

SODUS TOWNSHIP
TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Subject to Amendment

4056 King Drive
Sodus, MI 49126
269.926.6285

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Board members present: Supervisor David Chandler, Clerk Cheryl Andres, Trustee Loyall Bennett

Board member absent: Treasurer Nancy Hamilton, Trustee Ken Peters

Approval of the Agenda:

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

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion made by Andres seconded by Bennett to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2025 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried 3:0

Treasurer's Report: Accepted as presented

Approval of the Bills:

General Fund 101: \$27,088.94 **Road Fund 204:** \$0.00 **Fire Fund 206:** \$13,802.31

Cemetery Fund 209: \$4,632.33 **Permit Fund 549:** \$4,129.60 **Public Works 592:** \$1,125.00

Motion made by Bennett, seconded by Chandler to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried 3:0

Public Comments: None

Actions Approved:

Motion made by Bennett, seconded by Chandler to approve using Lake Michigan Accounting to review Township financial accounts and instruction n BS&A as needed. Motion carried. 3:0

Motion made by Andres, seconded Chandler to approve the bid from Wee Bee Dunn Roofing for a new roof for the Township Hall at a cost of \$14,000.00 and to include gutter guards. Motion carried 3:0

Motion made by Andres, seconded by Chandler to approve two budget amendments for the following accounts:

GL 206-336-970.000 Capital Outlay FEMAGO Grant \$8,000.00 to \$90,000.00

GL 101-751-960.000 Parking Lot/Snow Removal Parks \$0.00 to \$5,000.00

Motion made by Andres, seconded by Chandler to approve hiring Karen Ott, Deputy Treasurer, to complete some data entry for the new Community Development Module. Hourly pay will be \$17/hr. Motion carried. 3:0

Reports and Communications: Chief Steinke updated the Board on the Fire Department. Trying to figure out the def tank issues on the E-One fire truck. Garage door operators and remotes need servicing. Also working getting a quote for AC/Split for the fire department office and meeting room.

Board and Staff Comments: Clerk Andres said the Township audit is complete for FY 2024-25. Jordan Smith from aner Costerisan will be here for the September meeting to present the results.

Also, there will be a November Special Election on November 4, 2025, two millages will be on the ballot one for LMC and the other is for Eau Claire Public Schools. There will be no early voting for this local election other than by absentee ballot.

Motion made by Bennett to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chandler and so declared by Supervisor Chandler at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried. 3:0

Cheryl Andres

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Sodus Township Clerk

MONTHLY VENDORS - August 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			
Arnt Asphalt	\$ 4,850.00	8/13/2025	park driveway/lot	Andrew Blankenship			
B.C. Clerk's Association				B.C. Fire Chief's Association			
B.C. Treasurer				Batteries & Bulbs			
Beaudoin Electric Construction				Best One Fleet	\$ 1,599.44	8/13/2025	Fire Truck Oil Change
Berrien County				BH Dept. of Public Safety			
Best Way Disposal				Brown's Locksmith			
Board of Review	\$ 160.00	8/13/2025	Salaries	Culby's Landscape Supplies, LLC			
Board Salaries	\$ 4,948.07	8/13/2025	Salaries	Dinges Fire Company	\$ 9,369.97	8/13/2025	FEMAGO Grant
Chery Andres				EMC Insurance			
David Chandler				Everett Steinke			
David Cochran	\$ 1,135.00	8/13/2025	Parks Mowing	Fire Department Salaries			
EFTPS	\$ 2,387.13	8/11/2025	Fed Qtly Taxes	Great Lakes Truck			
Doubleday Office Products				Honor Credit Union	\$ 180.00	8/13/2025	credit card
Election Workers				Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 205.52	8/13/2025	Electric
EMC Insurance				James LaVanway			
Gloria Stansberry				Keystone Coop, Inc.			
Honor Credit Union	\$ 1,132.37	8/13/2025	Credit Card	Lowes	\$ 64.10	8/13/2025	FD Supplies
Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 618.86	8/13/2025	Electric	MES			
Jackie Seib				Michigan Fire & Safety			
Library	\$ 2,167.40	8/13/2025	Coop Sigma Deposits	Michigan Gas Utilities	\$ 51.21	8/18/2025	Natural Gas Utilitiy
Karen Metz				North Breathing Air, LLC			
Karen Ott				Premier Safety			
Kim Rhoads				Sodus Firefighter Fund			
Maner Costerisan				Spencer Mfg.			
Maria Gasca				Staples			
MEC				Summit Company			
Medic 1 Ambulance				Tele-Rad, Inc.			
MI Township Association				Todd Steinke			
Michigan Gas Utilities	\$ 84.41	8/18/2025	Natural Gas Utility	Travelers Insurance			
Planning Commission Salaries	\$ 364.66	8/13/2025	Salaries	United States Postal Service			
Pride	\$ 375.00	8/13/2025	Park Portables	VFIS	\$ 1,990.00	8/13/2025	Acc/Sickness Ins
PC Services	\$ 150.00	8/13/2025	IT services	Wayne Davis			
SBF				Wex Bank (Shell)	\$ 342.07	8/13/2025	Fuel
Southwest Planning Comm.				Wyrick Co.			
Spectrum Printers, Inc	\$ 506.18	8/13/2025	Election Supplies				
State of Michigan				TOTAL	\$ 13,802.31		
Straub, Seaman & Allen	\$ 4,879.36	8/13/2025	Legal Fees	CEMETERY FUND 209			
SW MI Assessing Service	\$ 2,000.00	8/13/2025	Assessing	Andrew Blankenship			
				David Cochran	\$ 2,500.00	8/13/2025	Mowing/burials/other
The Journal Era				EMC Insurance			
Today's Classroom				Honor Credit Union			
Travelers Insurance				Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 32.33	8/13/2025	Electric
United States Postal Service	\$ 78.00	8/13/2025	Annual PO Box	Mark Ferry	\$ 2,100.00	8/13/2025	O/C burials
VFIS	\$ 796.00	8/13/2025	Acc/Sickness Ins	Reyes Tree Service LLC			
Victoria Chandler	\$ 381.50	8/13/2025	Dep Clerk Pay	TOTAL	\$ 4,632.33		
William Tucker	\$ 75.00	8/13/2025	Mthly Website	PERMIT FUND 549			
ZBA Salaries				BS&A			
				Caleb O'Toole			
				Ken Jewell	\$ 2,858.40	8/13/2025	Mech/Plumb Permits
				Ron Ketelhut	\$ 1,271.20	8/13/2025	Elec Permits
				TOTAL	\$ 4,129.60		
TOTAL	\$ 27,088.94			PUBLIC WORKS 592			
ROAD FUND 204				Benton Charter Twp. Sanitation			
Berrien County Road Dept.				Benton Charter Twp.	\$ 1,125.00	8/13/2025	Annual Hydrant
				Miss Dig			
				Wightman & Associates			
TOTAL	\$ -			TOTAL	\$ 1,125.00		