

SODUS TOWNSHIP
TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Subject to Amendment

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

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 - Regular Meeting

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Board members present: Supervisor David Chandler, Clerk Cheryl Andres, Treasurer Terry McCain, Trustee Loyal Bennett

Board members absent: Trustee Ken Peters

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by McCain, supported by Chandler to approve adding one item to the agenda as presented. Motion carried. 4:0

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion made by Andres supported by Bennett to approve the minutes from April 9, 2024, May 1, 2024, and May 8, 2024 as presented. Motion carried. 4:0

Treasurer's Report: Accepted as read

Approval of the Bills:

General Fund 101: \$13,300.68 **Road Fund 204:** \$108,049.22 **Public Works 592:** \$0.00

Fire Fund 206: \$226,949.62 **Cemetery Fund 209:** \$5,058.34 **Permits Fund 549:** \$416.00

Motion made by Bennett supported by Andres to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried. 4:0

Public Comment: Katie VanKampen of the Berrien County Sheriff's Dept. presented the March 2024 Incident Report to the Board. Mandy Gauss from 7-Eleven/Speedway presented to the Board the plans for the proposed Speedway Truck/Car Gas and Convenience Store plans and answered any questions. Register of Deeds, Lora Freehling, presented Property Alert to the Board. A free notification service for Berrien County property owners at berrien.mi.publicsearch.us

Actions Approved:

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Andres to approve the special land use permit Case No: 83 for the Speedway truck and car gas and convenience store on M-139 just north of the I-94 on the east side of M-139. Permits are planned to be pulled late in the year with construction to begin in 2025. Motion carried. 4:0

Motion made by McCain, supported by Chandler to approve Treasurer McCain to purchase seven boxes of postage marked envelopes for the hall prior to the postage rate increase. Motion carried. 4:0

Reports and Communications:

Chief Steinke updated the Board on the fire department. Fire extinguishers need testing. DOTs on the trucks will be done by Best One Tire.

Board and Staff Comments: Supervisor looking into possible grant options to assist residents that are in poverty category for roof repairs.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Andres, supported by Chandler and so declared by Supervisor Chandler to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm. Motion carried 4:0

Cheryl Andres

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Sodus Township Clerk

MONTHLY VENDORS - May 2024

GENERAL FUND				CEMETERY FUND			
Vendor	Amount	Date paid	Done	Vendor	Amount	Date paid	Done
Adents Landscape	\$ 176.00	5/15/2024		American Legion			
Andrew Blankenship				Andrew Blankenship			
Apex Software				David Cochran	\$ 2,785.14	5/15/2024	x
B.C. Clerk's Association				EMC Insurance			
B.C. Treasurer				Honor Credit Union			
B.C. Treasurer's Association				Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 23.20	5/15/2024	x
Best Way Disposal				Mark Ferry	\$ 2,250.00	5/15/2024	x
Big C Lumber				TOTAL	\$ 5,058.34		
Board of Review				FIRE FUND			
Board Salaries	\$ 4,757.75	5/15/2024		Active 911			
BS&A Software				AIM Water Treatment	\$ 1,700.00	5/15/2024	
Cheryl Andres				Andrew Blankenship			
Community Emerg. Services				B.C. Fire Chief's Association			
David Chandler				Batteries & Bulbs			
David Cochran	\$ 757.80	5/15/2024		Best -One Fleet Service			
Eau Claire Fruit Exchange				BH Dept. of Public Safety			
EFTPS	\$ 2,092.27	5/15/2024		Beaudoin Electric Const.	\$ 3,724.99	5/15/2024	x
Election Source				Keystoone Cooperative	\$ 115.48	5/15/2024	x
Election Workers				Darley & Co., W.S.			
EMC Insurance				Dinges Fire Company			
Honor Credit Union	\$ 592.19	5/15/2024	x	EMC Insurance			
Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 458.83	5/15/2024	x	Everett Steinke			
Jennifer Dewey	\$ 100.00	5/15/2024	x	Fire Department Salaries			
Land Management				Great Lakes Truck			
Library				HEI Wireless			
Maner Costerisan				Honor Credit Union			
Mark Andres				Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 123.75	5/15/2024	x
Michigan Gas Utilities	\$ 137.40	5/20/2024	x	James LaVanway			
Michigan Twp. Association				Lowe's			
PC Services				Michigan Fire & Safety			
Planning & Zoning News				Michigan Gas Utilities	\$ 188.68	5/20/2024	x
Planning Commission Salaries	\$ 244.66	5/15/2024	x	Praxair			
Pride	\$ 240.00	5/15/2024	x	Premier Safety			
RLI Surety Bond				Sodus Auto Tech			
Republic Services	\$ 377.78	5/15/2024	x	Spencer Mfg.	\$ 1,080.00	5/15/2024	x
Southwest Planning Comm.				Staples			
State of Michigan				Summit Company			
Straub, Seaman & Allen	\$ 2,072.00	5/15/2024	x	Tele-Rad, Inc.	\$ 254.00	5/15/2024	x
SW MI Assessing Service				Todd Steinke			
Terry McCain				Travelers Insurance			
The Journal Era	\$ 285.50	5/15/2024	x	United States Postal Service			
Travelers Insurance				VFIS			
United States Postal Service				Wayne Davis			
VFIS				West Shore Fire Inc.	\$ 219,762.72	ACH 5/2/2024	x
Victoria Chandler	\$ 633.50	5/15/2024	x	Wex Bank (Citgo)			
Virginia Handy				Wyrick Co.			
William Tucker	\$ 75.00	5/15/2024	x	TOTAL	\$ 226,949.62		
ZBA Salaries	\$ 300.00	5/15/2024	x	PUBLIC WORKS			
				Benton Charter Twp. Sanitation			
				Benton Charter Twp.			
				Miss Dig			
				Wightman & Associates			
TOTAL	\$ 13,300.68			TOTAL	\$ -		
PERMIT FUND				ROAD FUND			
Caleb O'Toole				Berrien County Road Dept.	\$ 108,049.22	5/15/2024	x
Ken Jewell	\$ 288.00	5/15/2024	x				
Ron Ketelhut	\$ 128.00	5/15/2024	x				
TOTAL	\$ 416.00			TOTAL	\$ 108,049.22		