

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

Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 15, 2024

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

Gilbert Overmyer, Paul Lotycz, and Kyle Amor

Fiscal officer Alexis Brickner was in attendance.

The minutes from the October 1, 2024 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the minutes with no additions or corrections by Paul. Kyle seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

The revenues and expenditures were reported by Alexis as follows:

	October 1 – October 15	YTD
Revenue	\$7,913.36	\$1,119,294.42
Expenditures	\$40,451.07	\$1,145,548.90

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

Tom Frey attended the meeting. Tom lives on County Road 128 and advised that he and a few of his neighbors are interested in purchasing additional land behind their homes that is owned by the township. The group ideally would like to purchase back to the hedge row but most would also be interested in just purchasing 50 feet. The board will look at the property and decide what, if any of the land could be sold to the neighborhood. Tom advised that if the board is interested in selling at any point, they would like first opportunity to purchase. The board agreed. Tom also attended the meeting to inquire about the pavers around the flagpole at the cemetery on 128. The pavers are starting to get jagged and heave out of the ground. He wondered about contacting someone to just pour concrete in that area. The board advised that Brent of the Roads Department does a lot of concrete work and could pour a new pad. Tom also advised that the concrete around the 6 pillars needs resealed. Tom has a 5 gallon bucket of the sealer and would like to seal it if the board approves. The board approved him sealing the concrete. Tom then advised that he has extra fill dirt at his house that he is not using and would like to fill in some low spots in the cemetery. He inquired about the change in spray being used in the cemetery. The board and Brent advised that the spray used 2 years ago was not being used anymore. He inquired about fixing a few broken stones. Brent advised that there is a group that is going to work with the Longanbach family and start cleaning and fixing stones this upcoming spring. Tom's daughter asked him to inquire about hunting behind the cemetery and farm ground on 128. The board advised that they are not interested in having anyone hunt at this time. The board advised Tom that neighbors in his area were requested to clean up their properties and they were working on getting things cleaned up too.

The board thanked Tom for all of his service at the cemetery in the past and all the work he is willing to do in the future.

Brandi Baez, Zoning Inspector, attended the meeting and gave the following update:

- Found a permit that was issued for a property in the city. The fence has been erected but because it is in the city, Brandi will reach out to the city zoning department and determine what to do next.
- Updated and filled out the google form to include any and all permits available to her for 2022-current.
- Working to update permits to ensure all information is completed.
- Inquired about the fee schedule. The board advised that each permit should be \$50.
- Inquired about Shannon Road and understanding the set up. Paul advised that the Pence property has to have approval by the Pence family prior to anything being done.
- Inquired about variance procedure. Board advised that Brandi should get resident in contact with BZA to obtain variance. Brandi would like to change the procedure to denying the permit, sending property owner to Zoning Board of Appeals for variance, and then issuing the permit if variance is granted.
- Inquired about Chicken regulations. Board advised that the Zoning Board is working on regulations currently.
- Advised she will work with Auditor to determine what permits have yet to be turned in.
- Presented ideas of documents/placards that could be used for violations or proof of permits

Joe Garrett with Trebel Energy attended the meeting. Joe advised that the residents of the township have saved about \$330,000 since the beginning of the current electric aggregate. This upcoming year, AEP is anticipating 13.5-18.5/kw with an additional 1.5-2 pennies on top for service. First Energy is anticipating between 11.5-14.5/kw with an additional 1.5-2 pennies on top. Joe presented an amendment to the current contract that allows us to purchase cheaper for a longer amount of time.

The residents passed the Natural Gas Aggregate this past election. Joe presented a new contract and advised that we could get a December start if we agree to this contract. This contract would lock us in at a rate for 2 years with the option for residents to opt out at any time.

Chip made a motion to sign the 2 year contract with Archer Energy. Paul seconded the motion. Chip inquired if the township as a whole could opt out next year if the price changed drastically. Joe advised that the residents could opt out at any time but the township could not cancel the contract. Chip asked Attorney Barney to review the contract. Joe advised that a decision needed to be made on the contract tonight in order to secure the prices for December. The board will sign the contract tonight, Attorney Barney will review it first thing tomorrow morning. If there are any issues with the contract Joe will destroy the contract and not submit to Archer Energy. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Dean Schneider of the fire department attended the meeting and gave the following update

- 141 runs for the year so far
- Having computer issues in the office and in the meeting room. Will be purchasing two new computers with funds from the Fire Department.
- Will be purchasing an additional gear storage rack with their own funds
- Nozzles, tips and additional equipment for the new truck have started showing up. Invoice for the items will be coming soon.
- Invoice for hose testing submitted. One hose did fail testing but will not be replaced because new hose is already purchased for the new truck.
- Called to schedule pump testing

Brent Saionz with the Road Department attended the meeting and gave the following update:

- Advised that we received an invoice from Garza Dirt Works for grinding the brush in the back. Alexis inquired about the pricing because we were told the bill would be the same as last year but there was an additional \$650 charge for mobilizing and demobilizing their equipment. Brent will contact Garza and clarify.
- Sold the road mower for \$29,000.00 but will have deductions for sellers fees from GovDeals. Sold to an entity in Suffolk, Virginia.

- Received call from Streakers, tractor is done and will be delivered in the next day or two.
- Wearth road repaving has been completed. Roads department will complete the bermming because of issues with the height of it while mowing.

Paul advised that the M&B group has moved to County Road 89 to start work on Hospitality Court. Received a call from the project manager because a conex box being used by one of the hotels was in the way of the pavers. Paul contacted the hotel and it has since been moved.

Kyle shared the following updates:

- Went to Sullivan Garden with the other trustees to look at trees for the park. Received quote for \$3,946.50 which included: 20 trees, peat moss, mulch, stakes, and a planting charge. Also received a \$330 discount.

Chip inquired about the planting charge and what that entailed. Paul advised that at the cost of the quote, he would like to have Sullivan plant and stake the trees.

Paul made a motion to accept the quote for \$3,946.50. Chip questioned if the board would like to have the road crew help plant the trees. Paul advised that he would like to have Sullivan's do all of the work if all work is included in that price. Kyle seconded the motion. Chip advised that he would like to clarify what the planting charge is prior to moving forward.

Chip made a motion to table the decision until a clarification was made on the planting charge. There was no second.

The board decided to contact Brian from Sullivan's and clarify what the planting charge would be. If the price quoted included all planting without the assistance of the road crew and any township equipment, the board wants to move forward with the quote. There was no further discussion and Paul's motion to accept the quote for \$3,946.50 passed.

Chip shared the following updates:

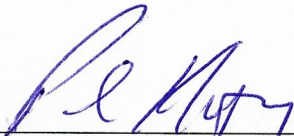
- We received an email from a web page designer. Inquired about Alexis's interest in making changes to the web page. Alexis advised that she would like to update the web page but would like to work with someone local to complete the updates. Attorney Barney advised that there is a marketing firm in the building next to his and would send us their information to make contact.

Brent advised that the computers antivirus software is outdated and needs to be looked at. Alexis will contact TekRx and get antivirus software reinstalled.

Attorney Barney inquired about the population of the Township. Paul advised that it is about 3200.

Next meeting is November 5th at 6 pm.

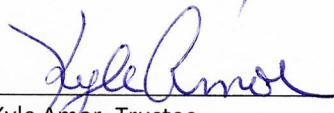
Paul made a motion to adjourn. Kyle seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.



 Paul Lotycz, Trustee



 Alexis Brickner, Fiscal Officer



 Kyle Amor, Trustee



 Gilbert Overmyer, Chairman