

SODUS TOWNSHIP
TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Subject to Amendment

4056 King Drive
Sodus, MI 49126
269-926-6285

Tuesday, September 12, 2023- Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Chandler at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board members present: Supervisor Chandler, Treasurer McCain and Clerk Andres, Trustee Bennett. Trustee Peters was absent.

Approval of Agenda

Approval of the Minutes: Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Approval of the Bills:

General Fund 101: \$22,874.12 Cemetery Fund 209: \$4324.93 Fire Fund 206: \$2,588.74

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

Audit Presentation: Jordan Smith, from Maner Costerisan CPA, presented the audit reports and financial statements for FY 2022-23. The Township is in sound financial standing for two years. A paper copy of the full audit and financial report is available for viewing at the hall during normal business hours.

Public comment held:

Angelika Hagar addressed the Board on concerns of robberies in her neighborhood.

Amanda Powell would like to have more community activities at the township park or festivals in the Township. There will be some brainstorming on different ideas which will be brought to the Board at a later date. Treasurer McCain will be the liaison for the Township Board.

Others in attendance Alycia Hoffman, Barbara Pence, John Nay.

Actions Approved:

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to approve hiring Antoninette Swisher as an independent contractor for the assessing services needed by the Township of Sodus for one year. A performance review and discussion for renewal of said contract will be then conducted and decision for rehire made by September's meeting 2024. The contracted services will be at a cost of \$2000.00 a month. Hire date is September 20, 2023. Roll call: McCain- no, Chandler-yes, Andres- yes, Bennett-yes, Peters -absent. Motion carried.

Resolution #23-2023 made by Andres, supported by Chandler to approve the use of a portion of the ARPA funds to pay ten percent owed by the Township on the SCBA FEMAGO Grant order, along with the Township purchasing the equipment for the four departments with FEMAGO Funds. Roll call: McCain-yes, Andres- yes, Bennett- yes, Chandler-yes, Peters-absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Andres, supported by Bennett to approve the revised bid from Kalin Construction for new parking lots at the hall, fire department and repair of Cemetery roads. After review of all the bids submitted Kalin's bid was still the lowest in cost. Work is scheduled to begin September 26, 2023. The cost is \$201,290.00 most of which will be covered by the ARPA funds (\$147,980.00) and balance will come out of the General Fund. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to approve a Procurement Policy for Federal Funds for the Township of Sodus. Roll call: Terry- yes, Loyall-yes, Andres-yes, Bennett-yes, Peters- absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett, to approve having the work crew from the County jail trim the trees at the cemeteries on a budget of \$400.00 dollars. Motion carried.

Motion made by McCain, supported by Chandler, to approve writing off the delinquent Personal Property Tax owed by Sodus Auto Tech for tax years: 2017-2022. Motion carried.

Motion made by McCain, supported by Andres to approve the L-4029 report as presented for the winter 2023 tax season. McCain will get it emailed to the County Equalization Department. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Andres, to approve the amended Ordinance #15 Granting Michigan Gas Utilities the right, the power and permission to conduct and operate a general gas business and distribution system in the Township of Sodus. The ordinance will take effect thirtieth day after a summary of ordinance is published in The Journal Era. Roll call: McCain-abstain, Andres-yes, Bennett- yes, Chandler-yes, Peters-absent. Motion carried.

Reports and Communications: Fire Chief Steinke update the Board on the fire department. The Township and Sodus Fire Department were awarded another grant from the State for the purchase of fire equipment. The award was for \$10,000.00.

Board and Staff Comments: none

Adjournment: Motion made by Chandler to adjourn the meeting, supported by Andres, and so declared by Supervisor Chandler at 9:50p.m. Motion carried.

Cheryl Andres

Cheryl Andres, Sodus Township Clerk