

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

4056 King Drive  
Sodus, MI 49126  
269.926.6285

**Tuesday, December 10, 2024**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Board Members present:** Supervisor David Chandler, Treasurer Terry McCain, Trustee Loyall Bennett, Trustee Ken Peter, Clerk Cheryl Andres

**Board Members absent:** None

**Presentation:**

Officer R. Johnson of the Berrien County Sheriff's Department presented to the Board the October 2024 Incident Report.

Oaths were administered by Clerk Andres to the Sodus Township Board elected this past November 2024: David Chandler-Supervisor, Terry McCain-Treasurer, Loyall Bennett- Trustee, Ken Peters-Trustee.

Oath administered by Clerk Andres to Fire Chief- Everett Steinke for his term starting January 2025.

Oath administered by Supervisor David Chandler to Cheryl Andres for her new term as Township Clerk.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

**Motion** made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5:0

**Approval of the Minutes:**

**Motion** made by Andres, supported by Chandler to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2024 meeting with two corrections. Motion carried 5:0

**Treasurer Report:** Accepted as read.

**Approval of the Bills:**

**General Fund 101:** \$17,810.68 **Road Fund 204:** \$0.00 **Fire Fund 206:** \$512.69

**Cemetery Fund 209:** \$2,325.84 **Permits Fund 549:** \$954.40 **Public Works 592:** \$0.00

**Motion** made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to pay the bills with the addition of the EFTPS federal tax monthly payment under General Fund as presented. Motion carried. 5:0

**Public comments:** Denall Miller addressed the Board with her concerns and noted she has concerns with privacy issues with the Eagleview software that will be used by the Township and the County for assessing and other purposes.

**Actions Approved:**

**Motion** made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to approve the additional cost with Rector Cemetery tree branch. Upon examination by Reyes Tree Service the tree is hollow rotted inside and the whole tree verses just the downed branch has to be removed at a total cost of \$2800.00 dollars. Motion carried. 5:0

**Motion** made by McCain, supported by Chandler to approve Treasurer McCain and Clerk Andres setting up an Account/GL number dedicated to the annual subsidy rate for the Ambulance portion of the new Ambulance/Fire millage starting this current tax year, that was approved in the August Primary Election in 2024. Motion carried. 5:0

**Motion** made by Chandler, supported by Andres to approve the ad in The Journal Era over the holidays which will list the members of our boards, tax collection hours, and holiday hours for the Township. Motion carried 5:0

**Motion** made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to renew the snowplowing contract with Andrew Blankenship for the upcoming winter. Motion carried. 5:0

**Motion** made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to approve the following appointments by Supervisor Chandler to the Planning Commission Board for the following officers whose terms of office will expire December 31, 2024: Jerry Grajauskis -3 yr term; Dean Case- 3 yr. term. Motion carried. 4:1

**Motion** made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to approve the following appointments by Supervisor Chandler to the Board of Review for the following officers whose terms of office will expire December 31, 2024: Clarke Allen-2 yr term; Ilene Fox- 2 yr. term; John Faher-2 yr term; Mark Parren-2 yr term. Motion carried. 4:1

**Motion** made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to approve the following appointments by Supervisor Chandler to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the following officers whose terms of office will expire December 31, 2024: Richard Donnellan-3 yr term; Joseph Hicks- 3 yr. term; Mark Andres as an alternate-3 yr term. Motion carried. 3:1:1 abstain by Clerk Andres

**Reports and Communications:** Fire Chief Everett Steinke said Kent Hippler from the township is interested in joining the fire department. Fire Chief Steinke said he is going to purchase badges for years of service for the firefighters. The fire department will be hosting the County Firefighter Meeting on January 8, 2025, and FEMAGO invoices and estimate invoices were requested by Clerk Andres.

**Board and Staff Comments:**

Clerk Andres updated the Board on the pricing information she received from two text message alert companies.

Supervisor Chandler updated the Board on proposed combination of SMCAS and Medic 1. He reminded the Board of the upcoming ZBA hearing for a variance on Nickerson Avenue on 12.16.2024 and of a Planning Commission hearing in January Big Bulldog Towing and Dominion Auto Sales. He also stated Arndt Asphalt has submitted site plans for their new building site on Sodus Parkway.

Treasurer McCain reminded the Board of the extended hours for tax collection on December 27, 2024 9:00am to 5:00pm.

**Motion** made by Bennett to adjourn the meeting, supported by Chandler and so declared Supervisor Chandler at 8:03 pm. Motion carried. 5:0

*Cheryl Andres*

Cheryl Andres

Sodus Township Clerk



# MONTHLY VENDORS - December 2024

GENERAL FUND 101				FIRE FUND 206			
Vendor	Amount	Date paid	Detail	Vendor	Amount	Date paid	Detail
Adents Landscape				Active 911			
Andrew Blankenship				Advanced Auto			
Apex Software				Andrew Blankenship			
B.C. Clerk's Association				B.C. Fire Chief's Association	\$ 50.00	12/11/2024	Dues
B.C. Treasurer				Batteries & Bulbs			
B.C. Treasurer's Association				BH Dept. of Public Safety			
Best Way Disposal				Brown's Locksmith			
Big C Lumber				Culby's Landscape Supplies, LLC			
Board of Review				Darley & Co., W.S.			
Board Salaries	\$ 4,757.75	12/11/2024	Bd Salaries	Dinges Fire Company			
BS&A Software				EMC Insurance			
Colleen Hurst				Everett Steinke			
David Bevier				Fire Department Salaries			
David Chandler				Great Lakes Truck			
David Cochran	\$ 325.00	12/11/2024	Parks Mowing	Hart Well Drilling			
Eau Claire Fruit Exchange				Honor Credit Union			
EFTPS	\$ 1,342.72		Federal Qrtly Taxes	Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 136.34	12/11/2024	Electric
Election Source				James LaVanway			
Election Workers				Keystone Coop, Inc.	\$ 155.97	12/11/2024	Fuel
Gloria Stansberry				Lowes			
Honor Credit Union	\$ 1,493.51	12/11/2024	Credit Card	Michigan State Firemen's Association			
Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 494.57	12/11/2024	Electric	Michigan Gas Utilities	\$ 126.86	12/18/2024	Natural gas FD
Jennifer Dewey	\$ 120.00	12/11/2024	Custodial	Praxair			
Jackie Seib				Premier Safety			
Janet LaVerne Wilhite				Sodus Firefighter Fund			
Karen Metz				Spencer Mfg.			
Karen Ott				Staples			
Kim Rhoads				Summit Company			
Landfill Mgt	\$ 2,354.00	12/11/2024	Dump Passes	Tele-Rad, Inc.			
Michigan Gas Utilities	\$ 124.20	12/18/2024	Natural gas hall/storage	Todd Steinke	\$ 43.52	12/11/2024	Reimb fuel
Nancy O'Rourke				Travelers Insurance			
Planning Commission Salaries	\$ 304.66	12/11/2024	Salaries	United States Postal Service			
Pride				VFIS			
				Wayne Davis			
Rod Gillenwater				West Shore Fire Inc.			
SBF Enterprises				Wex Bank (Citgo)			
State of Michigan				Wyrick Co.			
Straub, Seaman & Allen	\$ 1,000.00	12/11/2024	Legal Fees	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 512.69</b>		
SW MI Assessing Service	\$ 2,000.00	12/11/2024	Assessing	<b>CEMETERY FUND 209</b>			
Terry McCain				American Legion			
The Journal Era	\$ 924.75	12/11/2024	Publications Legal Notices	Andrew Blankenship			
Tina Wall				David Cochran	\$ 1,600.00	12/11/2024	Mowing /Misc
United States Postal Service				EMC Insurance			
VFIS				Honor Credit Union			
Victoria Chandler	\$ 959.00	12/11/2024	Dep Clerk Pay	Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 25.84	12/11/2024	Electric
William Tucker	\$ 1,610.52	12/11/2024	Website/ord officer	Mark Ferry	\$ 700.00	12/11/2024	O/C burial
ZBA Salaries				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,325.84</b>		
				<b>PERMIT FUND 549</b>			
				Caleb O'Toole			
				Ken Jewell	\$ 672.00	12/11/2024	Mechanical Permits
				Ron Ketelhut	\$ 282.40	12/11/2024	Elec Permits
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 954.40</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 17,810.68</b>			<b>PUBLIC WORKS 592</b>			
<b>ROAD FUND 204</b>				Benton Charter Twp. Sanitation			
Berrien County Road Dept.				Benton Charter Twp.			
				Miss Dig			
				Wightman & Associates			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		