

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

Minutes of Public Budget Hearing of July 2, 2024

The Trustees of Sandusky Township met for a Public Budget Hearing at Sandusky Township Hall at 5:45 p.m., with the following members present:

Gilbert Overmyer, Paul Lotycz, and Kyle Amor.

Fiscal officer Alexis Brickner was in attendance.

Alexis presented a copy of the Draft 2025 Budget to all trustees. She advised that she used proposed budget numbers from Chip Overmyer, the roads department, and fire department along with the previous 2 years revenue and expenses along with this year 's numbers, to date, to create the draft. She highlighted numbers in the General Fund and the Road and Bridge Fund reminding the Board that a change was made in 2022 or early 2023 that moved funds from the Road and Bridge fund into the General Fund. This change allowed for funds to be transferred from the General fund to other funds easier if need be. However, this change has lessened the amount of revenue in the Road and Bridge Fund so we will likely need to move money from the General Fund back into the Road and Bridge fund to cover the cost of the roads being paved.

Alexis advised that there was a line item for tools proposed by the Fire Department which included an award of grant funds from the Ohio Bureau of Workers Comp to cover costs. The grant application was successfully submitted as of July 1st. Alexis did not account for the award of these monies into the budget at this time but there are additional funds available to cover the entire cost of the tools should the grant not be successful.

Paul inquired about the funds in the American Recovery Act Fund. Alexis advised that the remaining monies in that fund are interest that was received from holding the funds in our interest bearing account. We will use those funds to pay additional costs for the new Fire Truck. All funds that were awarded by the State have been spent and reported. The Ambulance Fund was also discussed. The money from the sale of the Ambulances will be moved by Resolution to the General Fund and then to the Fire Fund to be used toward the purchase of the new Fire Truck as well.

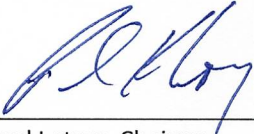
Chip inquired about the proposed funds to be used for the renovation of the township building. Alexis advised that it is currently budgeted under Capital Outlay in the General Fund.

Paul inquired about monies for the park. Those monies are again grouped in the Capital Outlay.

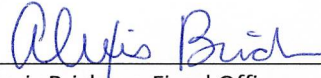
Chip inquired about the proposed purchases on the budget for the Roads department and where those projects are being funded. Alexis advised that she had them proposed out of three separate funds depending on the use of each piece of equipment or nature of each project. Chip also inquired about the revenue we received for the Gas Tax fund. Alexis advised that the estimate as of March 18 was \$134,200.

Barbra Bristley attended the Budget Hearing and commented on the level of inflation that we are seeing. She wanted to take this opportunity to encourage the Board to again review the medical insurance and expenses that are associated with the current plan.

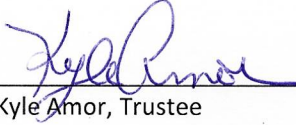
Chip made a motion to approve the budget for the 2025 fiscal year. Paul seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.



Paul Lotycz, Chairman



Alexis Brickner, Fiscal Officer



Kyle Amor, Trustee



Gilbert Overmyer, Trustee