

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SANDUSKY TOWNSHIP
SANDUSKY COUNTY, OHIO**

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of June 21, 2022

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

Mr. Paul Lotycz

Mr. Mike Willis

Mr. Gilbert Overmyer

Fiscal Officer not present.

Mr. Mike Willis made motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Paul Lotycz seconded motion. Vote as follows: Mr. Overmyer - yes, Mr. Willis – yes, Mr. Lotycz - yes.

Mr. Paul Lotycz made motion to accept and pay the bills. Mr. Mike Willis seconded motion. Vote as follows: Mr. Overmyer – yes, Mr. Willis – yes, Mr. Lotycz - yes.

Ms. Zienta reported the following Revenue and Expenditures:

	6-8-2022 through 6-21-2022	Year to Date
Revenue	15,203.30	561,819.23
Expenditures	29,858.54	464,924.70

Zoning Inspector Brian Woods provided an update on the house located at 932 Everett Road. It turns out the house was owned by TaxEase and was sold 2 months ago. The Fire Department sent the nuisance letter to the previous owner. Mr. Woods and the fire department did not know TaxEase owned the property. Because of this, the nuisance abatement is not valid. Mr. Woods talked with the new property owner and he would like to proceed with removing the structure. Since the property was already in the system, the Land Bank can move forward with removing the structure under the new property owners name instead of on behalf of the township fire department.

Mr. Woods reports the property owner on CR 89 will be completing the fence around the pool soon. He also understands his neighbor received the nuisance letter and plans on fixing up the property and moving in by the end of the summer. Mr. Woods wants the Trustees to hold him to this.

Mr. Paul Lotycz asked Mr. Woods if the property owner between Judge Ickes' house and the Hotz property on 5th street obtained a fence permit. Mr. Woods stated a guy called him last week about a fence. He was going to put it up the next day. Mr. Woods was on vacation and told him to go ahead and put it up and he would contact him later about the permit. Mr. Woods has not called him yet so it might be that person.

Mr. Woods stated the guy wants a service horse. He told him he can't stop him from having a service horse but he can stop him for horses (plural). Mr. Woods instructed him he needs documentation from his doctor or psychologist and it has to be fenced in. The person is putting a

wooden privacy fence up. Mr. Lotycz asked if he has a permit and Mr. Woods stated he has a permit. Mr. Woods didn't know anything about the horses until 2-3 days ago when a neighbor next door had called him.

Mr. Lotycz was told he wants to train them for disabilities.

Mr. Woods stated he wants to train them for disabilities and Mr. Woods told him that isn't going to fly. He doesn't have enough acreage for the one horse let alone more than one.

Trustees received an email from Mr. Tommy Wiggins, 1918 Riverbend Parkway. He has called Mr. Saionz multiple times for over a year to have the sewer lines addressed and snaked out. He states water is in the catch basin and they have followed the drainage lines to the river and they are at a trickle.

Mr. Willis and Mr. Lotycz stopped out to Mr. Wiggins property.

After looking at the area, it was determined Mr. Wiggins is hooked in out front. Adkins started cleaning out the lines and videotaping it. They ran in to tree root balls throughout the lines. All the lines were cleaned out except for 50 ft. of it. They could not get through it. Trustees discussed how to proceed with repairing the lines. Mr. Saionz will replace some of the tile and Mr. Willis will obtain estimates to install a lining in the old tile.

Trustees received a Permit Request from Columbia Gas to replace existing service line at 651 Cedar Street. There was not other information other than the address. Mr. Willis talked with Ms. Lewis from the Columbia Gas Integration Center about the request. He informed her the township does not have a permit for gas line installation. The township only has one for open cut on the road.

Trustees will have to look at all the requests when they come in.

Mr. Willis received a text from Mr. Jim Ellis. Mr. Ellis needs to resign as Cemetery Sexton. He is too busy to stay on top of things and follow up on all the cemetery tasks that need to be done on the weekend. He will stay until the township finds a replacement but no longer than the end of the year.

Trustees will have Ms. Cyndi Zienta place the opening on the township Facebook page.

Mr. Howard Schlegel and Ms. Eileen Walker attended meeting. Ms. Walker lives on CR 73 and has a lot of delivery drivers come to the house. There is a ditch across from the driveway and when they back out, they end up going in the ditch. Ms. Walker had her son mow the ditch so drivers can see it and not back in to it.

Mr. Jeff Phillips owns the property across the street. He came to her and said that when she mows the ditch, she is trespassing on his property. That gives him the right to come over to her property and cut all her flowers down.

Ms. Walker would like to know if she can mow it as it is located in the right-of-way. Mr. Phillips told her he wasn't trying to be a bad neighbor but he said she is trespassing and taking advantage of farmers. Ms. Walker stated she is just trying to make it safer for everyone.

Mr. Schlegel and Ms. Walker both like Mr. Phillips and would like to know the next step.

Mr. Willis stated the ditch is in the township right-of-way.

Mr. Saionz will talk to Mr. Phillips tomorrow about it.

Mr. Brent Saionz provided the following report:

- Finished ditch mowing.
- Ready to start the next mowing
- Received the catch basin for Mike Shetenhelm and will start putting it in tomorrow

Mr. Jim Barney sent a letter to the City of Fremont.

Mr. Lotycz will not be at the next meeting in July.

Mr. Willis will not be at the second meeting in July.

County Building Inspector Robert Kurtz contacted Mr. Overmyer. He would like to meet personally to discuss the cemetery building.

Cemetery Land Engineering Group provided information on what they do to Mr. Overmyer. Mr. Overmyer discussed what the township wants to do with the property and provided parcel numbers to them.

Mr. Overmyer will check with Ludwig Propane on pricing.

The Spectrum inspector will be at the township hall on June 28th for an inspection on phone connection. Mr. Overmyer said they had to go through a process with AT&T and Spectrum to release our telephone number. Mr. Lotycz asked about a WIFI password because he is not connected.

Mr. Overmyer said the 5G power box was unplugged. He plugged it back in and it did not start up.

Trustees discussed finding an IT person.

Mr. Overmyer asked Mr. Saionz if he had serviced the generator yet. Mr. Saionz says he has not done it yet and it is on the list. He did not know where the disconnect was.

Trustees received an email about the projected fuel shortage this summer. Mr. Willis recommended the township carry on with what they are doing.

Mr. Overmyer discussed the water softener. It is 17-18 years old and used 12 lb. of salt per 250 gallons of water. A new one will use 9 lbs. of salt per 960 gallons of water and cost \$1,700.00 installed.

Mr. Overmyer made motion to replace the water softener at the fire department not to exceed \$1700.00. Mr. Mike Willis seconded motion. Vote as follows: Mr. Overmyer – yes, Mr. Lotycz – yes, Mr. Willis – yes.

Trustees discussed the 2023 Budget.

Ms. Cyndi Zienta provided the following information to Trustees:

The 2023 Budget has been scheduled for the next meeting, July 5th, at 6:00 p.m.

I have made each of you a packet of the proposed Budget along with supporting documentation.

- 2023 Budget
- 2023 Budget Requests
- Fund Status as of 6-26-2022
- Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources dates 1-5-2022
- Fund Status breakdown for 11 years
- Email from Jackson Township with information on health insurance other townships do or do not provide.

If you look at the General Fund, you will notice it has a negative balance of **\$131,990.00**. This is after I removed the \$100,000 I was saving in the Transfer fund for the fire department truck.

There is no money left in that account.

You will all have to adjust the spending in the General Fund. It cannot have a negative balance.

I was looking at the Health Insurance cost.

The General Fund is expected to bring in \$331,027.00 this year. Total cost of Health Insurance will be around \$277,000. That is 84% of what is expected to be received.

One way to save some money on health insurance...end coverage for all Elected Officials and only provide insurance to employees. Elected Officials are only part-time. By doing this, it would save the following:

- Overmyer - \$44,273.33, Wife - \$41,643.23 = Total \$85,916.56
- Willis - \$25,425.58
- Lotycz - \$34,191.96
- Zienta - \$34,484.04

For a total amount of **\$180,018.14** savings.

Either way, you all have to trim something out of the General Fund. Please let me know as soon as you can so I can adjust the Budget numbers before the next meeting.

Mr. Willis would like to know where the township stands with the moving the inside millage from the Road and Bridge Fund to the General Fund. Mr. Willis seen where Ms. Zienta sent an email to County Prosecutor on what the township needs to do but has not seen a reply from her. Trustees need to stay on task with that.

Mr. Willis is not in favor of getting rid of health care for elected officials right now. He would like to look at cheaper plans.

Mr. Willis recommends dropping the \$75,000 for cemetery development and reducing township hall repairs by \$80,000 to balance the budget and everyone will still have health care.


Trustees can work on transferring the inside millage and get the cemetery land sold off.

Trustees discussed the concrete apron around the township hall. It is deteriorating terribly. Mr. Mr. Saionz stated it would be a waste of time to try and patch the crumbling concrete.

Mr. Lotycz received a complaint regarding Lake Street. The City of Fremont opened a portion of it in front of the Nepper residence to tap into the water. The project was not finished as it is still open. Mr. Lotycz will contact the City of Fremont.

At 7:31 p.m. with there being no further Business to come before the Board of Trustees, Mr. Willis made motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Lotycz.

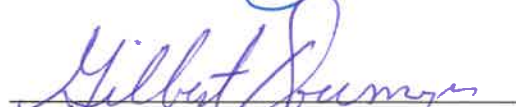
Mr. Paul Lotycz, Trustee



Mr. Mike Willis, Trustee



Ms. Cynthia Zienta, Fiscal Officer



Mr. Gilbert Overmyer, Chairman