

SODUS TOWNSHIP
TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Subject to Amendment

4056 King Drive
Sodus, MI 49126
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Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Chandler at 7:20 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Board Members Absent: Trustee Ken Peters

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion made by Bennett, supported by Chandler to approve the agenda as presented with one additional item. Motion carried 4:0

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion made by Bennett, supported by Andres to approve the minutes of the Budget Workshops February 4, 2025, February 18, 2025 and regular meeting February 11, 2025. Motion carried 4:0

Treasurer Report: Accepted as read.

Approval of the Bills:

General Fund 101: \$19,356.44 **Road Fund 204:** \$0.00 **Fire Fund 206:** \$1,045.44
Cemetery Fund 209: \$1,138.66 **Permits Fund 549:** \$21,568.30 **Public Works 592:** \$0.00

Motion made by Bennett, supported by Chandler to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried. 4:0

Public Comments: None

Presentation: Phil Goodrich from Comcast reviewed the contract that was up for renewal with Comcast per the Michigan Franchise Agreement per Public Act 480-3301. This will be a ten-year agreement. A full copy of the agreement is available at the Hall.

Motions Approved:

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to approve the agreement with Comcast with the few noted clerical corrections. Comcast will be sending over a corrected agreement. This new agreement will be for ten years. Motion carried 4:0

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to approve adding Ed Killey and Bradley Lopez as new recruits to the roster of the fire department. Motion carried. 4:0

Resolution 2025-6 to adopt the Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test for 2025 was made by Chandler, supported by Bennett. Roll Call: Andres-yes, Bennett-yes, Chandler-yes, McCain-yes, Peters-absent. Motion carried 4:0

Motion made by Bennett, supported by Chandler to approve new led light fixtures for the front and back offices of the Township Hall at a cost not to exceed \$1500.00 with Beaudoin Electric. Motion carried. 4:0

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to approve the purchase of new tires for three of the four fire trucks in order that all four trucks are in compliance with MIOSHA

guidelines that fire apparatuses have to have new tires every seven years regardless of tread wear. The cost will be around \$7000.00. Motion carried. 4:0

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to approve the Township Civil Rights Nondiscrimination Policies as prepared by our township attorney. Motion carried 4:0

Reports and Communications: Fire Chief Everett Steinke updated the Board on the Fire Department. The annual report stated the fire department had 67 calls in 2024. There are four knox boxes in the Twp now and three more coming in.

The **Annual Fire Department Pancake Breakfast** is back and scheduled for **April 6, 2025**. They will be serving breakfast from 7am to 12:30pm at the fire station. **Adults are \$10 Children 12 & under \$5. Come out and support your community fire department!**

Board and Staff Comments: Clerk Andres stated the next step would be a demo of the BS&A Community Development and going over the benefits of the cloud conversion with BS&A. Supervisor Chandler and Trustee Bennett said to schedule the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned:

Motion made by Chandler to adjourn the meeting, supported by Bennett to adjourn the meeting and so declared Supervisor Chandler at 8:27pm. Motion carried. 5:0

Cheryl Andres

Cheryl Andres- Sodus Township Clerk

MONTHLY VENDORS - March 2025

GENERAL FUND 101				FIRE FUND 206			
Vendor	Amount	Date paid	Detail	Vendor	Amount	Date paid	Detail
				Active 911	\$ 3.06	3/12/2025	Adding pager
Adents Landscape				Advanced Auto			
Andrew Blankenship	\$ 127.50	3/12/2025	Snow plowing Hall	Andrew Blankenship	\$ 127.50	3/12/2025	Snow plowing Dec
Apex Software	\$ 260.00	3/12/2025	annual contract mapping				
Berrien County				B.C. Fire Chief's Association			
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	\$ 120.00	3/12/2025	BOR Mtg	Darley & Co., W.S.			
Board Salaries	\$ 4,757.75	3/12/2025	Bd Salaries	Dinges Fire Company			
BS&A Software				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	\$ 1,065.73	3/12/2025	Federal Qrly Taxes	Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 153.13	3/12/2025	Electric
Election Source	\$ 385.00	3/12/2025		James LaVanway			
Election Workers				Keystone Coop, Inc.	\$ 146.11	3/12/2025	Fuel
Gloria Stansberry				Lowes			
Honor Credit Union	\$ 767.73	3/12/2025	Credit Card	MES	\$ 75.83	3/12/2025	Batteries
Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 540.26	3/12/2025	Electric	Michigan Gas Utilities	\$ 539.81	3/18/2025	Natural gas FD
Jennifer Dewey	\$ 100.00	3/12/2025	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.			
Michigan Gas Utilities	\$ 264.83	3/18/2025	Natural gas hall/storage	Todd Steinke			
Nancy O'Rourke				Travelers Insurance			
Planning Commission Salaries	\$ 304.66	3/12/2025	Salaries	United States Postal Service			
Pride				VFIS			
Richard Seib				Wayne Davis			
SBF	\$ 1,542.61	3/12/2025	print/pub assessments	West Shore Fire Inc.			
Southwest Planning Comm.	\$ 1,431.00	3/12/2025	Twin Cats Dues	Wex Bank (Citgo)			
State of Michigan				Wyrick Co.			
Straub, Seaman & Allen	\$ 2,740.00	3/12/2025	Legal Fees	TOTAL	\$ 1,045.44		
SW MI Assessing Service	\$ 2,000.00	3/12/2025	Assessing	CEMETERY FUND 209			
Terry McCain				American Legion			
The Journal Era	\$ 1,068.50	3/12/2025	Publishing Legal Notices	Andrew Blankenship	\$ 255.00	3/12/2025	snow plow
Tina Wall				David Cochran			
United States Postal Service				EMC Insurance			
VFIS				Honor Credit Union			
Victoria Chandler	\$ 402.88	3/12/2025	Dep Clerk Pay/reimb	Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 33.66	3/12/2025	Electric
William Tucker	\$ 1,486.99	3/12/2025	Website/mileage/salary	Mark Ferry	\$ 850.00	3/12/2025	burial excavation
ZBA Salaries				TOTAL	\$ 1,138.66		
				PERMIT FUND 549			
				Caleb O'Toole	\$ 20,168.30	3/12/2025	Building permits/zoning
				Ken Jewell	\$ 272.00	3/12/2025	Mech/Plumb Permits
				Ron Ketelhut	\$ 1,128.00	3/12/2025	Elec Permits
				TOTAL	\$ 21,568.30		
TOTAL	\$ 19,365.44			PUBLIC WORKS 592			
ROAD FUND 204				Benton Charter Twp. Sanitation			
Berrien County Road Dept.				Benton Charter Twp.			
				Miss Dig			
				Wightman & Associates			
TOTAL	\$ -			TOTAL	\$ -		