

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of September 20, 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

Fiscal Officer was not present.

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

Ms. Zienta reported the following Revenue and Expenditures:

	9-7-2022-2022 through 9-20-2022	Year to Date
Revenue	35,307.01	1,174,233.26
Expenditures	6,112,833.68	778,255.93

Julie Hasselbach, Sprouse Agency, attended to discuss health insurance renewal. Trustees are still under the Grandfather Plan. The total premium change for next year is 4%. Currently monthly premium is \$23,092.03 and will go to \$24,224.68 with no changes. Vision premiums will stay the same. She is not sure on Delta Dental yet. While on the Grandfathered Plan, Trustees can lower the monthly premium to \$23,880.78/month if they make the following changes:

- Deductible for single/family from \$100/\$200 to \$125/\$250
- Max out of pocket including deductible from \$100/\$200 to \$125/\$250
- Office Visit Copay from \$15 to \$20
- Urgent Care Copay from \$35 to \$40
- Specialist Copay from \$15 to \$20
- Emergency Room Copay from \$150 to \$190

The policy can be quoted through FormFire. If everyone is healthy, they may be able to get a cheaper rate.

After discussing, Mr. Paul Lotycz made motion to keep the insurance where it is at. Mr. Mike Willis seconded motion. Vote as follows: Mr. Willis – yes, Mr. Lotycz – yes, Mr. Overmyer – absent.

Mr. & Mrs. Dan and Amy Miller, 669 W CR 73, attended meeting. Mrs. Miller stated they are having a problem with the neighbors across the street – Mr. & Mrs. Brent and Kay Saionz. On August 15, 2022, they had some smell coming in their window. The Saionz were burning garbage and trash. Mrs. Miller sent a text to Mrs. Saionz asking if they were burning. Mrs.

Saionz responded back saying there were burning wood and if that is a problem to have Dan call Brent.

Mrs. Miller responded that they have all day to burn and they have their windows open at night and every night they smell that. It gives her a headache/migraine. She asked her to burn during the day while they are gone 9-5.

The next night at 12:30 the same smell was coming through the windows. The Miller's got up, went out on the street and could see the smell was coming from them again. Mr. Miller called the Sheriff's Department after the Fire Department would not answer. The Sheriff's Department sent the Sandusky Township Fire Department out. The fire department left and nothing was done.

The Miller's were told they are allowed to burn because they are heating their water. At 1:00 a.m. it smells like garbage – not wood.

The next day at 9:30, they were burning again. This time Mr. Miller took a video of the fire and all the smoke barreling through the neighborhood. It shows the smoke is coming from behind the Saionz' house.

On August 25, Mr. Miller arrived home from work and Mrs. Saionz was arriving home. He took a video of her removing 1 bag and 1 box of garbage from her truck and took them out back. Soon after, you see the smoke.

Mrs. Miller downloaded the Zoning Rules. She noted that both Mr. and Mrs. Saionz are on the Zoning Committee and wondered why they are on the Committee but they are not following the rules.

Mrs. Miller read a portion of the book. Page 37, section 4 (c) which states;

"If there is a residence within 300 feet of the wood fired furnace which is not on the same property, then the outdoor wood furnace shall have an attached permanent stack extending higher than the roof line of the structures not being served."

Mrs. Miller asked if that means their house and surrounding neighbors?

Mr. Brian Woods asked if it was a burn barrel and Mrs. Miller stated it is a wood burning stove and according to the resolution *"only clean wood, pellets, shelled corn, soybeans or wheat may be used in the furnace"*

Mr. Mike Willis asked if there was a report from that night and she was not sure about that.

Fire Chief stated a fire report was generated. He was not on the call but from what he knows, there was nothing but wood that was evident being burned.

Mrs. Miller stated Mr. Saionz is on the fire department and they have a good ole boys club going on where anything is allowed to happen.

Mrs. Miller used a device that shows distance and between her house the Saionz house is 283 feet. Their father is 120 feet away. There is no permanent smoke stack on the wood furnace.

Mr. Mike Willis explained how a burner works as he used to have the exact kind of burner. It is not something that you go out and kick on. The wood is in the burner box all the time and when the temperature goes down below a certain level, it kicks it and puts air to the fire.

Mrs. Miller asked why the smoke smells like garbage and Mr. Willis stated his never smelled all that great.

Mrs. Miller went on to another section of the resolution that talks about odors. *"No malodorous gas or matter shall be permitted which is discernible on any adjoining lot or property"*.

Mrs. Miller stated she has smelled a campfire and they do not smell like that smell.

The rules clearly states: *"If there is a residence within 300 feet of the wood fired furnace which is not on the same property, then the outdoor wood furnace shall have an attached permanent stack extending higher than the roof line of the structures not being served"*. Her house has a second story so it has to be higher than that.

Mr. Saionz stated he has a seven feet tall stack on top of the wood burner.

Mr. Lotycz stated they will review it. Zoning Inspector will measure it and look into it.

Mr. Woods asked what sections she was looking at in the book. Mrs. Miller provided the page and section numbers.

Mr. Willis asked Mr. Saionz if he was burning trash in the wood burner.

Mr. Saionz stated he burns paper and cardboard in there but it isn't trash. The wood that comes out of there is dry wood. That is all he burns in the summertime.

Mrs. Miller added there is also a section stating you are not allowed to burn paper.

Mr. Saionz stated he burns paper and wood is made of paper.

Mrs. Miller had another issue with Mr. and Mrs. Saionz. There have been four cars lined up in front of their house for almost a year now. They are all full of trash and thinks this is a health violation. She has pictures. She states it is not pleasant to look at and there is stuff all over the place. She can contact the Health Department if needed. They are the ones that would definitely be interested.

Mr. Woods will look in to that as well.

Fire Chief Dean Schneider wanted to go on record that he is not in favor of the comment of the good ole boys club. When they get calls, they respond and take care of business accordingly. The treat everyone the same.

Mrs. Miller wanted to go on record she doesn't care what is being burned in there. It stinks and is coming through her windows and it bothers them. The smoke stack needs to be up higher than our house so the smell goes up. We have asked nicely and it just doesn't help.

Mr. Willis stated they will look in to it and if it is our prevue of zoning than he will have to put a taller stack on it.

Mr. Troy Thatcher attended meeting. Mr. Thatcher is interested in the Cemetery Sexton position. He had a brief conversation with Mr. Jim Ellis and what needs to be done. Mr. Thatcher is looking for some additional OPERS time. If the position is available, he is interested. He has looked at the outline of duties for the job and this is something he can do.

~~Mr. Ellis also stated he was short changing the township for the job. He was putting down 3 hours a month when it is more like 3-5 hours per week.~~

MR ELLIS WAS NOT PRESENT AT THIS MEETING.

Mr. Willis stated Mr. Ellis is staying on until the first of the year so they have a little time yet.

Mr. Paul Lotycz made motion to hire Mr. Troy Thatcher for the position of Cemetery Sexton. Mr. Mike Willis seconded motion. Vote as follows; Mr. Lotycz – yes, Mr. Willis - yes, Mr. Overmyer – yes.

Mr. Brian Woods received a permit for a sign at the propane company. Mr. Woods has already denied permit as the sign would be in the right-of-way. It needs to be behind the telephone pole. The permit will be amended and sent back to him.

Mr. Woods provided drawings and plans for the new State Highway Patrol Post. The plan is to level the existing post and tear out the parking lot. The footprint of the plans will be different but almost the same. Based on the information he has it is going to be fine where it will sit. Once it is started, Mr. Woods will look at it.

Mr. Woods issued two permits, A fence permit for Mercer on White Road and a building permit for Zienta on Delmar Lane.

Mr. Woods has the permit numbers straightened out.

Mr. Woods will obtain the smoke report from the Fire Department on Saionz call and report back at the next meeting.

Mr. Brent Saionz provided the following report:

- Roads are all mowed.
- *discussed* Completed the culvert on TR 97. Discussed the size and where it flows. Would like to replace it with an 18" *double wall* dual wall plastic tile. Should start next week.
- The leaf vacuum is ready for leaf pickup season.
- Power washed the decorative pavers and sealed the stamped concrete.
- Finished the Thomas Drive *catch basin* culvert.
- Put dirt down at the old abandoned cemetery. Could not mow a portion of it because the road was built up. Called Chad Fisher and asked permission first.

Mr. Lotycz received a request from Mr. Ryan Slane, Riverbend Parkway. He would like the ruts in his yard repaired, rocks removed and grass seed put down. Mr. Lotycz told him with needs to settle.

Mr. Saionz has an issue with the recent paving of CR 128. When Mr. Saionz pulls onto TR 73 from CR 128 there is hump. There is no transition taper. Mr. Saionz is worried about getting it with the snow plow. Trustees instructed Mr. Saionz to talk with the county engineer.

Mr. Saionz asked if Werth Road was to be asphalted with the grant fund. Mr. Lotycz stated TR 122 was the road paved with Issue II funding.

Mr. Willis stated he thought the roads to be paved this year were Thomas, Fangboner, Muskellunge and Gerber. Trustees wonder if the County Engineer approved them and asked Mr. Saionz to discuss with the County Engineer.

Mr. Dean Schneider presented a \$750.00 check from Ballville Township Fire Department for the purchase of the departments hose tester. The check was made out to Sandusky Township Fire

Department and Mr. Schneider is not sure the township can cash it. Trustees said for him to turn it in and see if it goes through.

Mr. Schneider contacted Truck and Van Land to obtain a formal quote for a cargo ~~glide~~ and cap. Total cost is \$4,889.00. All they need is a purchase order now. *Slide*

Ms. Cyndi Zienta informed Trustees she needs a copy of the estimate/quote. There is no account setup for Truck and Van Land and she does not have an address to send a W-9 to. Mr. Schneider will take care of it.

Mr. Lotycz recommended the department puts running board or nerf bars on the truck for safety reasons. Mr. Schneider will obtain a quote.

Ms. Cyndi Zienta filed paperwork with Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles for gratis license plates for the new vehicle. After the application is processed, OBMV will mail the plates to the township hall.

Mr. Paul Lotycz presented the Resolution regarding HB 172 banning fireworks.

Mr. Paul Lotycz moved to adopt the following Resolution: Banning The Discharge, Ignition or Exploding of Fireworks in Sandusky Township, Sandusky County, Ohio. Mr. Mike Willis seconded Resolution. Roll call as follows: Mr. Lotycz – yes, Mr. Willis – yes, Mr. Overmyer – absent.

Ms. Zienta will provide a copy of the Resolution to the Sandusky County Sheriff.

Mr. Lotycz has not heard back from City of Fremont Auditor Paul Grahl yet. Ms. Cyndi Zienta informed Trustees that she never received a copy of the letter sent to Mr. Grahl, therefore she is unable to forward to Mr. Grahl.

Mr. Barney sent Mr. Grahl a letter suggesting the city reimburse Trustees for legal costs. Trustees could not remember who signed the letter. Mr. Barney will email everything he has to all three trustees and the fiscal officer.

Mr. Lotycz met with Ms. Beth Hannam of Sandusky County Economic Development Corporation. She would like the Township to begin supporting the SCEDC again by contributing \$2,500 annually. This will make township development much stronger with the investment.

Mr. Lotycz did mention a few things about the Fremont Corporation and the recent dealings with the City of Fremont. Trustees tabled until Mr. Overmyer is present.

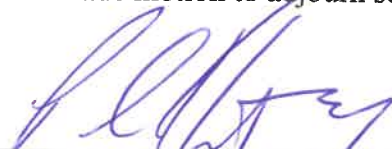
Mr. Woods mentioned the Land Bank is having a Special Meeting to discuss the properties that have been declared nuisances. There are 13 nuisance properties and not all will get done. They want to make sure properties county-wide are done and not just the City of Fremont.

Mr. Lotycz called Mr. Bill Steele of Poggemeyer to discuss the park. He has not heard back from him.


The Sandusky County Election Board provided a copy of the Levy Renewal Sample Ballot. They ask for a signed receipt for the sample ballot be returned to them. Mr. Barney has not seen the

Resolution and does not know anything about it. He hasn't seen the voter ballot language. Mr. Barney suggests that since Ms. Zienta did everything maybe she can sign it. Mr. Willis read the Sample Ballot Language and he does not feel comfortable signing it without knowing more about it. He does remember something came across a month or two ago. Mr. Willis needs more explanation of it. Mr. Lotycz stated it was a Renewal Sample.

At 7:10 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.



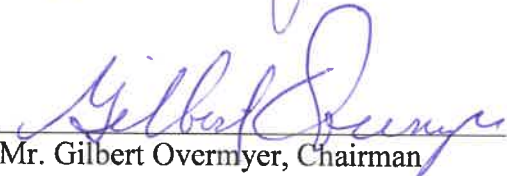
Mr. Paul Lotycz, Trustee



Ms. Cynthia Zienta, Fiscal Officer



Mr. Mike Willis, Trustee



Mr. Gilbert Overmyer, Chairman