

**SODUS TOWNSHIP**  
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**TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
Subject to amendment

Tuesday, May 9, 2023- REGULAR MEETING

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Chandler at 7:00p.m. All Board members were present.

Minutes of the April 11,2023 regular meeting & special election commission meeting minutes were read and approved on a motion made by Peters, supported by Bennett.

Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Bills presented: General Fund 101: \$21,493.19 Cemetery 209: \$1,183.25  
Fire Fund 206: \$ 5,167.91 Public Works 592: \$55.00

Motion made by Bennett, supported by Andres to approve paying the bills as presented. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** People in attendance were: Angelika Hager, Barbara Pence, Genia Manning, Carol French-Quattrin, James LaVanway, Joe Killey, Dale Quattrin, Everett Steinke, and Chokwe Pitchard.

Fire Chief, Everett Steinke, updated the Board on the fire department. They served 794 people at the pancake breakfast. The fire department received \$3,000.00 in grant money out of the \$6,100.00 Heart of Cook Grant that was applied for. County Commissioner, Chokwe Pitchard, attended the Economic Development Committee session in Lansing. He advised us to get the ARPA funds committed.

James LaVanway said pea gravel has been ordered for the park. Six Yankee Cherry Bushes have been planted in the park. The old slide was removed and new slide will be going in. He also suggested the Board consider purchasing an ADA swing for the park.

Motion made by Peters, supported by McCain to move the Lake Michigan College tax collection of their charter operating millage back to the winter tax season. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Peters to adopt Ordinance #40: Ordinance for Adoption of the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code. This ordinance establishes the minimum regulations governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures: by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for human occupation and use and the demolition of such structures: known as the Property Maintenance Code. Roll call: McCain- no, Andres-yes, Peters- yes, Bennett-yes, Chandler-yes. Motion to adopt carried.

Moton made by Bennett, supported by Chandler to adopt Ordinance #39: Hazmat and Fire Charge Ordinance. This is an Ordinance to establish cost recovery charges and exemption for fire department and other emergency services pursuant to Public Act 33 of 1951, as amended (MCL 41.801 et seq.), and to provide methods for collection those charges. Roll call: Andres- yes, McCain-yes, Bennett-yes, Chandler-yes, Peters-yes. Motion to adopt carried.

Motion made by Andres, supported by Chandler to change the date of the August Board Meeting from August 8, 2023 to August 1, 2023. The Township has an election for the Lake Michigan Millage Proposal that day. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bennett, supported by Peters to approve and commit spending the ARPA monies for the following projects:

1. Approve the bid from Kalin Construction to repair, replace or construction of driveways and parking lots for the Township's Hall, Fire Department and Cemetery. Quote total: \$147,980.00
2. Approve the bid from Banic Enterprises to construct a walking path and an entrance drive and parking area for the Township Park. Quote total: \$24,120.00
3. Approve the tree removal in preparation for driveway work in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery by Reyes Tree Service. Quote total: \$\$7,600.00
4. Commitment of ARPA monies by the Township at the September 13, 2022 meeting towards the Berrien County Broadband Grant. Committed: \$5,000.00
5. Balance remaining to be committed for the Fire Department towards the portion owed by the Township for the FEMA Air Pack Grant and/or for any new or replacement fire equipment needed. Tentative balance remaining is \$20,889.63 plus any interest pending.

Roll call: Andres-yes, McCain-yes, Peters-yes, Bennett-yes, Chandler-yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler to adjourn he meeting, supported by Bennett and so declared by Supervisor Chandler at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Cheryl Andres  
Sodus Township Clerk