** made by Chandler, seconded by Andres to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 3:0

**Presentation:** Berrien County Sheriff Deputy L. Higgs reviewed the April 2025 Incident Report with the Board.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

**Motion** made by Chandler, seconded by McCain to approved the minutes of the May 13, 2025 meeting as presented. Motion carried 3:0

**Treasurer's Report:** Accepted as read

Trustee Ken Peters joined the meeting at this time

**Approval of the Bills:**

**General Fund 101:** \$37,941.17 **Road Fund 204:** \$0.00 **Fire Fund 206:** \$97,354.63 **Cemetery Fund 209:** \$5,214.78 **Permit Fund 549:** \$18,244.60 **Public Works 592:** \$0.00

**Motion** made by Andres, seconded by McCain to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried 4:0

**Public Comments:** None

**Actions Approved:**

**Motion** made by Chandler, seconded by Andres to approve the estimate from Arnt Asphalt to spread crushed asphalt and compact it. This project will finish the drive of the park and create a small parking lot by the back pavilion. The cost of the project will be \$4,850.00. Motion carried. 4:0

**Motion** made by Andres, seconded by Chandler to approve the proposal from Bennison's Lawn Care & Snow Plowing, LLC for landscaping the flower bed at the back entrance of the Hall. The estimate was for \$1,192.00. Motion carried. 4:0

**Motion** made by Chandler, seconded by Andres to approve purchasing 4-6 pots to complete the landscape project at the back entrance of the Hall. Limit is \$400.00. Motion carried. 4:0

**Motion** made by Andres, seconded by Chandler to approve hiring a custodian for the hall, Maria Gasca, at a rate of \$150 per clean every other week. Motion carried. 4:0

**Motion** made by Andres, seconded by Chandler to amend the budget for GL number 206-336-970.000 Capital Outlay from \$0.00 to \$8,000.00. This expense account will be used to expense out the FEMAGO grant funds for the joint fire departments in the FEMAGO grant. Motion carried. 4:0

**Motion** made by Chandler, seconded by McCain to approve uniforms, five sets, be purchased for the Fire Department. The cost of the five sets of uniforms will run just under \$900.00. Motion carried. 4:0

**Motion** made by Chandler, seconded by Peters to accept Treasurer Terry McCain's letter of resignation addressed to the Board. Her resignation will take effect at the end of the work day on Friday, June 13, 2025. Motion carried 3:0 with Treasurer McCain abstaining from the voting.

**Reports and communications:** Chief Steinke updated the Board on the Fire Department. Jim LaVanway updated the board on the Parks.

**Board and Staff Comments:** Treasurer McCain delivered her letter of resignation to Clerk Andres and the rest of the Board. Resignation was accepted by the Board. The Board will look into appointing someone within 30 days of the resignation, to fill the position until the next general election which will be August of 2026.

**Motion** made by Chandler to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Peters and so declared by Supervisor Chandler at 7:58 p.m. Motion carried. 4:0

*Cheryl Andres*

Cheryl Andres  
Sodus Township Clerk



# MONTHLY VENDORS - June 2025

GENERAL FUND 101				FIRE FUND 206			
Vendor	Amount	Date paid	Detail	Vendor	Amount	Date paid	Detail
Aaron's Handyman Service, LLC				Active 911			
Andrew Blankenship				Advanced Auto			
Apex Software				Andrew Blankenship			
B.C. Clerk's Association				B.C. Fire Chief's Association			
B.C. Treasurer				Batteries & Bulbs			
Beaudoin Electric Construction				Beaudoin Electric Construction			
Berrien County				BH Dept. of Public Safety			
Best Way Disposal				Brown's Locksmith			
Board of Review				Culby's Landscape Supplies, LLC			
Board Salaries	\$ 4,948.07	6/11/2025	Bd Salaries	Dinges Fire Company	\$ 1,726.21	6/11/2025	Turnout Gear
BS&A Software				EMC Insurance	\$ 11,425.15	6/11/2025	Liability insurance
David Chandler				Everett Steinke			
David Cochran	\$ 1,270.39	6/11/2025	Parks Mowing/weed spray	Fire Department Salaries			
EFTPS	\$ 1,103.86	6/11/2025	Federal Qrtly Taxes	Great Lakes Truck			
Election Source			Election Supplies	Honor Credit Union	\$ 939.87	6/11/2025	credit card
Election Workers				Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 148.08	6/11/2025	Electric
EMC Insurance	\$ 8,724.66	6/11/2025	Liab ins-hall/park/library	James LaVanway			
Gloria Stansberry			Election Pay	Keystone Coop, Inc.	\$ 72.93	6/11/2025	Fuel
Honor Credit Union	\$ 604.35	6/11/2025	Credit Card	Lowes			
Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 503.01	6/11/2025	Electric	MES	\$ 81,542.40	6/11/2025	FEMAGO Grant
Jackie Seib				Michigan Fire & Safety			
Janet LaVerne Wilhite				Michigan Gas Utilities	\$ 66.65	6/18/2025	Natural gas FD
Karen Metz				North Breathing Air, LLC	\$ 180.00	6/11/2025	compressor maint.
Karen Ott				Premier Safety			
Kim Rhoads				Sodus Firefighter Fund			
Maner Costerisan				Spencer Mfg.			
Maria Gasca	\$ 150.00	6/11/2025	Custodial	Staples			
MEC	\$ 5,000.00	6/11/2025	Grant internet	Summit Company			
Medic 1 Ambulance				Tele-Rad, Inc.			
MI Township Association	\$ 1,798.38	6/11/2025	Annual Dues	Todd Steinke			
Michigan Gas Utilities	\$ 95.09	6/11/2025	Natural gas hall/storage	Travelers Insurance	\$ 1,253.34	6/11/2025	Workers Comp Ins
Planning Commission Salaries	\$ 244.66	6/1/1944	Salaries	United States Postal Service			
Pride	\$ 549.11	6/11/2025	Park Toilets	VFIS			
RLI	\$ 298.00	6/11/2025	Insurance Bond	Wayne Davis			
SBF	\$ 706.86	6/11/2025	Postage-Tax bills	Wex Bank (Shell)			
Southwest Planning Comm.	\$ 3,281.35	6/11/2025	Master Plan	Wyrick Co.			
Spectrum Printers, Inc							
State of Michigan				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 97,354.63</b>		
Straub, Seaman & Allen	\$ 620.00	6/11/2025	Legal Fees	<b>CEMETERY FUND 209</b>			
SW MI Assessing Service	\$ 2,000.00	6/11/2025	Assessing	Andrew Blankenship			
Terry McCain				David Cochran	\$ 4,559.28	6/11/2025	Mowing/Burial/Misc
The Journal Era				EMC Insurance	\$ 623.19	6/11/2025	Liability insurance
Today's Classroom	\$ 4,692.72	6/12/2025	park ADA swing	Honor Credit Union			
Travelers Insurance	\$ 645.66	6/11/2025	Workers Comp Ins	Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 32.31	6/11/2025	Electric
United States Postal Service				Mark Ferry			
VFIS				Reyes Tree Service LLC			
Victoria Chandler	\$ 630.00	6/11/2025	Dep Clerk Pay	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,214.78</b>		
William Tucker	\$ 75.00	6/11/2025	Website maint	<b>PERMIT FUND 549</b>			
ZBA Salaries				BS&A	\$ 17,375.00	6/11/2025	Comm Devel Module
				Caleb O'Toole			
				Ken Jewell	\$ 272.00	6/11/2025	Mech/Plumb Permits
				Ron Ketelhut	\$ 597.60	6/11/2025	Elec Permits
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 18,244.60</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 37,941.17</b>			<b>PUBLIC WORKS 592</b>			
<b>ROAD FUND 204</b>				Benton Charter Twp. Sanitation			
Berrien County Road Dept.				Benton Charter Twp.			
				Miss Dig			
				Wightman & Associates			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		