

SODUS TOWNSHIP

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Subject to Amendment

Tuesday, March 12, 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 Ken Peters, Trustee Loyal Bennett

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Chandler, supported by Andres to add one item to the agenda as presented. Motion carried. 5:0

Approval of the Minutes: Motion made by Bennett, supported by Chandler to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2024, February 20, 2024, and the March 4, 2024 meetings as presented.

Motion carried. 5:0

Treasurer's Report: Accepted as read

Approval of the Bills: General Fund 101: \$20,340.90 Road Fund 204: \$0.00 Fire Fund 206: \$590,861.26 Cemetery Fund 209: \$14.10 Public Works 592: \$1,046.59 Permits Fund 549: \$5,302.17

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Peters to pay the bills as presented, with Chandler abstaining from approving the bill for Victoria Chandler. Motion carried. 5:0

Actions Approved: Motion made by Chandler, supported by Andres to approve the contract as written with Southwest Michigan Planning Commission for preparing a Masterplan including recreational parks. The cost stated in the contract is \$20,217.75 with any additional costs not to exceed \$25,000.00. Motion carried 5:0

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Peters to approve having Berrien County Road Department clean up the trash dumped along the roadway edges at the corner of Moore Rd and Alma Rd. Motion carried. 5:0

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to approve the 2024-25 contract with David Cochran for Cemetery mowing and sexton duties. Insurance liability certificate needs to be current. Motion carried. 5:0

Motion made by Andres, supported by Chandler to approve the 2024-25 contract with Mark Ferry for excavation services at the cemeteries. Insurance liability certificate needs to be current. Motion carried. 5:0

Reports and Communications: Chief Steinke updated the Board on the fire department.

The Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on April 21, 2024 7am to 12:30pm. All you can eat, cost for adults \$10.00. for children 12 and under \$5.00. Come out and support your local fire department!

Board and Staff Comments: Supervisor Chandler stated the Annual Budget Hearing for the Proposed Budget for FY 2024-25 will be held on March 27, 2024 at a Special Meeting 1pm at the Township Hall. The proposed budget for 2024-25 will be reviewed along with any questions on the current Fire Millage renewal and the newly proposed Public Safety Millage and any other business that needs to be conducted.

Adjournment: Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett and so declared by Supervisor Chandler to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Motion carried.

Cheryl Andres

Cheryl Andres, Sodus Township Clerk

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MONTHLY VENDORS - March 2024

| GENERAL FUND | | | | CEMETERY FUND | | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|------|
| Vendor | Amount | Date paid | Done | Vendor | Amount | Date paid | Done |
| Adents Landscape | | | | American Legion | | | |
| Andrew Blankenship | | | | Andrew Blankenship | | | |
| Apex Software | \$ 260.00 | 3/13/2024 | X | David Cochran | | | |
| B.C. Clerk's Association | | | | EMC Insurance | | | |
| B.C. Treasurer | | | | Honor Credit Union | | | |
| B.C. Treasurer's Association | | | | Indiana Michigan Power | \$ 14.10 | 3/13/2024 | X |
| Best Way Disposal | | | | Mark Ferry | | | |
| Big C Lumber | | | | TOTAL | \$ 14.10 | | |
| Board of Review | \$ 160.00 | 3/13/2024 | X | FIRE FUND | | | |
| Board Saleries | \$ 4,589.65 | 3/13/2024 | X | Active 911 | | | |
| BS&A Software | | | | Advanced Auto | | | |
| Caleb O'Toole | | | | Andrew Blankenship | | | |
| Cheryl Andres | | | | B.C. Fire Chief's Association | | | |
| Community Emerg. Services | | | | Batteries & Bulbs | | | |
| David Chandler | | | | Beaudoin Electric | \$ 232.00 | 3/13/2024 | X |
| David Cochran | | | | BH Dept. of Public Safety | | | |
| Eau Claire Fruit Exchange | | | | Brown's Locksmith | | | |
| EFTPS | \$ 1,100.01 | 3/13/2024 | X | Keystone Cooperative | \$ 129.56 | 3/13/2024 | X |
| Election Source | \$ 385.00 | 3/13/2024 | X | Darley & Co., W.S. | | | |
| Gloria Stansberry | \$ 256.00 | 3/13/2024 | X | Dinges Fire Company | | | |
| Honor Credit Union | \$ 1,940.26 | 3/13/2024 | X | EMC Insurance | | | |
| Indiana Michigan Power | \$ 485.57 | 3/13/2024 | X | Everett Steinke | | | |
| Janet LaVerne Wilhite | \$ 240.00 | 3/13/2024 | X | Fire Department Salaries | | | |
| Jennifer Dewey | \$ 110.00 | 3/13/2024 | X | Great Lakes Truck | | | |
| Karen Ott | \$ 32.00 | 3/13/2024 | X | HEI Wireless | | | |
| Karen Metz | \$ 240.00 | 3/13/2024 | X | Honor Credit Union | \$ 622.25 | 3/13/2024 | X |
| Kenneth Jewell | | | | Indiana Michigan Power | \$ 140.40 | 3/13/2024 | X |
| Kim Rhoads | \$ 165.00 | 3/13/2024 | X | James LaVanway | \$ 205.19 | 3/13/2024 | X |
| Lucy Heston | \$ 309.50 | 3/13/2024 | X | Lowes | \$ 45.00 | 3/13/2024 | X |
| Michigan Gas Utilities | \$ 159.75 | 3/13/2024 | X | Michigan Fire & Safety | | | |
| Michigan Twp. Association | | | | Michigan Gas Utilities | \$ 312.91 | 3/13/2024 | X |
| PC Services | | | | Praxair | | | |
| Planning & Zoning News | | | | Premier Safety | | | |
| Planning Commission Salaries | \$ 244.16 | 3/13/2024 | X | Sodus Auto Tech | | | |
| Pride | | | | Spencer Mfg. | | | |
| Rod Gillenwater | \$ 240.00 | 3/13/2024 | X | Staples | | | |
| | | | | Summit Company | | | |
| Sodus Twp Library | \$ 3,500.00 | 3/13/2024 | X | Tele-Rad, Inc. | | | |
| Southwest Planning Comm. | | | | Todd Steinke | | | |
| State of Michigan | | | | Travelers Insurance | | | |
| Straub, Seaman & Allen | | | | United States Postal Service | | | |
| SW MI Assessing Service | \$ 2,000.00 | 3/13/2024 | X | VFIS | | | |
| Terry McCain | | | | Wayne Davis | | | |
| The Journal Era | \$ 2,527.50 | 3/13/2024 | X | West Shore Fire Inc. | \$ 589,173.95 | 3/13/2024 | X |
| Tina Wall | \$ 240.00 | 3/13/2024 | X | Wex Bank (Citgo) | | | |
| United States Postal Service | | | | Wyrick Co. | | | |
| VFIS | | | | TOTAL | \$ 590,861.26 | | |
| Victoria Chandler | \$ 1,081.50 | 3/13/2024 | X | PUBLIC WORKS | | | |
| Virginia Handy | | | | Benton Charter Twp. Sanitation | | | |
| William Tucker | \$ 75.00 | 3/13/2024 | X | Benton Charter Twp. | | | |
| ZBA Salaries | | | | Miss Dig | \$ 991.59 | 3/13/2024 | X |
| TOTAL | \$ 20,340.90 | | | Wightman & Associates | \$ 55.00 | 3/13/2024 | X |
| PERMITS FUND | | | | TOTAL | \$ 1,046.59 | | |
| Caleb O'Toole | \$ 3,195.50 | 3/13/2024 | X | ROAD FUND | | | |
| Ken Jewell | \$ 1,471.00 | 3/13/2024 | X | Berrien County Road Dept. | | | |
| Ron Kettelhu | \$ 635.67 | 3/13/2024 | X | | | | |
| TOTAL | \$ 5,302.17 | | | TOTAL | \$ - | | |