

**SODUS TOWNSHIP**

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**TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

Subject to amendment

Tuesday, July 14, 2020 -Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Chandler at 7:30 p.m.. All members were present except Trustee Peters.

Minutes of the June 9, 2020 regular meeting were read and approved on a motion by Chandler, supported by Bennett. Motion carried.

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

Bills presented:	General Fund: \$47,880.77	Cemetery: \$3,319.89
Fire Fund: \$18,075.62	Road Fund: \$0.00	Public Works: \$1,987.64

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

**Public comment held:**

Assistant Fire Chief, Austin Carlson, had questions for Treasurer Morgan on the budget of the fire department and how funds for roof repairs were reimbursed back to the fire fund. Treasurer Morgan said she would call Mr. Carlson and go over it with him at a later date.

Four neighbors of 3030 Pipestone Road voiced their concerns at the meeting of the deteriorating condition of the house located on the stated property, the chained up dog and the constant barking, and the speed of vehicles traveling down that road. They asked the Township to step up and condemn the house as the backside of it has fallen in and it is decreasing the value of their homes because of it's condition. The house has not been maintained for years and the owners are not residing there presently. Supervisor Chandler said it is in the agenda to be discussed.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Morgan to add three items to the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Andres to approve the additional cost of \$10,771.85 needed to complete the road repairs for the Hipps Hollow Road project per Berrien County Road Department. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to approve getting audio and video for Supervisor Chandler's computer. Motion carried.

Motion made by Andres, supported by Chandler to have the Planning Commission amend the wording in the zoning ordinance to address a farmstay so a special land use permit can be issued for 5688 Hillandale in the future. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler, supported Morgan to approve going forward with the procedures and hearing needed to have the Township get the house located on 3030 Pipestone Road condemned per unsafe living conditions. Motion carried.

Motion made by Andres, supported by Chandler, to approve the purchase of two sets of turn out gear for the fire department and new pair of pants to replace damaged pair. Motion carried.

Resolution #13-2020 to establish Election Commission for the August 2020 Primary Election was made by Andres, supported by Chandler. Roll call: Andres-yes, Morgan-yes, Bennett-yes, Chandler-yes, Peters-Absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Andres, supported by Loyall to check with IT department to see if we need to take out insurance policy on Cyberware. Motion carried.

Resolution #14-2020 to establish an Absentee Voter Counting Board in the Township of Sodus for all future elections was made by Andres, supported by Chandler. Roll call: Morgan-yes, Chandler-yes, Bennett-yes, Andres-yes, Peters-Absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chandler to adjourn the meeting, supported by Andres and so declared by Supervisor Chandler at 9:12 p.m.. Motion carried.

*Cheryl Andres*

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Sodus Township Clerk