

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

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 21, 2025**

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 and Kyle Amor.

Paul Lotycz was absent.

Fiscal officer Alexis Brickner and Attorney Jim Barney were in attendance.

The minutes from the January 7, 2025 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the minutes with no additions or corrections by Chip. Kyle seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

The revenues and expenditures were reported by Alexis as follows:

	January 7 – January 20	YTD
Revenue	\$9,659.53	\$9,659.53
Expenditures	\$24,742.42	\$37,115.45

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

Chad Bender of the roads department attended the meeting and requested a meeting with the Board after the meeting.

Chip shared the following updates:

- Took a tour of the township with Paul, Kyle, and the Road Crew to review status of roads to determine which would be best suited to enter into the 2025 co-op Road Paving pricing program through the County.

Kyle advised that, in his opinion, White Road from Lake Street to Napoleon Road and Kelly Road (County Road 245) were the two worst roads at this point.

Chip inquired of Alexis where we currently stood with the Road and Bridge Budget and how much will be owed on the new fire truck upon completion. Alexis advised that there is currently \$264,743.80 in the Road and Bridge fund but she did not currently have the remaining cost on the fire truck at this time. Brent estimated that grinding and paving would be about \$125,000/mile. White is approximately .495 miles and Kelly Road is approximately .915 miles from River Road to 198.

Chip made a motion to submit White Road from Lake Street to Napoleon Road and Kelly Road (County Road 245) from River Road to 198 for the co-op program through the Sandusky County Engineer's office, with an estimated cost of \$190,000. Kyle seconded the motion. Chip advised that he would put the paperwork in to Carlos and Kyle inquired about the approximate distance of White Road. Brent advised it is .495 miles. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

- Attempted to contact Dan Fredrick, the architect that we had previously met with regarding the remodel of the Township building, and has not gotten any response. Will begin looking into other options.

Brent Saionz with the Road Department attended the meeting and shared the following updates:

- Continuously plowing roads.

Kyle inquired about the status of salt in the shed. Brent and Chad advised that there was probably 55-60 tons of salt remaining in the shed. Kyle inquired about a plan if they run out. Brent advised that they are able to purchase salt from the County for \$49/ton and they will contact the Engineers office if needed.

Brent inquired if there had been any contact from the state regarding salt ordering. Alexis advised that she has not seen anything from them as of today.

Dean Schneider, Chief of the Fire Department, attended the meeting and gave the following update:

- Appreciation Dinner was held on the 11th. Assistant Chief Tom Willis was recognized for his retirement and years of service.
- Election of Officers was held at the January 13th meeting. Mike Longanbach was elected as the new Assistant Chief and Garrett Schneider was elected as Captain to fill the vacancy created by Mike's new appointment. Another election will be held in May to follow with the standard 3 year election cycle.
- Received a payment from the Sandusky County EMA for cost recovery following the semi fire on the turnpike carrying hazmat materials. The check was made payable to Sandusky Township Fire Department but should be payable to the Sandusky Township Trustees due to the trucks and equipment being the property of the Township's. Alexis will contact the bank and see if the check can be deposited as is or if it needs to be reissued.
- Obtained some additional rescue equipment for the new truck and the new grain rescue tube. Is working on obtaining the drill and auger to work with the new tube.
- Will be traveling to 4 Guys in Pennsylvania on January 30-31st to do the truck chassis inspection.
- The Chicken BBQ will be moved up a week this year. It will be April 27th.
- Will be holding another ticket raffle. 3 winners will be chosen and have their choice of a gun from Auto Armor or \$500 gift certificate from Prairie Market.

Alexis shared the following updates:

- Made contact with Sales Representative from FirstNet to obtain a quote for iPads and "landlines" for the Township and Fire Department. Quote was received for 3 "landlines," known as Simplifi through FirstNet for \$98/line. The iPads were quoted at \$199.99/device. Service for 3 iPads was quoted at \$32.99/line/month. Service for the Simplifi would be \$44.99/line/month. The total monthly fee for service would be \$233.94 and a one time fee of \$893.97 would be required for the equipment. Currently we are paying \$49.99 for the landline in the Trustee's office through Spectrum.

Chip inquired about the phones being considered landlines because he was told they are going away. Alexis advised that they are not technically a landline. They have a sim card in them similar to a cell phone and have the capabilities to work with talk, text, and data that are unlimited. But would work more like a mix of a cordless phone/cell phone.

Chip also inquired about the phone being capable of running as a hotspot to allow for the Road Department to utilize a computer or iPad in the garage. Alexis will look into it. Alexis is also working with the sales representative to get the 8188 phone number back for the fire department.

Chip made a motion to accept the quote from FirstNet through AT&T for the phone system and landlines in the buildings. Kyle seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Brent inquired about the status of the cable from Spectrum and what this change would do to it. Alexis advised that it is on a separate bill and would not change.

- Received options regarding the new website from Malinda at the Guerilla Group. Would like our opinion on whether we want a more static look to our website or something with more moving parts and plug in options. The plug in option has a monthly cost associated with it, the static look would be free.

Chip inquired about the static look and questioned if it would still give us enough functionality to maintain the type of website we currently have. Alexis advised that we would still be able to maintain the tabs we have and have separate pages for the individual departments.

Chip made a motion to move forward with the Guerilla Group static website design. Kyle seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

- Advised that the Fire Chief had provided her with the total cost of the new fire truck; \$901,950. We made a payment of \$386,171 when the chassis was received, which gave us a discount of \$46,320 for early payment. The total remaining cost at this time is \$469,459 and we currently have \$188,912.31 from the Ambulance Fund to put towards the purchase as well.

Joe Garrett with Trebel Energy attended the meeting. Mr. Garrett advised that he had an addendum for the Dynergy Electric Aggregate containing price points for the upcoming 3 years. The current aggregate price at 0.688 will be in place until May 31st or June 30th and this addendum will take effect once that one has expired. Joe explained that they are looking to put a top end cap on the new rate at 9.2 cents/KWH. They will most likely purchase below that but that is the high end cap. There are usually lower prices in February and they want to be prepared for it and have our approval so they have the opportunity to purchase at the lowest rate.

Kyle made a motion to adopt Addendum Number 2. Chip seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

At 6:58 pm Kyle made a motion to move into Executive Session per ORC 121.22 (G) 1 regarding personnel matters.

Chip seconded the motion. Roll call was taken:

Gilbert Overmyer: Yes


Kyle Amor: Yes

The motion passed.


At 7:35 pm the Trustees returned to Regular Session. No decisions were made.

Next meeting is February 4th at 6 pm.

Chip made a motion to adjourn. Kyle seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

  
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 Paul Lotycz, Chairman

  
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 Alexis Brickner, Fiscal Officer

  
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 Kyle Amor, Trustee

  
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 Gilbert Overmyer, Trustee