

SODUS TOWNSHIP
TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Subject to Amendment

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

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 - Special Meeting

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Chandler at 6:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Board members absent: None

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett, to add one item to the agenda as presented.

Motion carried. 5:0

Notice of Meeting: Purpose of the special meeting was to approve the amended current year budget, approve salaries, appropriations act for fiscal year 2025-26, and any other business permitted by law.

Approval of the Bills:

General Fund 101: \$5,280.00 **Road Fund 204:** \$0.00 **Fire Fund 206:** \$8,300.72
Cemetery Fund 209: \$0.00 **Permit Fund 549:** \$2,312.00 **Public Works 592:** \$1,471.68

Actions Approved:

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to pay the bills as presented plus the bill for tires on the 1920 fire truck for \$4,161.00. Motion carried. 5:0

Public comment held: NONE

Resolution 2025-7 was made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to approve the following amendments, after identifying the following GL line items were found to be over or nearly exceeding original budget amount and in need of amending by the Board of Sodus Township for FY 2024-2025.

Gen & Admin

101-000-402.001 General Fund Tax original **\$73,900.00** current \$80,167.66 amend to **\$80,000.00**
101-261-703.000 Wages: original **\$10,000.00** current \$10,079.00 amend to **\$12,000.00**
101-261-801.000 Contracted Services: original **\$6,200.00** current \$6,436.50 amend to **\$7,000.00**
101-261-808.000 Independent Audit: original **\$15,000.00** current \$26,650.00 amend to **\$27,000.00**
101-261-955.000 Other Expense: original **\$2,500.00** current \$1,053.82 amend to **\$3,000.00**
101-261-962.000 Library: original **\$3,500.00** current \$4,698.14 amend to **\$5,000.00**

Township Hall

101-265-752.000 Supplies Twp Hall: original **\$6,000.00** current \$7,971.13 amend to **\$9,000.00**

Parks

101-751-965.00 Operating: original **\$1,000.00** current \$1,688.94 amend to **\$2,500.00**
101-751-977.000 Operating equip Purchased: original **\$100.00** current \$240.00 amend to **\$500.00**

Fire Department

206-000-402.005 Fire Tax2 original **\$0.00** current \$62,031.14 amend to **\$62,000.00**
206-336-703.000 Wages: original **\$20,000.00** current \$16,533.00 amend to **\$23,000.00**
206-336-930.000 Bldg. Maint. & Repair: original **\$5,000.00** current \$9,660.89 amend to **\$10,000.00**
206-336-931.000 Equip. Maint. & Repair: original **\$ 5,000.00** current \$ 8,130.50 amend to **\$13,000.00**
206-336-963.000 Conferences & Workshops: original **\$1,000.00** current \$1,850.00 amend to **\$2,000.00**

Cemetery

209-261-925.000 Utilities: original **\$200.00** current \$257.78 amend to **\$350.00**

209-261-955.000 Other Expense: original **\$2,500.00** current \$5,438.30 amend to **\$6,000.00**

209-261-960.000 Driveway/Snow Removal: original **\$1,000.00** current \$1,105.00 amend to **\$1,300.00**

209-261-969.000 Insurance Premium: original **\$370.00** current \$599.07 amend to **\$650.00**

Permit Fund

549-371-801.000 Contracted Services Building: original **\$ 14,000.00** current \$35,671.40 amend to **\$45,000.00**

549-371-801.001 Contracted Services Electrical: original **\$5,000.00** current \$5,085.60 amend to **\$6,100.00**

Public Works

592-441-836.000 Sanitation-Villas: original **\$4,000.00** current \$4,627.38 amend to **\$5,000.00**

Now, therefore be it resolved that the approval of this resolution will amend the FY 2024-25 budget from the original budget amounts to the amounts stated above. Roll call: Andres- yes, McCain-yes, Peters-yes, Bennett-yes, Chandler-yes. **Motion carried. 5:0**

Resolution 2025-8 was made by Bennett, supported by Peters, to approve the salary for **Supervisor** to be \$16,195.45 effective April 1, 2025. Roll call Andres-yes, Chandler-abstained, Bennett- yes, McCain-yes, Peters- yes. **Motion carried. 4:0**

Resolution 2025- 9 was made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to approve the salary for **Clerk** to be \$19,397.52 effective April 1, 2025. Roll call: Chandler-yes, Bennett-yes, McCain- yes Peters-yes, Andres- abstained. **Motion carried. 4:0**

Resolution 2025-10 was made by Andres, supported by Chandler to approve the salary for **Treasurer** to be \$17,275.07 effective April 1, 2025. Roll call: Bennett-yes, Andres-yes, Chandler-yes, McCain- abstained, Peters- yes. **Motion carried. 4:0**

Resolution 2025-11 was made by Andres, supported by Chandler to approve the salary for **Trustee** to be \$3,254.34 per each Trustees. There are two Trustees. Effective April 1, 2025. Roll call: Peters- abstained, Bennett- abstained, Andres- yes, McCain-yes, Chandler-yes. **Motion carried. 3:0**

Resolution 2025-12 was made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to approve the **General Appropriations Act of 2025-2026**. After review and adjustments, it was approved by the Board. Roll call: Andres -yes, Chandler-yes, McCain-yes, Bennett-yes, Peters- yes. **Motion carried. 5:0**

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Peters to approve cleaning up the tires and trash that has been dumped in the ditches off Townline Road. At a cost to stay at \$3000 or less. **Motion carried 5:0**

Reports and Communications: Chief Steinke reminded the Board of the

Sodus Fire Department Annual Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, April 6,2025

7am to 12:30pm

Adults 13yrs and up \$10.00

Children 12 yrs and under \$5.00

Board and Staff Comments: None

Adjournment:

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Peters and so declared by Supervisor Chandler to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm. **Motion carried. 5:0**

Cheryl Andres

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Sodus Township Clerk

MONTHLY VENDORS -March 25, 2025

GENERAL FUND 101				FIRE FUND 206			
Vendor	Amount	Date paid	Detail	Vendor	Amount	Date paid	Detail
Adents Landscape				Active 911	\$ 362.25	3/26/2025	Pager Service 2025
Andrew Blankenship				Advanced Auto			
Apex Software				Andrew Blankenship			
Berrien County				All Cities Occ Medicine	\$ 582.00	3/26/2025	Physicals new recruits
B.C. Treasurer				Best-One Fleet	\$ 7,052.98	3/26/2025	Tires 1998/1921/1920
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				Dinges Fire Company			
BS&A Software				EMC Insurance			
Cheryl Andres				Everett Steinke	\$ 53.75	3/26/2025	Reimb for Ink/Toner
David Bevier				Fire Department Salaries			
David Chandler				Great Lakes Truck			
David Cochran				Hart Well Drilling			
Eau Claire Fruit Exchange				Honor Credit Union			
EFTPS				Indiana Michigan Power			
Election Source				James LaVanway	\$ 249.74	3/26/2025	Reimb for toilet Lowes
Election Workers				Keystone Coop, Inc.			
Gloria Stansberry				Lowes			
Honor Credit Union				MES			
Indiana Michigan Power				Michigan Gas Utilities			
Jennifer Dewey				Praxair			
Jackie Seib				Premier Safety			
Janet LaVerne Wilhite				Sodus Firefighter Fund			
Karen Metz				Spencer Mfg.			
Karen Ott				Staples			
Library	\$ 3,500.00	3/26/2025	Annual Contribution	Summit Company			
Maner Costerisan				Tele-Rad, Inc.			
Michigan Gas Utilities				Todd Steinke			
Nancy O'Rourke				Travelers Insurance			
Planning Commission Salaries				United States Postal Service			
Pride				VFIS			
Richard Seib				Wayne Davis			
SBF				West Shore Fire Inc.			
Southwest Planning Comm.				Wex Bank (Citgo)			
State of Michigan				Wyrick Co.			
Straub, Seaman & Allen	\$ 1,780.00	3/26/2025	Legal Fees Feb	TOTAL	\$ 8,300.72		
SW MI Assessing Service				CEMETERY FUND 209			
Terry McCain				American Legion			
The Journal Era				Andrew Blankenship			
Tina Wall				David Cochran			
United States Postal Service				EMC Insurance			
VFIS				Honor Credit Union			
Victoria Chandler				Indiana Michigan Power			
William Tucker				Mark Ferry			
ZBA Salaries				TOTAL	\$ -		
				PERMIT FUND 549			
				Caleb O'Toole			
				Ken Jewell	\$ 2,312.00	3/26/2025	Mech/Plumb Permits
				Ron Ketelhut			
				TOTAL	\$ 2,312.00		
TOTAL	\$ 5,280.00			PUBLIC WORKS 592			
ROAD FUND 204				Benton Charter Twp. Sanitation	\$ 1,471.68	3/26/2025	Sanitation Villas
Berrien County Road Dept.				Benton Charter Twp.			
				Miss Dig			
				Wightman & Associates			
TOTAL	\$ -			TOTAL	\$ 1,471.68		