

**Board of Trustees of Sandusky Township
Sandusky County, Ohio**

Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 17, 2023

The Trustees of Sandusky Township met in regular session at Sandusky Township Hall at 6:00 p.m., with the following members present:

Paul Lotycz, Gilbert Overmyer, and Kyle Amor.

Fiscal officer, Alexis Brickner was in attendance.

Attorney James Barney was in attendance.

The minutes from the October 3, 2023 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the minutes with no additions or corrections by Chip. Kyle seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

The revenues and expenditures were reported by Alexis as follows:

	October 3- October 16	YTD
Revenue	\$17,528.47	\$1,088,118.24
Expenditures	\$48,663.82	\$900,653.05

Chip made a motion to accept and pay the bills. Kyle seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Don Bixler attended the meeting. Mr. Bixler inquired about if there was anything that could be done to the brush drop off area to help with the mud? Paul advised that the roads department just placed asphalt grindings down. Brent of the roads department advised that the brush pile was just recently ground and they will be digging out more parts of the area once the entire pile is removed and doing more backfilling with asphalt. Don also inquired about the ditch that runs in front of his house. He would like to know what he needs to do in order to have that ditch filled in? Brent of the roads department advised that he would need to come out and decide what size tile needed to be placed in the ditch, they would need to dip it, tile it, and then fill it in. Paul advised that Don would need a permit to do this and it would be at Don's expense.

Bob Bordner attended the meeting. Mr. Bordner inquired about the holes that are left in Ream road from the pins where it was recently paved. Brent of the Road Department will look into who is responsible for filling those back in and will get it taken care of. Mr. Bordner also inquired about the responsibility of a dead deer that was laying on the side of River Road and Route 6. Kyle advised the ODOT is responsible for removing it.

Barbara Bristley attended the meeting to hear the information presented regarding the health insurance.

Kay Saionz attended the meeting representing the zoning board. She advised that the zoning board would be holding a public hearing tomorrow at 7:15 PM.

Rudy Sprenger attended the meeting to observe.

Julie Hasselbach with Sprouse Insurance attended the meeting. Julie presented updated quotes that were received after the employees completed the Form Fire questionnaires. She advised that depending on which plan was chosen, the network could be slightly different. She advised that we could utilize HRA's and benny cards with each plan but there is a \$6/person charge for the cards. Paul advised that he reached out to the County Commissioners to see if we were able to piggyback on their plan to save money but we have not heard back from

them yet. Julie advised that we can adjust the plan at anytime but if we do not hear from them before November 1, it would be best to wait until January 1 to make a change due to deductibles. Paul made a motion to stay with the health insurance plan we currently have until we hear from the Commissioners. Chip seconded the motion. There was no more discussion and the motion passed.

Dean Schneider, Chief of the Fire Department attended the meeting and gave the following update:

- The Chair of the truck committee was reaching out to the dealer to setup a meeting to discuss changes to the new fire truck. The meeting was potentially happening this evening. Chief advised the chair of the committee that the board would like to get the chassis ordered this year.
- There were 6 emergency runs in September.
- A fender screw was discovered in the tire of the new rescue truck when the department was returning from a training at Madison Motors. The spare tire is currently on the truck and the original tire was taken to Tire Man for repair.
- At the training at Madison Motors, the mock JAWS cutter was damaged. The device in the handle that brings the cutters back to center malfunctioned and caused them to go way over center. A service technician was passing through the area so he stopped and repaired it.
- Attended a safety meeting with the Ohio Turnpike and other first responders from Allen-Clay. They are concerned about safety on the Turnpike, specifically secondary crashes, and having proper transponders in response vehicles.
- Trucks were serviced last night. The charging device was installed on the rescue truck by department members, a siren that was no longer working was repaired, and a drain on the deck gun was leaking but was repaired but the heat is no longer working in the truck.
- The spaghetti dinner will be Sunday October 22 at 11 am. It will be drive thru only.
- The state has opened the MARCS radio grant. Township is working to obtain this grant in conjunction with Fremont Fire and Ballville Township.
- Attended webinar on Ohio Incident Reporting System.

Brent Saionz of the roads department attended the meeting and gave the following update:

- The line on Irvington was dug up. There was a gap in the line, it was cleaned, covered, capped, and cemented. Catch basins will be installed next week after the rain quits.
- Finished mowing roads for this time around. Once the frost hits, they will be mowed one more time and then be finished for the year.
- The leaf vacuum is ready to go
- Parts are ordered for the boom mower. New blades were needed for it and this batch did not seem to be lasting as long as previous years. The county was having an issue with this batch too.

Chip advised that Washington Township lost a mirror on a tree on Township Road 122. He spoke with the owner of the property that the trees are on and the owner is going to trim them back. Chip also spoke with Mike Leech from ODOT, he looked at the catch basin on the corner of State Route 19 and Township Road 97. He advised that the paving of State Route 19 made the catch basin much lower now and that they were going to move the basin to the south to remedy the problem. He was not able to give an exact date as to when it would be done but is hopeful to get to it soon.

Chip shared the following updates:

- Wanted to Thank Paul for posting pictures on Facebook of the new picnic tables and new boat motor. Ask the Fire Chief if he would be willing to share the pictures of the boat motor on their Facebook page as well. Dean will be posting the pictures.
- Received a call back from the original company we contacted about a fabric building. He explained he was having a labor shortage and would get an updated quote to us. Chip also went to Tritch Door to get an updated quote for 14-foot doors instead of 12. It will be \$7,950 for two 14-foot doors and labor.

Kyle inquired about the status of the heating and cooling work that was to be done. Chip advised that the new unit was installed, and everything was working properly.

Paul shared the following update:

- Went to North Branch Nursery with Don Bixler to look at trees. Paul bid on several lots at their auction but did not win any. They will be on the lookout for more trees and will need to purchase more grass seed for the new portion of the park. Brent advised that the previous grass seed was purchased from Sunrise and could be purchased from there again.
- Al Wise contacted Paul about his neighbor having roosters. Paul contacted Brian Woods regarding the matter. Brian will be addressing the issue when he gets back from vacation.

Chip made a motion, at the recommendation of the Auditor of State, to ratify the meeting minutes for the 2022 year, approving the financials, and paying the bills. Kyle seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Chip also made a motion, at the recommendation of the Auditor of State, to ratify the memorial given to the National Rifle Association in memory of Richard Saionz. Kyle seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Next meeting is November 7th at 6 pm.

Rudy Sprenger addressed the board regarding the health insurance. He asked the board to consider the savings by changing plans or pairing with the county if possible.

Barbra Bristley added that with the premium reduction and use of an HRA, the cost would still be similar to what is currently being paid.

At 7:23 pm Kyle made a motion to enter executive session per ORC 121.22 (G)1, regarding employment. Chip seconded the motion. Roll call was taken:

Kyle: Yes

Chip: Yes

Paul: Yes

The motion passed.


Present in Executive Session: Trustees Paul Lotycz, Chip Overmyer, and Kyle Amor, Fiscal Officer Alexis Brickner, Road Superintendent Brent Saionz, and Attorney Jim Barney.

At 7:48 pm the Trustees returned to regular session.

With no further business before the board, Chip made a motion to adjourn. Kyle seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.




Paul Lotycz, Chairman



Alexis Brickner, Fiscal Officer



Kyle Amor, Trustee



Gilbert Overmyer, Trustee