

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

4056 King Drive  
Sodus, MI 49126  
269.926.6285

**Tuesday, June 11, 2024**

**Meeting call to order by:** Clerk Andres at 7:02 pm.

Clerk Andres handed over the running of meeting to Deputy Supervisor Everett Steinke

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Board Members present:** Clerk Andres, Treasurer McCain, Trustee Bennett

**Board members absent:** Supervisor Chandler, Trustee Peters

**Approval of the Agenda:**

**Motion** made by Andres, supported by Bennett to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 3:0

**Approval of the Minutes:**

**Motion** made by Andres, supported by Bennett to approve the minutes with one correction. Motion carried. 3:0

**Treasurer Report:** accepted as read

**Approval of the Bills:** General Fund 101: \$23,373.69 Road Fund: \$0.00 Fire Fund: \$1,970.81 Cemetery Fund: \$3,322.18 Permits Fund: \$716.00 Public Works: \$1,858.36

**Motion** made by Andres, supported by Bennett to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 3:0

**Public Comment:** A resident asked if there could be an extra column added to the Vendor Report to explain what the bill is for. She also questioned the security of retrieving AV Ballots from the ballot drop box. Clerk Andres responded that all protocol for AV ballot retrieval was in accordance with the election laws evolving from Proposal 2022-2 and recommendations from the Bureau of Elections. She also said she would take the vendor report changes into consideration.

**Actions Approved:**

**Motion** made by Bennett, supported by McCain to approve Clerk Andres and Deputy Clerk, Victoria Chandler taking the MTA Elections and Beyond course on June 19, 2024 online for a cost of \$100.00. Motion carried. 3:0

**Motion** made by Bennett, supported by Andres to approve the rate increase for legal counsel from Straub, Seaman & Allen from \$185.00/hour to \$200.00/hour effective July 1, 2024. Motion carried. 3:0

**Motion** made by McCain, supported by Bennett to give Deputy Clerk access to the safe combination in order that she may place mail for Treasurer McCain in her box on the safe, for example tax payments received in the mail.

Motion carried. 3:0

**Reports and Communications:**

Fire Chief, Everett Steinke updated the Board on the Fire Department. New recruit, Ed Killey, completed FFI & FFII and can join the roster when he turns eighteen years old in January 2025. Each fire department of the FEMAGO Grant will still have \$20,376.35 to spend on air packs. Telerad will be fixing the siren to sound out for fire calls. No bill yet for the new well completed by Hart Well Drilling.

**Motion** made by Bennett to adjourn the meeting, supported by McCain and so declared by Deputy clerk Everett Steinke at 7:48pm. Motion carried.

*Cheryl Andres*

Cheryl Andres

Sodus Township Clerk

# MONTHLY VENDORS - JULY 2024

GENERAL FUND				CEMETERY FUND			
Vendor	Amount	Date paid	Done	Vendor	Amount	Date paid	Done
Adents Landscape				American Legion			
Andrew Blankenship				Andrew Blankenship			
Apex Software				David Cochran	\$ 3,452.11	7/10/2024	x
B.C. Clerk's Association				EMC Insurance	\$ 599.07	7/10/2024	x
B.C. Treasurer Econ Dev.	\$ 12,432.00	7/10/2024	x	Honor Credit Union			
B.C. Treasurer's Association				Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 22.92	7/10/2024	x
Best Way Disposal				Mark Ferry			
Big C Lumber				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,074.10</b>		
Board of Review				<b>FIRE FUND</b>			
Board Salaries	\$ 4,757.75	7/10/2024	x	Active 911			
BS&A Software				Advanced Auto			
Cheryl Andres	\$ 154.99	7/10/2024	x	Andrew Blankenship			
Community Emerg. Services				Best-One Fleet BH	\$ 1,964.02	7/10/2024	x
David Chandler	\$ 286.31	7/10/2024	x	Batteries & Bulbs			
David Cochran	\$ 1,442.04	7/10/2024	x	BH Dept. of Public Safety			
Eau Claire Fruit Exchange				Brown's Locksmith			
EFTPS	\$ 1,071.03	7/10/2024	x	Darley & Co., W.S.			
Election Source				Dinges Fire Company			
Election Workers				EMC Insurance	\$ 11,382.33	7/10/2024	x
EMC Insurance	\$ 7,987.60	7/10/2024	x	Everett Steinke	\$ 356.66	7/10/2024	x
Honor Credit Union	\$ 1,470.72	7/10/2024	x	Fire Department Salaries	\$ 5,565.00	7/10/2024	x
Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 472.62	7/10/2024	x	Great Lakes Truck			
Jennifer Dewey	\$ 100.00	7/10/2024	x	HEI Wireless			
Land Management				Honor Credit Union			
Library				Indiana Michigan Power	\$ 122.75	7/10/2024	x
Maner Costerisan	\$ 8,750.00	7/10/2024	x	James LaVanway			
Mark Andres				Keystone Coop, Inc.	\$ 49.36	7/10/2024	x
Michigan Gas Utilities	\$ 86.86	7/18/2024	x	Lowe's			
Michigan Twp. Association				Michigan Fire & Safety			
PC Services				Michigan Gas Utilities	\$ 48.66	7/18/2024	x
Planning & Zoning News				Praxair			
Planning Commission Salaries	\$ 304.66	7/10/2024	x	Premier Safety			
Pride	\$ 260.00	7/10/2024	x	Sodus Auto Tech			
RLI Surety Bond				Spencer Mfg.			
SBF	\$ 789.86	7/10/2024	x	Staples			
Southwest Planning Comm.				Summit Company			
State of Michigan	\$ 836.53	7/10/2024	x	Tele-Rad, Inc.			
Straub, Seaman & Allen	\$ 1,776.00	7/10/2024	x	Todd Steinke			
SW MI Assessing Service	\$ 2,000.00	7/10/2024	x	Travelers Insurance			
Terry McCain				United States Postal Service			
The Journal Era				VFIS			
Travelers Insurance				Wayne Davis			
United States Postal Service				West Shore Fire Inc.			
VFIS				Wex Bank (Citgo)			
Victoria Chandler	\$ 969.50	7/10/2024	x	Wyrick Co.			
Virginia Handy							
William Tucker	\$ 75.00	7/10/2024	x	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 19,488.78</b>		
ZBA Salaries				<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>			
				Benton Charter Twp. Sanitation			
				Benton Charter Twp.	\$ 1,125.00	7/10/2024	x
				Miss Dig			
				Wightman & Associates	\$ 9.38	7/10/2024	x
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 46,023.47</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,134.38</b>		
<b>PERMIT FUND</b>				<b>ROAD FUND</b>			
Caleb O'Toole	\$ 4,942.40	7/10/2024	x	Berrien County Road Dept.			
Ken Jewell							
Ron Ketelhut	\$ 294.12	7/10/2024	x				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,236.52</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		