

SODUS TOWNSHIP
TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Subject to Amendment

4056 King Drive
Sodus, MI 49126
269.926.6285

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Board Members Absent: none

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion made by Bennett, supported by Chandler to approve the agenda as presented with one additional item. Motion carried 5:0

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion made by Peters, supported by Bennett to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2025 meeting. Motion carried 5:0

Treasurer Report: Accepted as read.

Approval of the Bills:

General Fund 101: \$18,611.32 Road Fund 204: \$14,977.73 Fire Fund 206: \$1,494.41 Cemetery Fund 209: \$1,321.46 Permits Fund 549: \$0.00 Public Works 592: \$0.00

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried. 5:0

Public Comments: Deputy R. Johnson from the Berrien County Sheriff's Department presented the December 2024 Stat Report to the Board. Angelika Hagar asked if surveys can still be turned in. Supervisor Chandler said he would check.

Actions Approved:

Motion made by Bennett, supported by Chandler to approve the following local road maintenance projects for 2025:

- A) St Joseph River Highlands Subdivision-St Joe River Dr, Tecumseh Dr.
Ultra-Thin Slurries<2"
- B) St Joseph River Highlands Subdivision - N, S, E, W Algonquin Drive
Ultra-Thin Slurries<2"
- C) Merry Road- Townline Rd to Watson Road Scratch and Seal

Total estimated cost of \$265,000.00. Motion carried. 5:0

Resolution #2025-3 was made by Chandler, supported by Andres to approve adopting the Restated Articles of Incorporation of Community Emergency Service (CES) the entity for providing emergency medical services to the Township. The updates ensure that CES remains effective, transparent, and aligned with community

needs. See Supervisor Chandler for a full copy of the Restated Articles of Incorporation of CES. Roll call: Andres-yes, Bennett-yes, Peters-yes, Chandler-yes, McCain-No. Motion carried 4:1

Resolution #2025-4 made by Andres, supported by Bennett to approve the presented fee schedule for the Township for 2025. A copy will be on the website. Roll call: Chandler-yes, Bennett-yes, McCain-yes, Andres-yes, Peters-yes. Motion carried. 5:0

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to approve the annual dump pass. One dump pass per residential dwelling for two square yards of trash. They will be available April 1, 2025 and good through October 31, 2025. Motion carried. 5:0

Resolution #2025-5 made by Andres, supported by Bennett to approve the Sick Leave Policy which incorporates the Earned Sick Time Act that takes effect February 21, 2025. Roll call: McCain-yes, Andres- yes, Bennett- yes, Peters-yes, Chandler-yes. Motion carried. 5:0

Reports and Communications: Jim LaVanway updated the Board on the Park. He said there is a need for a handicap accessible toilet and swings. The Board requested a list of items and costs and then the Board would review it and go from there.

Fire Chief Everett Steinke updated the Board on the Fire Department. All the trucks will need yearly service checks. Batteries were ordered for the air packs from MEC. The batteries need to be Energizer Industrial for the warranty on the air packs. 1920 has check engine light on.

Board and Staff Comments: None

Motion made by Chandler to adjourn the meeting, supported by Bennett to adjourn the meeting and so declared Supervisor Chandler at 8:26pm. Motion carried. 5:0

Cheryl Andres

Cheryl Andres- Sodus Township Clerk

MONTHLY VENDORS -February 2025

GENERAL FUND 101				FIRE FUND 206			
Vendor	Amount	Date paid	Detail	Vendor	Amount	Date paid	Detail
Adents Landscape				Active 911			
Andrew Blankenship	\$ 412.50	2/12/2025	Snow plowing Dec	Advanced Auto			
Apex Software				Andrew Blankenship	\$ 442.50	2/12/2025	Snow plowing Dec
Berrien County	\$ 2,314.05	2/12/2025	tax adj/tax services	B.C. Fire Chief's Association			
B.C. Treasurer	\$ 3,180.44	2/18/2025	PPT/Election Nov	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	2/12/2025	Bd Salaries	Dinges Fire Company			
BS&A Software	\$ 947.00	2/12/2025	assessing module	EMC Insurance			
Cheryl Andres				Everett Steinke			
David Bevier				Fire Department Salaries			
David Chandler				Great Lakes Truck			
David Cochran				Hart Well Drilling			
Eau Claire Fruit Exchange				Honor Credit Union			
EFTPS	\$ 1,883.11	2/12/2025	Federal Qrtly Taxes	Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 173.10	2/12/2025	Electric
Election Source	\$ 375.00	2/12/2025	maint AVCB Tab	James LaVanway			
Election Workers				Keystone Coop, Inc.			
Gloria Stansberry				Lowes			
Honor Credit Union	\$ 650.42	2/12/2025	Credit Card	Michigan Fire & Safety			
Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 578.07	2/12/2025	Electric	Michigan Gas Utilities	\$ 548.81	2/18/2025	Natural gas FD
Jennifer Dewey	\$ 110.00	2/12/2025	Custodial	Praxair			
Jackie Seib				Premier Safety			
Janet LaVerne Wilhite				Sodus Firefighter Fund			
Karen Metz				Spencer Mfg.			
Karen Ott				Staples			
Kim Rhoads				Summit Company			
Maner Costerisan				Tele-Rad, Inc.	\$ 330.00	2/12/2025	Batteries radios
Michigan Gas Utilities	\$ 277.66	2/18/2025	Natural gas hall/storage	Todd Steinke			
Nancy O'Rourke				Travelers Insurance			
Planning Commission Salaries	\$ 609.32	2/12/2025	Salaries	United States Postal Service			
Pride				VFIS			
Richard Seib				Wayne Davis			
Rod Gillenwater				West Shore Fire Inc.			
Southwest Planning Comm.				Wex Bank (Citgo)			
State of Michigan				Wyrick Co.			
Straub, Seaman & Allen				TOTAL	\$ 1,494.41		
SW MI Assessing Service	\$ 2,000.00	2/12/2025	Assessing	CEMETERY FUND 209			
Terry McCain				American Legion			
The Journal Era				Andrew Blankenship	\$ 595.00	2/12/2025	snow plow Dec
Tina Wall				David Cochran			
United States Postal Service				EMC Insurance			
VFIS				Honor Credit Union			
Victoria Chandler	\$ 441.00	2/12/2025	Dep Clerk Pay	Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 26.46	2/12/2025	Electric
William Tucker	\$ 75.00	2/12/2025	Website maint fee	Mark Ferry	\$ 700.00	2/12/2025	Burial O/C
ZBA Salaries				TOTAL	\$ 1,321.46		
				PERMIT FUND 549			
				Caleb O'Toole			
				Ken Jewell			
				Ron Ketelhut			
				TOTAL	\$ -		
TOTAL	\$ 18,611.32			PUBLIC WORKS 592			
ROAD FUND 204				Benton Charter Twp. Sanitation			
Berrien County Road Dept.	\$ 14,977.73	2/12/2025	Road Maint	Benton Charter Twp.			
				Miss Dig			
				Wightman & Associates			
TOTAL	\$ 14,977.73			TOTAL	\$ -		