

**SODUS TOWNSHIP**  
**TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
Subject to Amendment

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

Tuesday, November 14, 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, Clerk Andres, Trustee Bennett.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Andres, supported by Chandler to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Accepted

**Approval of the Bills:**

General Fund 101: \$22,612.47    ARPA Fund 282: \$198,242.34    Cemetery Fund 209: \$3,074.39  
Fire Fund 206: \$717.97                      Public Works 592: \$1,698.58

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

**Public comment held:** There were nine people in attendance. John Freehling wanted an update on 2076 Algonquin construction issue. Karen Morgan questioned why ARPA Fund not on the Treasurer report.

**Actions Approved:**

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to approve the estimate from Ravitron Simply Connected for new phones and service for the Township Hall and Fire Department. The cost for hardware and install is around \$2400.00 and the monthly service contract will run around \$137 monthly. Motion carried.

Motion made by Andres, supported by Bennett to approve purchasing a new printer for the front office at the hall. The total cost staying at \$550.00 or less. Motion carried.

Resolution #24-2023 to adopt and use the 1997 Uniform Building Fee Schedule for building permits and fees in the Township of Sodus, motion was made by Chandler, supported by Bennett. The new building fee schedule will take effect January 1, 2024. Roll call: Chandler-yes, Andres-yes, Bennett-yes, McCain-yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to continue researching businesses that work with municipalities on Township Master Plans and Park Plans. The Board will then revisit the development of a new master plan at the December meeting. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Andres to approve the BS&A Tax Service Agreement with the County for the next two tax seasons starting with 2024-25. The cost will be \$2100 plus any increase in BS&A. Motion carried.

Motion made by Andres, supported by Chandler to use the remaining balance of the ARPA monies to pay Kalin Construction Co. for the parking lots and cemetery driveways and any remaining balance be paid from the General Fund. Motion carried.

**Reports and Communications:** Fire Chief, Everett Steinke, reported that he accepted on behalf of the fire department a \$200.00 check from Moose Lodge and twelve "Tommy Moose" stuffed animals for children involved in any first responder calls or fires. The fire department also received carbon monoxide and smoke alarms to distribute to families in need of them. He also stated the air packs may be in by the end of the year and compressor not till February of next year.

**Board and Staff Comments:** Treasurer McCain addressed the Board with concerns of professionalism in the office and that a police report has been filed with State Police concerning a missing tax payment.

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Chandler to adjourn the meeting and supported by Andres. Meeting closed at 9:14pm. Motion carried.

*Cheryl Andres*

Cheryl Andres, Sodus Township Clerk



# MONTHLY VENDORS - November 2023

GENERAL FUND				CEMETERY FUND			
Vendor	Amount	Date paid	Done	Vendor	Amount	Date paid	Done
Adents Landscape				American Legion			
Andrew Blankenship				B.C. Treasurer	\$ 90.00	11/15/2023	x
Apex Sortware				David Cochran	\$ 2,276.04	11/15/2023	x
B.C. Clerk's Association				EMC Insurance			
B.C. Treasurer	\$ 90.00	11/15/2023	x	Honor Credit Union			
B.C. Treasurer's Association				Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 8.35	11/15/2023	x
Best Way Disposal				Mark Ferry	\$ 700.00	11/15/2023	x
Big C Lumber				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,074.39</b>		
Board of Review				<b>FIRE FUND</b>			
Board Salaries	\$ 4,589.65	11/15/2023	x	Active 911			
BS&A Software	\$ 2,150.00	11/15/2023	x	Advanced Auto			
Caleb O'Toole				Andrew Blankenship			
Cheryl Andres				B.C. Fire Chief's Association			
Community Emerg. Services				Batteries & Bulbs			
David Chandler				Best-One Fleet Service	\$ 448.05	11/15/2023	x
David Cochran	\$ 357.78	11/15/2023	x	BH Dept. of Public Safety			
Eau Claire Fruit Exchange				Brown's Locksmith			
EFTPS	\$ 1,765.62	11/15/2023	x	Ceres Solution Co.	\$ 117.63	11/15/2023	x
Election Source				Darley & Co., W.S.			
Election Workers				Dinges Fire Company			
EMC Insurance				EMC Insurance			
Honor Credit Union	\$ 466.09	11/15/2023	x	Everett Steinke			
Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 387.87	11/15/2023	x	Fire Department Salaries			
Jennifer Dewey	\$ 105.00	11/15/2023	x	Great Lakes Truck			
Kenneth Jewell	\$ 1,308.00	11/15/2023	x	HEI Wireless			
Land Management	\$ 2,223.60	11/15/2023	x	Honor Credit Union			
Library				Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 107.37	11/15/2023	x
Maner Costerisan				James LaVanway			
Mark Andres				Lowes			
Michigan Gas Utilities	\$ 49.19	11/15/2023	x	Michigan Fire & Safety			
Michigan Twp. Association				Michigan Gas Utilities	\$ 44.92	11/15/2023	x
PC Services				Praxair			
Planning & Zoning News				Premier Safety			
Planning Commission Salaries	\$ 304.16	11/15/2023	x	Sodus Auto Tech			
Pride	\$ 120.00	11/15/2023	x	Spencer Mfg.			
RLI Surety Bond				Staples			
Ron Ketelhut	\$ 248.00	11/15/2023	x	Summit Company			
SBF	\$ 579.60	11/15/2023	x	Tele-Rad, Inc.			
Southwest Planning Comm.				Todd Steinke			
State of Michigan				Travelers Insurance			
Straub, Seaman & Allen	\$ 1,110.00	11/15/2023	x	United States Postal Service			
SW MI Assessing Service	\$ 2,000.00	11/15/2023	x	VFIS			
Terry McCain				Wayne Davis			
The Journal Era	\$ 1,124.25	11/15/2023	x	West Shore Fire Inc.			
Travelers Insurance				Wex Bank (Citgo)			
United States Postal Service				Wyrick Co.			
VFIS				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 717.97</b>		
Victoria Chandler	\$ 511.00	11/15/2023	x	<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>			
Virginia Handy				Benton Charter Twp. Sanitation	\$ 1,643.58	11/15/2023	x
William Tucker	\$ 75.00	11/15/2023	x	Benton Charter Twp.			
ZBA Salaries				Miss Dig			
KalinConstruction Co. Inc.	\$ 3,047.66			Wightman & Associates	\$ 55.00	11/15/2023	x
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 22,612.47</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,698.58</b>		
<b>ARPA FUND</b>				<b>ROAD FUND</b>			
Reyes Tree Service				Berrien County Road Dept.	\$ 39,560.54	11/15/2023	x
Kalin Construction Co. Inc.	\$ 198,242.34	11/15/2023	x				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 198,242.34</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 39,560.54</b>		