

SODUS TOWNSHIP
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TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Subject to amendment

Tuesday, March 29, 2022 - Public Hearing for Proposed 2022-23 Fiscal Budget

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

Public Hearing opened with Supervisor Chandler reading the Public Notice for the Hearing. See attached notice.

Treasurer McCain read through the proposed 2022-2023 proposed budgets for General, Road, Fire, Cemetery, and Public Works Funds.

Public comment held: Dale Quattrin asked a few questions. Public comments closed.

Chandler made a motion to close the hearing, supported by Bennett and so declared by Supervisor Chandler to close the hearing at 6:23 p.m.

Cheryl Andres
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Sodus Township Clerk

Tuesday, March 29, 2022- Special Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Chandler at 6:30 p.m. All Board members present.

Minutes of the 3.8.2022 regular meeting were read and approved on a motion by Peters, supported by Bennett. Motion carried.

Treasurer report was accepted.

Bills Presented: NONE

Public Comment: Dale Quattrin, Dashuna Robinson and Dr Andrae Townsel were in attendance. Dale Quattrin provided the Board information on an opportunity for the Robotics Team from the Allegan County Area Technical and Education Center to design and build a needed gate for the Township Park. This gate would be used to close the park to motorized vehicles for the winter season. There have been numerous occurrences of vandalism to the park over the past few years. The Township would just be responsible for materials and installation.

Dr Townsel and Ms. Robinson did a presentation to the Board on the progress that Benton Harbor Area Schools has made with their budget and reorganization of their school district. Dr. Townsel is the current superintendent of BHAS and Ms. Robinson is the president of the school board. The Board was pleased with the progress that was made and look forward to working and supporting the BHAS district in the future.

Motion made by Chandler, supported by Peters to add one item to the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bennett, supported by Andres to approve the attached amendments to the current fiscal year budget

2021-2022. Motion carried.

Resolution #5 -2022 made by Andres, supported by Chandler to approve the Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22 as presented with attached amendments. Roll call was as follows: Andres-yes, Chandler-yes, Bennett -yes, McCain-yes, Peters- yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Andres, supported by Bennett to approve the park gate being designed and built by the Allegan County Area Technical and Education Center by the robotics team. Material costs and installation covered by the Township. Motion carried.

Resolutions #6 -2022 for the increase and stated salary \$17,083.21 for Township Clerk made by Chandler, supported by Bennett and approved for the 2022-23 fiscal year which takes effective April 1, 2022, was approved with the following roll call: McCain- yes, Chandler-yes, Peters-yes, Bennett-yes. Andres-abstained. Motion carried.

Resolutions #7 -2022 for the increase and stated salary \$14,678.62 for Township Supervisor was made by Peters, supported by Bennett, and approved for the 2022-23 fiscal year and takes effective April 1, 2022, and was approved with the following roll call: McCain- yes, Andres-yes, Peters-yes, Bennett-yes. Chandler-abstained. Motion carried.

Resolutions #8 -2022 for the increase and stated salary \$15,810.62 for Township Treasurer for winter and summer property tax collection was made by Bennett, supported by Andres, and approved for the 2022-23 fiscal year and takes effective April 1, 2022, with the following roll call: McCain- abstained, Chandler-yes, Peters-yes, Bennett-yes. Andres-yes. Motion carried.

Resolutions #9 -2022 for the increase and stated salary \$2,949.54 for Township Trustee I was made by Andres, supported by Chandler, and approved for the 2022-23 fiscal year and takes effective April 1, 2022, was approved with the following roll call: McCain- yes, Chandler-yes, Peters-abstained, Bennett-yes. Andres-yes. Motion carried.

Resolutions #10 -2022 for the increase and stated salary \$2,949.54 for Township Trustee II was made by Chandler, supported by Peters, and approved for the 2022-23 fiscal year and takes effective April 1, 2022, was approved with the following roll call: McCain- yes, Chandler-yes, Peters-yes, Bennett-abstained. Andres-yes. Motion carried.

Resolution #11-2022 for the General Appropriations Act of 2022 was made by Chandler, supported by Bennett, and approved with the following roll call: Chandler-yes, Andres-yes, Peters-yes, Bennett-yes, McCain-yes. Motion carried.

Township Annual Audit is scheduled for Friday, May 20, 2022.

Dump Passes are available at the hall. Two per household good through November 30, 2022.

Annual Sodus Fire Department Pancake Breakfast will be held on April 24, 2022, 7am to 12:30pm

Motion made by Bennett to adjourn the meeting and supported by Chandler and so declared by Supervisor Chandler at 7:55 p.m.

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