

**SODUS TOWNSHIP**  
**TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
Subject to Amendment

4056 King Drive  
Sodus, MI 49126  
269-926-6285

**Tuesday, April 8, 2025 - Regular Meeting**

**Meeting called to order** by Supervisor Chandler at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Board members present:** Supervisor David Chandler, Clerk Cheryl Andres, Treasurer Terry McCain, Trustee Loyal Bennett

**Board members absent:** Trustee Ken Peters

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion** made by Chandler, supported by Bennett, to add one item to the agenda as presented.

**Motion carried. 4:0**

**Presentation:** Deputy Lt. R. Johnson from the Berrien County Sheriff's Department reviewed the February 2025 Incident Report with the Board.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

**Motion** made by Bennett, supported by Chandler to approve the minutes from the 3/11/2025 Budget Hearing, 3/11/2025 Regular Meeting, and the 3/25/2025 Special Meeting. **Motion carried 4:0**

**Treasurer's Report:** Accepted as read.

**Approval of the Bills:**

**General Fund 101:** \$34,954.14      **Road Fund 204:** \$0.00      **Fire Fund 206:** \$9,896.09

**Cemetery Fund 209:** \$950.00      **Permit Fund 549:** \$10,989.70      **Public Works 592:** \$0.00

**Motion** made by Bennett, supported by Chandler to approve and pay the bills as presented. **Motion carried. 4:0**

**Public Comment Held:** Jim LaVanway updated the Board on the Parks. He discussed expanding the pea gravel under all the equipment and putting a wood or plastic tubing boarder to keep the pea gravel in a confined area for easier mowing. Also, he presented two quotes for a handicapped swing for the park. The Board will look over the quotes and have Supervisor Chandler put it on the agenda for the May meeting.

**Actions Approved:**

**Motion** made by Andres, supported by Chandler to approve the contract submitted by Cemetery Sexton, David Cochran, for the Fiscal year 2025-26. **Motion carried. 4:0**

**Motion** made by Chandler, supported Bennett to approve the contract submitted by Mark Ferry for cemetery burial excavation for Fiscal Year 2025-26. **Motion carried. 4:0**

**Motion** made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to approve moving forward with repairs of the fire siren by Beaudoin Electric. **Motion carried. 4:0**

**Motion** made by Bennett, supported by McCain to approve the portion of the quote from Beaudoin Electric for replacement bulbs for the fire departments LED light fixtures. The quote was for 42 Bay Lighting Lamps replaced with new 8' LED lamps at a cost of \$2,190.00. **Motion carried. 4:0**

**Motion** made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to approve increasing cemetery fees for 2025. Attached is a new fee schedule for 2025 which will go into effect on May 1, 2025. **Motion carried. 4:0**

**Motion** made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to approve repairs to the fascia on the back side of the hall that was blown loose in the last wind storm. **Motion carried. 4:0.**

**Reports and Communications:** Chief Steinke updated the Board on the Fire Department. A number of firefighters from the department attended a training on safety and procedures to fight a natural gas and gasoline/diesel pipeline fire or leak.

The annual pancake breakfast served 430 people. The monies generated will be used to purchase a battery-operated jaw of life saw.

The fire department purchased a fire blanket for car fires and electric tester for 1921 truck from monies donated to their funds.

Service is needed on the 1920 and 1930 trucks.

**Board and Staff Comments:** Reminder of the zoom meeting on April 30, 2025, 9:00 am to 10:30 am with BS&A on the Community Development Module and converting to the cloud.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion** made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to adjourn the meeting and so declared by Supervisor Chandler at 8:25 pm. Motion carried. 4:0

*Cheryl Andres*

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Sodus Township Clerk



# MONTHLY VENDORS -April 2025

GENERAL FUND 101				FIRE FUND 206			
Vendor	Amount	Date paid	Detail	Vendor	Amount	Date paid	Detail
Adents Landscape				Active 911			
Andrew Blankenship				Advanced Auto			
Apex Software				Andrew Blankenship			
B.C. Treasurer				B.C. Fire Chief's Association			
B.C. Treasurer's Association				Batteries & Bulbs			
Berrien County				BH Dept. of Public Safety			
Best Way Disposal				Brown's Locksmith			
Beaudoin Electric Construction	\$ 1,258.54	4/9/2025	LED Lights Hall	Culby's Landscape Supplies, LLC			
Board of Review	\$ 600.00	4/9/2025	BOR Salaries	Darley & Co., W.S.			
Board Salaries	\$ 4,757.75	4/9/2025	Bd Salaries	Dinges Fire Company	\$ 2,622.46	4/9/2025	Turn out gear
BS&A Software				EMC Insurance			
Cheryl Andres	\$ 139.70	4/9/2025	Reimb Ph/Mileage	Everett Steinke	\$ 386.10	4/9/2025	mileage/ph reimb
BS&A Software				Fire Department Salaries	\$ 6,105.00	4/9/2025	Salaries qtrly
David Chandler	\$ 183.80	4/9/2025	Reimb Ph/Mileage	Great Lakes Truck			
David Cochran				Hart Well Drilling			
Eau Claire Fruit Exchange				Honor Credit Union	\$ 3.06	4/9/2025	Active 911
EFTPS	\$ 1,312.70	4/9/2025	Federal Qrtly Taxes	Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 183.68	4/9/2025	Electric
Election Source				James LaVanway			
Election Workers				Keystone Coop, Inc.	\$ 163.48	4/9/2025	Fuel
Gloria Stansberry				Lowes			
Honor Credit Union	\$ 567.37	4/9/2025	Credit Card	MES			
Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 575.00	4/9/2025	Electric	Michigan Gas Utilities	\$ 371.96	4/21/2025	Natural gas FD
Jackie Seib				Pipestone Small Engine	\$ 41.97	4/9/2025	Parts for Truck Maint
Janet LaVerne Wilhite				Premier Safety			
Karen Metz				Sodus Firefighter Fund			
Karen Ott				Spencer Mfg.			
Kim Rhoads				Staples			
Maner Costerisan				Summit Company			
Michigan Gas Utilities	\$ 219.78	4/21/2025	Natural gas hall/storage	Tele-Rad, Inc.			
Medic 1 Ambulance	\$ 21,945.00	4/9/2025	Ambulance Services	Todd Steinke	\$ 18.38	4/9/2025	Reimb Supplies FD
Planning Commission Salaries	\$ 64.16	4/9/2025	Salaries	Travelers Insurance			
Pride				United States Postal Service			
Richard Seib				VFIS			
SBF				Wayne Davis			
Southwest Planning Comm.				West Shore Fire Inc.			
State of Michigan	\$ 831.84	4/9/2025	Qtly Taxes	Wex Bank (Citgo)			
Straub, Seaman & Allen				Wyrick Co.			
SW MI Assessing Service	\$ 2,000.00	4/9/2025	Assessing	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,896.09</b>		
Terry McCain				<b>CEMETERY FUND 209</b>			
The Journal Era				American Legion			
Tina Wall				Andrew Blankenship			
United States Postal Service				David Cochran			
VFIS				EMC Insurance			
Victoria Chandler	\$ 423.50	4/9/2025	Dep Clerk Pay	Honor Credit Union			
William Tucker	\$ 75.00	4/9/2024	Website Maint	Indiana Michigan Power			
ZBA Salaries				Mark Ferry	\$ 950.00	4/9/2025	Burial Excavation
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 950.00</b>		
				<b>PERMIT FUND 549</b>			
				Caleb O'Toole	\$ 8,995.30	4/9/2025	Building permits/zoning
				Ken Jewell	\$ 1,060.00	4/9/2025	Mech/Plumb Permits
				Ron Ketelhut	\$ 934.40	4/9/2025	Elec Permits
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,989.70</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 34,954.14</b>			<b>PUBLIC WORKS 592</b>			
<b>ROAD FUND 204</b>				Benton Charter Twp. Sanitation			
Berrien County Road Dept.				Benton Charter Twp.			
				Miss Dig			
				Wightman & Associates			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		