

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of July 19, 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. Gilbert Overmyer

Fiscal Officer was not present.

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

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

Ms. Zienta reported the following Revenue and Expenditures:

	7-6-2022 through 7-19-2022	Year to Date
Revenue	24,266.56	607,537.37
Expenditures	85,522.11	574,606.67

Mr. & Mrs. Bill and Janice Rusch attended meeting. Mr. Rusch stated they were assaulted by one of the township employees. The employee told him to get the F*** out of there and he responded that this is America. The employee then told him he was no F***ing American and to get out of there. He was pretty hot and they didn't know why.

Mr. Gilbert Overmyer stated that something had to start all this.

Mr. Rusch stated he just blew up out of nowhere. Mr. Rusch's son has a video of it and can provide it to the board.

Mr. Paul Lotycz assumes the employee is Mr. Brent Saionz and it was in front of Mr. Rusch's sons house and Mr. Rusch confirmed that.

Mr. Saionz stated he assumes Mr. Rusch called the law on him and Mr. Rusch denied calling the law.

Mr. and Mrs. Rusch went to Yacht Club Drive to visit their son, daughter-in-law and grandkids Friday around 3:30 p.m. as they had just gotten home from vacation.

Mr. Lotycz believes the township employees were putting in a catch basin at the end of the driveway. He doesn't know why he would say that.

Mr. Overmyer asked Mr. Rusch if he drove in there and got in the way?

Mr. Rusch answered that he was not in anyone's way. If he was, all Mr. Saionz had to do was ask him to move. What he did was back his dump truck up to within a foot of his truck and then told him to get the F*** out of there. Mr. Rusch stated that if the former Trustees were still on the Board, that employee would either be fired or given 3 days off without pay. He does not feel Mr. Saionz represents the township very good.

Mr. Rusch would also like to know the township's bonding company. Mr. Lotycz stated that would have to be a records request to Ms. Cyndi Zienta.

Mr. Overmyer stated that something had to precede that verbal to start that all up. Mrs. Rusch stated there was nothing verbal before that, they did not say a word to him.

Mr. Saionz stated they are the ones that said this is America first.

Mrs. Rusch added that Mr. Saionz told them they do not belong. That all he had to do was ask them to move and be nice about it. But he was nasty and malicious and she was afraid for her life because she didn't know what he was going to do because he was holding a log chain.

Mr. Lotycz asked Mr. Rusch to email him the video and the Trustees will take the necessary procedures from there.

Mr. Overmyer asked Mr. Saionz if he had anything to add and he had nothing right then.

Zoning Inspector Brian Woods discussed the fence requirements in the Zoning Resolution. Four feet in the front, five feet on the sides and six feet in the back. The property owner of The Victor's on Hayes Avenue (next to Freddy's Car Wash) would like to put a 6 ft. fence on the side of his property to block the neighbor's property from his customers view. The front of the property is huge. If he does a variance it will cost him \$500.00. Mr. Woods asked if the Trustees would agree to let him use the front of the neighbor's house for the start of his frontage – this would save him \$500.00.

Attorney Jim Barney stated the Trustees and the Zoning Inspector cannot deviate from the Zoning Resolution. That is up to the Zoning Board of Appeals. That is a purpose of a variance. Mr. Woods will have the property owner apply for a variance.

Mr. Woods was contacted by Mr. Matthew Sours, 1510 CR 186, about putting in a pond on his property. Mr. Sours stated he did split the property and put a house on one portion. Everyone was out there and he told them he wanted to put a pond in. He said he was told he could.

Mr. Woods looked at the zoning resolution and it states he will have to go to the Zoning Board of Appeals for approval. That will cost him another \$500.00 and Mr. Sours is upset about that.

Mr. Jim Barney explained he will have to apply for a conditional use permit through the Zoning Board of Appeals. There may be a different fee structure for that.

Mr. Barney clarified that fence request would be a variance and the pond request a conditional use permit. Both go to the Zoning Board of Appeals for approval.

Fire Chief Dean Schneider asked Mr. Barney about the Trustees granting him authority to abate a nuisance.

Mr. Barney explained the statute states the Fire Chief can inspect a property and declare it a public nuisance/unsafe building. The next step would be the Trustees sending a notice to abate the nuisance.

Chief Halbeisen lead Mr. Schneider to believe he needs some kind of documentation stating he has the power to do it. Mr. Barney explained cities can make their own rules whereas townships have to go by the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Barney will provide Mr. Schneider a copy of the statute.

Ballville Township is interested in purchased the departments hose tester that was purchased several years ago. The department does not use it anymore. Mr. Schneider looked online for a value and they are selling anywhere from \$600 to \$800. The unit has extra fittings. Mr. Schneider would like to offer it to them for \$750.00. Mr. Gilbert Overmyer told him to sell it.

Mr. Schneider provided the following update:

- Unit #2 is at GCM. The A/C is not working and they are trying to repair it.
- The truck is in at Baumann. Will pick up on Thursday afternoon. The department will then proceed to install lights, siren and cap.
- Attended joint training with the City of Fremont. Motorola has been selected to be the new vendor for the 911 system. IAM Responding will be included in the system.

Mr. Gilbert Overmyer asked Mr. Schneider if the county is interested in putting a squad at the township hall. Mr. Schneider explained the township would have to install individual female/male showers and separate bedrooms for the responders.

Mr. Overmyer stated the township could charge the county for using the space and this would help with the needed repairs to the building. Mr. Schneider will discuss with Chief Jackson.

Mr. Brent Saionz started the Yacht Club Drive project last week. He received a call from Mr. Tony Rusch Thursday night asking if he could get in his driveway on Friday at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Saionz called him back on Friday and told him there may be a possibility and that they ran into issues they were not expecting.

Mr. Saionz stated that at 2:30 p.m. on Friday they had the catch basin installed and he left to unload the spoils in the truck and pickup a load of stone. He was on his way back to the job site when Mr. Chad Bender called and said the Sheriff was there and Mr. Tony Rusch came out raising all kinds of heck. The Sheriff's deputy asked if it could be closed up and Mr. Saionz told him they are trying to do the best they can.

Mr. Saionz stated that when he got there, Tony Rusch's truck was on the outer edge and Bill Rusch's truck was in the middle of the road and they couldn't get in to do the work. They could have parked somewhere else.

Mr. Paul Lotycz told Mr. Saionz he shouldn't be using that kind of language and it probably could have been handled better.

Mr. Saionz stated Mr. Rusch spurned it when he got there with the smirk on his face.

Mr. Lotycz stated they Trustees will look in to the situation and discuss in Executive Session at a later meeting.

Mr. Overmyer provided the following building issues:

- Records room window is leaking
- The rubber roof has soft spots

The Board will have to look at roof repairs in the future.

Ms. Cyndi Zienta had a question on Mr. Saionz's payroll. On July 1st he had 6 hours worked, two hours sick time and 6 ½ hours overtime. No hours were listed for the overtime hours.

Mr. Saionz stated he was called out after the storm and worked from 6:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Mr. Overmyer asked Mr. Saionz to put his hours down on his timecard. Mr. Overmyer approved the overtime hours.

Mr. Lotycz presented a sidewalk replacement application from Ms. Marilyn Kovaleski, 419 Lime Street. The area to be replaced is 80 x 4 feet. Trustees asked Mr. Saionz to figure the amount of concrete that will be used and an amount for said concrete. Mr. Saionz will work on amount.

Mr. Lotycz call the City of Fremont on repairing the road on Lake Street in front of the Nepper property. They instructed him to contact Mr. Bill Guhn.

Mr. Lotycz received a complaint on high grass and weeds in the driveway at 454 Williams Street. Mr. Lotycz would like to send a high grass to her. Mr. Overmyer stated he has good luck with residents when he drops off a high grass letter to them. Mr. Lotycz will fill one out and drop off to 454 Williams Street.

Mr. Lotycz received a fire works complaint. The persons neighbor was shooting off fireworks and they were bouncing off his house. He used approximately 1500 gallons of water hosing down his house and buildings trying to prevent a fire. The person provided Mr. Lotycz with some of the fireworks that fell in his yard.

Mr. Lotycz asked Mr. Schneider if they have received any complaints. Mr. Schneider stated the Sandusky Township Fire Department has not received any complaints but the City of Fremont has received fireworks complaints.

Mr. Lotycz would like the Township to opt out of House Bill 127. Trustees will table the matter until Mr. Mike Willis is in attendance.

Trustees drafted a letter to the Sandusky County Budget Committee. Mr. Overmyer read the following letter:

The Sandusky Township Road and Bridge Fund has accumulated a surplus, and the Trustees are asking the Sandusky County Budget Committee to consider moving the 1.9 Inside Millage from Fund 2031 – Road and Bridge Fund to Fund 1000 – General Fund to cover future expenditures.

The Trustees have drafted a 5-year road plan to ensure the Road and Bridge stays in budget. Previously Trustees were paving roads every other year.

Trustees will send the letter to the Sandusky County Budget Committee. Mr. Lotycz asked if a Resolution needs to be done. Mr. Jim Barney does not believe a Resolution needs to be done.

Mr. Overmyer has not heard back from Monument Engineering Group regarding the cemetery design.

Mr. Overmyer provided propane quotes from Sunrise Cooperative and Ludwig Propane. After reviewing, Mr. Paul Lotycz made motion to stay with Ludwig Propane. Mr. Gilbert Overmyer seconded motion. Vote as follows: Mr. Overmyer – yes, Mr. Lotycz – yes, Mr. Willis – absent.

Mr. Overmyer informed Mr. Alan Weickert the culvert tile under TR 97 will be done some time this summer.

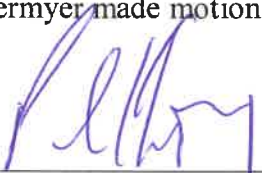
Ms. Cyndi Zienta provided information on the township's current ½ mill Road & Bridge Levy that will expire. If trustees want to move forward with putting the renewal levy on the ballot, the attached Resolution will need to be approved.

Mr. Gilbert Overmyer moved to adopt the following Resolution: Resolution to the County Auditor requesting certification of the total current tax valuation and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a renewal of the existing one-half (.50) mill tax levy providing for the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads and bridges pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 5705.19(G). Mr. Paul Lotycz seconded motion. Vote as follows: Mr. Lotycz – yes, Mr. Overmyer – yes, Mr. Willis – absent.

Ms. Zienta emailed all Trustees and the Road Superintendent information from the Ohio Department of Transportation's Salt Award for the 2022-2023 winter season. Trustees and road superintendent did not receive the email and asked that it be sent again.

Trustees received an anonymous complaint on the property located at 618 Stone Street. They state the grass is at time knee high, tree limbs are laying about, low hanging branches over the sidewalk preventing them using the sidewalk. The person did not want to sign as they do not want any problems with the neighbor. Trustees will contact the city of Fremont to trim the tree over the sidewalk.

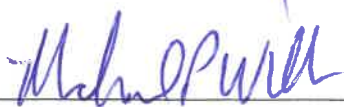
At 7:29 p.m. with there being no further Business to come before the Board of Trustees, Mr. Overmyer made motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Lotycz.



Mr. Paul Lotycz, Trustee



Ms. Cynthia Zienta, Fiscal Officer



Mr. Mike Willis, Trustee



Mr. Gilbert Overmyer, Chairman