

## SODUS TOWNSHIP

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### TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Subject to amendment

Tuesday, December 10 2019 -Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Chandler at 7:30 p.m.. Members present Supervisor Chandler, Clerk Andres, Trustee Peters, Trustee Bennett. Treasurer Morgan was absent.

Minutes of the November 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting were read and approved with one correction on a motion by Andres, supported by Chandler. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was read and approved on a motion by Bennett, supported by Peters. Motion carried.

Bills presented: General Fund: \$23,405.97 Cemetery: \$1,422.66 Fire Fund: \$1,018.64  
Road Fund: \$41,383.70 Public Works: \$1,023.45

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

Public comment held: Lt Josh Sutherland from the Berrien County Sheriff's Department presented the October 2019 Incident Report to the Board.

Austin Carlson updated the Board on the his fire training. He has completed Fireground Survival & Rapid Intervention Teams, Michigan Company Officer I & II Series, and Michigan Fire Officer III Series. All paid for by Sodus Township or Benton Charter Fire Department. He stated to the Board that he sincerely appreciates the Boards' support of him in his training.

Jeremy Dybdahl addressed the Board on considering allowing a Recreational Marijuana micro business into the Township. The Township has opted out to allow any of the areas of Recreational Marijuana business.

Bill Long, fire chief of Sodus Fire Department, submitted his resignation as fire chief, in writing to the Board. He will serve as fire chief until December 31, 2019. The Township Board sincerely thanks Bill for his many years of service as fire chief. Supervisor Chandler will work with the fire department to appoint a new fire chief. Bill will continue as a firefighter for the department.

Motion made by Andres, supported by Chandler to purchase twenty(20) new G5 pagers for the fire department. These pagers will be G5 Dual Band P25 (VHF & 700-800 MHZ Pagers) to monitor bordering agencies on VHF (if necessary). Existing VHF pagers will have to be replaced by 2022 due to State requirements that all radio communication goes to 800MHZ. Because the County has made two unsuccessful federal regional AFG grant application submissions, the County is offering to cover 50% of the cost/fees of the pager procurement through Berrien County/911. If Sodus Fire Department places an order with the BCFCA by December 15<sup>th</sup>, we could purchase the pagers at the discounted rate of \$645.50 (minus \$100.00/pager) and share 50% of the cost/fees of pagers with Berrien County/911. Furthermore, each participating agency will make a 25% down payment upon making their paging equipment order, and agree to reimburse the Berrien County/911 with in one (1) year of delivery the final 25 % if necessary, of the equipment chosen by the agency. Motion carried.

Resolution 25-2019 made by Bennett, supported by Chandler to approve transferring the Fire and Road funds from Chemical Bank to Honor Credit Union. This move would accomplish two goals. The first being that the fire funds are supported by a millage and the funds would be managed in their own account. The second, as of March 31, 2019, the carrying amount of the Township's deposits was \$1,354,414 and the bank balance was \$1,378,281, of which \$716,030 was covered by federal depository insurance. The remaining balance of \$662,251 was uninsured and uncollateralized. By moving the funds to a different financial institution the funds would be insured by FDIC. This would include any CD's per these Funds to be transferred at maturity. Roll call: Peters-Yes, Andres-Yes, Bennett- Yes, Chandler-Yes, Morgan-absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett, that it is Sodus Township's intent to utilize that the local matching funds ( \$32, 572.00) allocated for Sodus Township in 2020 be utilized toward the road repair projects scheduled for 2020 by the BCRD. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to approve Supervisor Chandler's appointment of Fred Leitz, Dale Quattrin, and Ken Peters to Planning Commission for three year term ending in 2022. Oaths will be taken by December 31, 2019. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to approve Supervisor Chandler's appointment of Keith Hafer as alternate to Board of Review for two year term ending in 2021. Oath will be taken by December 31, 2019. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to approve Supervisor Chandler's appointment of Richard Edwards to Zoning Board of Appeals for three year term ending in 2022. Oath will be taken by December 31, 2019. Motion carried.

Resolution #26-2019 made by Chandler, supported by Andres to approved Meeting dates for 2020 on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm except for the March meeting, which will be held on the third Tuesday- March 17, 2020 due to the Presidential Primary being held at the hall on March 10, 2020. Roll call: Andres-yes, Chandler-yes, Bennett-yes, Peters-yes, Morgan- absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Andres to approve that the Board of Review Board attend the MTA Board of Review update in Kalamazoo on January 28, 2020. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, to adjourn the meeting and supported by Andres and so declared by Supervisor Chandler at 9:02 p.m.. Motion carried.

Cheryl Andres  
Sodus Township Clerk