

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

Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 1, 2023

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

Paul Lotycz, Gilbert Overmyer, and Kyle Amor.

Fiscal officer, Alexis Brickner was in attendance.

The minutes from the July 18, 2023 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:

	July 19 – August 1	YTD
Revenue	\$28,029.69	\$667,189.83
Expenditures	\$39,359.82	\$487,221.04

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

Jon & Jed Adkins attended the meeting. John explained that they would like to start utilizing the alley that runs from Cook Street to their business. The board will get ahold of Carlos Baez to complete a survey so the exact location of the alley can be determined.

Barbara Bristley attended the meeting.

Rudy Sprenger attended the meeting. He wanted to thank the board for working with the county and alleviating the water issues he was having around his residence. He wanted to thank the road crew for maintaining the brush drop off so it can continue to be utilized and commented on how nice Cherry Ridge Drive was with the new paving. Rudy also inquired about the electrical aggregate that he received a notice about a few months back. He stated that he did not opt out but has not noticed a change in his bill. He wondered when the change would take effect. The board advised Rudy to contact Dynegy.

Don Bixler attended the meeting. Don commented that he has checked on the trees in the park again. He believes at least two will not make it but that the rest of the trees have green under their bark. Don inquired about the status of funds for the park to replace the trees if need be. Paul advised that there has been \$45,000 allocated to the park in 2024. Don also inquired about the health insurance policy of the board. Don referenced the conversation held between the board and Ms. Barbara Bristley on June 20, 2023. Ms. Bristley commented that the board signed the minutes from the previous June stating that the health insurance was \$180,000. She referenced the board's previous statement about the policy being grandfathered in and stated that the board was choosing not to look for cheaper alternatives. Paul advised that he is aware that there are cheaper alternatives. Chip advised that those alternatives do not offer the same coverage. Paul advised that they have looked into other alternatives but that the board wants to keep the best health insurance for the full-time employees that is possible for as long as possible. Paul advised that the board would look into other options when the policy comes due for renewal.

Joe Garrett with Trebel attended the meeting. Trebel is the energy company the township worked with to complete the aggregate with Dynegey. Joe advised that he attended the meeting to introduce himself to Kyle Amor and discuss a natural gas aggregate with the board. Joe also discussed the electrical aggregate with Rudy Sprenger. He advised that Dynegey said they had a computer glitch when they began adding everyone to the aggregate so it has not fully taken effect for every resident. If everyone is not on by the August billing cycle, they should contact Joe. Joe also stated that his company is asking Dynegey to refund residents for the month/s that they have messed up. Joe advised that his company is working with natural gas companies to complete an aggregate. Joe advised that they would have informational meetings for the residents to ask questions if it was decided that it would go on the ballot. Paul made a motion to pass the resolution authorizing all actions necessary to effect a Governmental natural gas aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to section 4929.26 Ohio Revised Code and directing the Sandusky County Board of Elections to submit a ballot question to the electors. Chip seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed with the following roll call votes:

Gilbert- Yes

Kyle- Yes

Paul- Yes

Paul made a motion to sign the Columbia Gas Certified Retail Natural Gas Supplier Customer Information Agreement. Chip seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

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

- The department had 14 emergency calls for the month of July.
- Unit 2 was at GCM trying to address issues with the air conditioning. It was determined that GCM had it overcharged from when it was last worked on a year ago. It was repaired and returned to the station.
- Both Unit 4 and Unit 5 needed new Kussmaul chargers that were on back order. Both parts should be in within the next few weeks and both of those trucks will be going to GCM to be repaired soon.
- Received a call from a resident inquiring about the townships ISO rating. The resident stated his insurance went up due to the ISO rating but the townships rating went from a 5/5Y to 4/4Y, which is an improvement so he isn't sure why the insurance would have gone up.
- The department is looking into options of companies that can design and place decals on the new rescue vehicle.

Brent Saionz of the roads department attended the meeting and gave the following update:

- A quote for brush chipping was received from Garza Dirt Works out of Clyde to grind down the brush pile in the back of the maintenance building.

Chip made a motion to hire Garza Dirt works to grind the brush pile behind the maintenance building for \$6750.00. Kyle seconded the motion. Kyle inquired about the status of a quote from Universal Farms LLC. Brent advised that a quote was requested in January and that he had not received anything back. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

- Brent spoke with Carlos Baez regarding Issue 2 grant money. Brent proposed that the north section of Worth Road to County Road 245 be completed with this grant money. The board agreed.
- Turned in the proposed roads to be paved in 2024 and they are as follows: Township Road 234, Lime Street, and White Road (from Napoleon to Lake), and Hospitality Court.
- Finished mowing roads for the second time. They will begin the 3rd time this upcoming week.
- Talked with Dexter Company regarding a new mowing tractor for 2024. The tractor needs to be ordered soon to ensure we have it in time for the 2024 mowing season.

Kyle shared the following updates:

- Stopped at 1455 Sand Road to follow up on the conversation the residents had with Brent Saionz on the rocks near the road right of way. Provided the residents with ORC Section 5571.14. The rocks have since been moved.
- Attended the Health Department meeting regarding the Artz property.

Chip shared the following updates:

- Stopped at 1455 Sand Road to discuss rocks with the residents. Was informed that Kyle had stopped also and rocks have since been moved.
- Attended the Health Department meeting regarding the Artz property.
- 678 Summit Street had a dumpster in front of it but it has since been removed. The yard has been mowed and the tent has been removed.
- A complaint was received from the AMP owners regarding the plane flying chemicals on to the crops near their property. They are concerned about Security. Gibbs Aerospray's contact information was given to the company.
- No return phone call was received regarding a landline for the township. We need to explore other options.
- A new quote was received for construction of a new fabric building. Miller Builders out of Orville, OH quoted the building at \$20,015.00 without overhead doors. The price of the doors from Tritch Door last September was \$7,650 for two 12x12 doors. More details, updated pricing, and a time frame for construction will be obtained so we can hopefully move forward on this project at the next meeting.
- A mattress was dumped on County Road 142, it will be removed Wednesday morning by Chip.
- There is high grass again on Melody Drive. Alexis will mail the letter via certified mail.

Alexis shared the following update:

- Waiting to hear back from Croghan Colonial about moving money from the checking account to StarOhio account. Wants to be sure moving that amount of money doesn't appear fraudulent to Croghan.
- Would like to move forward with the ACH/EFT program previously discussed.

Kyle made a motion to move forward and begin using the ACH/EFT program including direct deposit. Chip seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Mike Longanbach attended the meeting. He inquired about the farm ground surrounding his residence. The farm was not planted to a crop this year and it is becoming overgrown with weeds. He would like to know what can be done with that. The board will look into sending a letter to the property owner for noxious weeds.

Paul shared the following updates:


- The Health Department has begun investigating the James Carr property. They will get back to Paul on what they find.

Next meeting is August 15th at 6 pm. Kyle will not be able to attend this meeting.

Chip made a motion to adjourn. Kyle seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.



Paul Lotycz, Chairman



Alexis Brickner, Fiscal Officer

Kyle Amor, Trustee



Gilbert Overmyer, Trustee