

SODUS TOWNSHIP
4056 King Drive
Sodus, MI 49126
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TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Subject to amendment

Wednesday, November 09, 2022 – Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Chandler at 7:00 p.m. Clerk Cheryl Andres absent. Trustee Loyall Bennett arrived at 7:06 p.m.

Minutes of the October 11, 2022, Regular Meeting were presented and approved on a motion by Peters, supported by Chandler. No corrections or discussion. Motion carried.

Minutes of the October 11, 2022, Special Election Commission Meeting were presented and approved on a motion by Chandler, seconded by McCain. No corrections or discussion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was presented and placed on file.

Bills presented:

GENERAL FUND 101:	American Pride	\$ 353.84
	Board Salaries	\$ 4,455.96
	Best Way Disposal	\$ 550.00
	BS&A	\$ 1,992.00
	David Cochran	\$ 366.34
	EFTPS	\$ 2,328.07
	Honor Credit Union	\$ 625.44
	Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 434.33
	Ken Jewell	\$ 900.00
	MGU	\$ 70.70 online
	Planning Commission Salaries	\$ 244.16
	Ron Ketelhut	\$ 353.60
	SBF	\$ 531.36
	Scott Anderson	\$ 2,106.38
	The Journal Era	\$ 1,007.50
	Victoria Chandler	\$ 1,011.50
	William Tucker	<u>\$ 75.00</u>
	Total:	\$34,948.90
FIRE FUND 206:	Dinges Fire	\$ 1,408.22
	Honor Credit Union	\$ 178.66
	Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 121.37
	Matt Ferry Construction	\$ 4,256.00
	MGU	\$ 145.79 online
	WEX Bank	<u>\$ 92.06</u>
	Total:	\$ 6,202.10
CEMETERY FUND 209:	American Legion Emblem Sales	\$ 85.76
	David Cochran	\$ 1,892.06
	Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 11.83
	Mark Ferry	<u>\$ 675.00</u>
	Total:	\$ 2,664.65

PUBLIC WORKS FUND 592:	Wightman & Assoc.	\$ 55.00
	Total:	\$ 55.00

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to pay the bill as presented. Discussion of misspelling of Matt Ferry Construction on the Fire Fund line item on the agenda. So noted and corrected from Mark Ferry Construction to Matt Ferry Construction. No further discussion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Deputy Clerk Victoria Chandler was introduced.
- Medic One Ambulance representatives Mike Schultz and Brian Ratter advised the board a Medic One rep would be attending board meetings in the future to give report /activity and to answer questions as possible. Brian discussed the great turnout for the Trunk or Treat held at the D.A.N.K.
- Fire Chief, Everett Steinke gave his report.
 - Purchasing 2 portable scene lights and 4 flashlights for \$2,077.90 from the pancake breakfast funds.
 - STFD is on the list thru the state to pick up old foam.
 - Investigating into getting old radios and pagers together and a quote to sell.
 - STFD received smoke detectors and CO alarms from BCFA.
 - Chief Steinke discussed with Ted Spica and he is willing to take the captain position and to get certified, pending the township board approval.

Motion made by Chandler to promote Ted Spica to captain within the Sodus Fire Department pending certification, no second. Motion died for lack of support.

Motion made by Peters to promote Ted Spica to captain within the Sodus Fire Department pending his successful completion of certification, seconded by Chandler. No further discussion. Motion carried.

- Joe Killey and Angie Hager discussed blight issue with Karen Morgan and bed sheets in the front yard. Supervisor Chandler allowed 35 minutes for conversation and attempted to explain the Sodus Twp ordinances and the process to change it.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 3030 Pipestone: Supervisor Chandler stated a court order has been issued and Hearing Officer Trudy Wilder set a demo hearing for Tuesday, November 30,2022 at 3:30p.m.
- Planning Commission Update: Supervisor Chandler advised the demolition of buildings at 2699 M139, the former Cosmo Motel now owned by Speedway, LLC, has been completed. January 2023 Speedway, LLC will be seeking a Special Land Use Permit for larger building(s) & reuse fuel lanes due to planning changes.
- Berrien County Broadband Grant: Supervisor Chandler advised he submitted the \$1.9m grant as it pertains to Sodus Township to assist with 272 unserved residents. Sodus Twp. rates #7 on the list in Berrien County.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Street Light – Yore & Sodus Parkway: Supervisor Chandler advised he is waiting on answers from AEP to report at the December meeting.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Peters to adjourn the meeting, and so declared by Supervisor Chandler at 7:54 p.m. Motion carried.