

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

4056 King Drive  
Sodus, MI 49126  
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**Tuesday, October 8, 2024**

Meeting called to order by supervisor Chandler at 7:00 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Board Members present:** Supervisor David Chandler, Treasurer Terry McCain, Trustee Loyall Bennett, Trustee Ken Peter, Deputy Clerk Victoria Chandler

**Board Members absent:** Clerk Cheryl Andres

**Approval of the Agenda:**

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

**Approval of the Minutes:**

**Motion** made by Peters, supported by Chandler to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 4:0

**Treasurer Report:** accepted as read

**Approval of the Bills:**

**Motion** made by Bennett, supported by Chandler to approve the bills as presented.

**Public comments:**

Albert Mais, District Court Judge candidate, introduced himself to the Board.

Denall Miller stated she wants transparency with the credit card bill and wants her comments reported in the public comments section of the minutes.

Sergeant Crosby presented the August 2024 Berrien County Sheriff's Incident Report to the Board.

Jim LaVanway updated the Board on the parks. He brought up looking into getting handicap equipment and parking.

Everett Steinke updated the Board on the fire department. He will be attending an October 23rd class on Port Authority. The fire department has had fifty calls this year already. The fire department purchased a fan with reverse function, battery or cord operated with their association funds. They also donated extra fire equipment to Lawrence.

**Actions Approved:**

**Resolution** made by Chandler, supported by Bennett to establish an Election Commission for the November 2024 General Election. Roll call: Bennett-yes, Andres-absent, McCain-yes, Peters-yes, Chandler-yes. Motion carried. 4:0

**Motion** made by Chandler, supported by Peters to table the Assessor's Office Accessibility Policy. No vote taken therefore the motion failed. The Board will revisit the policy at the November meeting. Also, Treasurer McCain noted Assessor Swisher's contract has expired.

**Reports and Communications:** Fire Department presented in public comments along with parks.

**Board and Staff Comments:** Reminder of Election Commission Meeting on October 15, 2024 6pm

**Motion** made by Chandler to adjourn the meeting, supported by Bennett and so declared by Supervisor Chandler at 7:50 pm. Motion carried. 4:0

*Cheryl Andres*

Cheryl Andres

Sodus Township Clerk

# MONTHLY VENDORS - October 2024

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. Clerk's Association				B.C. Fire Chief's Association			
B.C. Treasurer				Batteries & Bulbs			
B.C. Treasurer's Association				BH Dept. of Public Safety	\$ 50.00	10/9/2024	Training Course
Best Way Disposal				Brown's Locksmith			
Big C Lumber				Culby's Landscape Supplies, LLC			
Board of Review				Darley & Co., W.S.			
Board Salaries	\$ 4,757.75	10/9/2024	Bd Salaries	Dinges Fire Company			
BS&A Software				EMC Insurance			
Cheryl Andres	\$ 150.97	10/9/2024	Reimb ph/mileage	Everett Steinke	\$ 224.00	10/9/2024	Reimb ph/mileage
David Bevier				Fire Department Salaries	\$ 5,787.00	10/9/2024	Salaries
David Chandler	\$ 217.30	10/9/2024	Reimb ph/mileage	Great Lakes Truck			
David Cochran	\$ 382.41	10/9/2024	Parks Mowing	Hart Well Drilling			
Eau Claire Fruit Exchange				Honor Credit Union			
EFTPS	\$ 1,084.79	10/9/2024	Federal Qrtly Taxes	Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 165.20	10/9/2024	Electric
Election Source				James LaVanway			
				Keystone Coop, Inc.	\$ 244.73	10/9/2024	Fuel
Gloria Stansberry				Lowes			
Honor Credit Union	\$ 756.34	10/9/2024	Credit Card	Michigan Fire & Safety			
Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 536.90	10/9/2024	Electric	Michigan Gas Utilities	\$ 46.17	10/18/2024	Natural gas FD
Jennifer Dewey	\$ 100.00	10/9/2024	Custodial	Praxair			
Jackie Seib				Pro Safety Innovations, LLC	\$ 448.88	10/9/2024	Extinguishers check
Janet LaVerne Wilhite				Sodus Firefighter Fund			
Karen Metz				Spencer Mfg.			
Karen Ott				Staples			
Kim Rhoads				Summit Company			
Maner Costerisan	\$ 9,000.00	10/9/2024	Audit	Tele-Rad, Inc.			
Michigan Gas Utilities	\$ 80.11	10/18/2024	Natural gas hall/storage	Todd Steinke			
Nancy O'Rourke				Travelers Insurance			
Planning Commission Salaries	\$ 60.09	10/9/2024	Salaries	United States Postal Service			
Pride	\$ 240.00	10/9/2024	Park Toilets	VFIS			
Pro Safety Innovations, LLC	\$ 15.00	10/9/2024	Extinguishers check	Wayne Davis			
Rod Gillenwater				West Shore Fire Inc.	\$ 794.12	10/9/2024	Compressor Maint
Southwest Planning Comm.				Wex Bank (Citgo)	\$ 42.06	10/9/2024	Fuel
State of Michigan	\$ 908.54	10/9/2024	Qtly state taxes	Wyrick Co.			
Straub, Seaman & Allen	\$ 584.50	10/9/2024	Legal Fees	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,802.16</b>		
SW MI Assessing Service	\$ 2,000.00	10/9/2024	Assessing	<b>CEMETERY FUND 209</b>			
Terry McCain	\$ 180.00	10/9/2024	ph reimb	American Legion			
The Journal Era				Andrew Blankenship			
Tina Wall				David Cochran	\$ 1,768.14	10/9/2024	Mowing /Burial/Misc
United States Postal Service				EMC Insurance			
VFIS				Honor Credit Union	\$ 23.30	10/9/2024	Flagpole Repair
Victoria Chandler	\$ 595.00	10/9/2024	Dep Clerk Pay	Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 25.56	10/9/2024	Electric
William Tucker	\$ 75.00	10/9/2024	Ord Pay/Website/Mileage	Mark Ferry	\$ 1,550.00	10/9/2024	Burial
ZBA Salaries				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,367.00</b>		
				<b>PERMIT FUND 549</b>			
				Caleb O'Toole			
				Ken Jewell	\$ 568.00	10/9/2024	Mech/Plumb Permits
				Ron Ketelhut	\$ 465.60	10/9/2024	Elec Permits
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 21,724.70</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,033.60</b>		
<b>ROAD FUND 204</b>				<b>PUBLIC WORKS 592</b>			
Berrien County Road Dept.				Benton Charter Twp. Sanitation			
				Benton Charter Twp.			
				Miss Dig			
				Wightman & Associates			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		