

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

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

**Tuesday, April 9, 2024 - 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 Ken Peters,

**Board members absent:** Trustee Loyal Bennett

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion** made by Chandler, supported by Peters to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried. 4:0

**Approval of the Minutes:**

**Motion** made by Andres supported by Chandler to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion carried. 4:0

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

**Approval of the Bills:**

**General Fund 101:** \$31,231.89    **Road Fund 204:** \$0.00    **Fire Fund 206:** \$5,449.37

**Cemetery Fund 209:** \$23.34    **Public Works 592:** \$0.00    **Permits Fund 549:** \$841.60

**Motion** made by Peters, supported by Andres to pay the bills as presented, with Chandler abstaining from approving the bills for himself and Victoria Chandler. Motion carried.

3:0:1(abstained)

**Public Comment:** George McManus, introduced himself to the Board and stated he is running for Berrien County Drain Commissioner in the August Primary Election.

**Actions Approved:**

**Resolution #19-2024** made by Peters, supported by Chandler to approve the wording of the Fire Protection Millage Renewal and putting it on the August ballot of the Primary Election on August 6, 2024. Roll call: Andres- yes, Chandler-yes, McCain- yes, Peters- yes.

Motion carried 4:0

**Resolution #20-2024** made by Andres, supported by Chandler to approve the wording of a new Public Safety/Emergency Rescue Service Millage and placing it on the August 6, 2024 Primary Election ballot. Roll call: Peters-yes, McCain-yes, Andres- yes, Chandler-yes. Motion carried. 4:0

**Motion** made by Chandler, supported by Andres to approve the final bids for Road repairs in 2024. The bids are for four roads: E. Nickerson Ave; Oxbow Road; River Road; and Spring Valley Court at a total cost of \$216,098.45. Motion carried. 4:0

**Motion** made by Chandler, supported by Peters to approve adding an informational letter to the summer tax bill mailing. This mailing will explain the need for a new Public Safety Millage

the Township is proposing for the August Election. The cost of printing and mailing the letter is to stay under \$1200.00 if done by first class mail but including it in the tax mailing will decrease the cost tremendously. Motion carried. 4:0

**Motion** made by Chandler, supported by Peters to approve Supervisor Chandler representing the Township at the Medic 1 meetings. Motion carried. 4:0

**Motion** made by Chandler, supported by Peters to approve purchasing topsoil to fix the ruts in the park. Four to five yards will be needed. Motion carried. 4:0

#### **Reports and Communications:**

Chief Steinke updated the Board on the fire department.

**The Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on April 21, 2024 7am to 12:30pm.**

**All you can eat, cost for adults \$10.00. for children 12 and under \$5.00.**

**Come out and support your local fire department!**

James LaVanway updated the Board on the parks and his plan for maintenance this summer.

**Board and Staff Comments:** Supervisor Chandler and Ken Peters updated the Board on the Planning Commission meeting. Planning commission voted to approve the new plans for the 7-Eleven store and truck stop. It will go to Zoning Board of Appeals next for a Hearing for signage approval, scheduled on April 22,2024, then back to the Township Board for final approval in May.

#### **Adjournment:**

**Motion** made by Chandler, supported by Bennett and so declared by Supervisor Chandler to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Motion carried.

*Cheryl Andres*

Cheryl Andres

Sodus Township Clerk



# MONTHLY VENDORS - April 2024

GENERAL FUND				CEMETERY FUND			
Vendor	Amount	Date paid	Done	Vendor	Amount	Date paid	Done
Adents Landscape				American Legion			
Andrew Blankenship				Andrew Blankenship			
Apex Sortware				David Cochran			
B.C. Clerk's Association	\$ 25.00			EMC Insurance			
B.C. Treasurer				Honor Credit Union			
B.C. Treasurer's Association				Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 23.34		
Best Way Disposal				Mark Ferry			
Big C Lumber				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 23.34</b>		
Board of Review	\$ 600.00			<b>FIRE FUND</b>			
Board Salaries	\$ 4,589.65			Active 911	\$ 346.50		
BS&A Software				Advanced Auto			
Cheryl Andres	\$ 250.80			Andrew Blankenship			
Community Emerg. Services	\$ 16,817.84			B.C. Fire Chief's Association			
David Chandler	\$ 226.01			Batteries & Bulbs			
David Cochran				Best -One Fleet Service			
Eau Claire Fruit Exchange				BH Dept. of Public Safety			
EFTPS	\$ 1,111.39			Brown's Locksmith			
Election Source				Ceres Solution Co.			
Election Workers				Darley & Co., W.S.			
EMC Insurance				Dinges Fire Company			
Honor Credit Union	\$ 825.20			EMC Insurance			
Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 499.12			Everett Steinke	\$ 161.02		
Jennifer Dewey	\$ 170.00			Fire Department Salaries	\$ 4,241.00		
Land Management				Great Lakes Truck			
Library				HEI Wireless			
Maner Costerisan				Honor Credit Union	\$ 300.12		
Mark Andres				Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 130.19		
Michigan Gas Utilities	\$ 156.89			James LaVanway	\$ 33.37		
Michigan Twp. Association				Lowes			
PC Services				Michigan Fire & Safety			
Planning & Zoning News				Michigan Gas Utilities	\$ 237.17		
Planning Commission Salaries	\$ 304.66			Praxair			
Pride				Premier Safety			
RLI Surety Bond				Sodus Auto Tech			
SBF				Spencer Mfg.			
Southwest Planning Comm.				Staples			
State of Michigan	\$ 772.06			Summit Company			
Straub, Seaman & Allen				Tele-Rad, Inc.			
SW MI Assessing Service	\$ 2,000.00			Todd Steinke			
Terry McCain				Travelers Insurance			
The Journal Era	\$ 646.50			United States Postal Service			
Travelers Insurance				VFIS			
United States Postal Service				Wayne Davis			
VFIS				West Shore Fire Inc.			
Victoria Chandler	\$ 637.00			Wex Bank (Citgo)			
Virginia Handy				Wyrick Co.			
William Tucker	\$ 1,599.77			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,449.37</b>		
ZBA Salaries				<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>			
				Benton Charter Twp. Sanitation			
				Benton Charter Twp.			
				Miss Dig			
				Wightman & Associates			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 31,231.89</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		
<b>PERMIT FUND</b>				<b>ROAD FUND</b>			
Caleb O'Toole				Berrien County Road Dept.			
Ken Jewell	\$ 432.00						
Ron Ketelhut	\$ 409.60						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 841.60</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		