

**SODUS TOWNSHIP**  
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**TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
Subject to amendment

Tuesday, May 3, 2022 -Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Chandler at 6:00 p.m. All members present.

Minutes of the April 12, 2022, regular meeting were read and approved on a motion by Andres, supported by Chandler. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was accepted.

Bills presented: General Fund 101: \$12,240.57 Road Fund 204: \$0.00 Fire Fund 206: \$622.63  
Cemetery Fund 209: \$1,430.29 Public Works Fund 592: \$0.00

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

**Public comment held:** A list is attached of the people who were in attendance. No public comments were made but some questions were allowed after the Brownfield presentation.

Resolution #12-2022 was made by Chandler, supported by Andres to approve the Speedway, LLC Brownfield Plan pursuant to and in accordance with Section 13 of the Act 381, the Speedway LLC Brownfield Plan was also approved by the County Board of Commissioners a few days prior to the Sodus Township meeting. The Brownfield Plan will assist Speedway in recovering costs for demolition and cleanup of the former Cosmo Motel, and to get the parcels to a buildable state. A full copy of the plan can be viewed at the Hall. The resolution was approved with the following roll call vote: Andres-yes, chandler-yes, Bennett-yes, Peters-yes, McCain-abstain. Motion carried.

Motion made by Andres, supported by Chandler to approve the contract with Mark Ferry as excavator and sexton of burials in the Township cemeteries. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to approve hiring Caleb O'Toole as the new Zoning Officer and Building Inspector effective as of May 1, 2022. Wayne Hardin, former zoning Officer and Building Inspector's resignation was effective April 30, 2022. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to approve continuing to collect the summer taxes for Benton Harbor Area Schools. The BHAS school board passed a resolution last December 2021 requesting that Sodus Township continue collecting their school taxes in the summer as in the past. The collection cost to the BHAS will be \$2.50 per parcel. Treasurer McCain requested the Township attorney draft up a new agreement for the BHAS. Roll call: Chandler-yes, McCain-Abstain, Andres-yes, Peters- yes, Bennett-yes. Motion carried.

Resolution #13-2022 made by Andres, supported by Bennett to approve the Township switch banking institutions from Huntington Bank to United Credit Federal Union for the following Funds: General, Fire, Cemetery, Public Works, Custodial and Tax. Also, Payroll, ACH, Direct Deposit and VISA credit card will be opened utilized at United Federal CU. Treasurer Terry McCain, Clerk Cheryl Andres, Deputy Treasurer Lori Wilcox, Deputy Clerk Victoria Chandler will continue to have check writing/signing privileges on the checking accounts associated with the previously listed Funds. The change will save the Township on many fees associated with the current accounts at Huntington. Roll call: Chandler-yes, Andres-yes, Bennett-yes, Peters-yes, McCain- yes. Motion carried.

Resolution #14-2022 made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to approve the Road millage wording, and placing it on the ballot for the August Primary Election. The millage is renewed every four years and continues at 2.00 mills as in the past.  
Roll call: Andres-yes, chandler- yes, Bennett-yes, McCain-no, Peters- yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett, to approve placing a dumpster for residents of the Townline subdivision to utilize. There have been numerous dumping of tires and trash by residents of other Townships. The dumpster will be monitored by Ordinance Officer and Township Supervisor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Andres to adjourn the meeting, supported by Bennett, and so declared by Supervisor Chandler at 8:00 p.m.  
Motion carried.

*Cheryl Andres*  
Cheryl Andres, Sodus Township Clerk