

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of February 7, 2023

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

Mr. Gilbert Overmyer

Fiscal Officer was not present.

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

Mr. Gilbert Overmyer made motion to accept and pay the bills. Mr. Paul Lotycz seconded motion. Vote as follows: Mr. Overmyer – yes, Mr. Willis – yes, Mr. Lotycz - yes.

Ms. Zienta reported the following Revenue and Expenditures:

	1-18-2023 through 2-7-2023	Year to Date
Revenue	39,718.87	41,835.45
Expenditures	56,118.57	89,240.00

Trustees reviewed Management Reports.

Mr. Tom Frey, 114 CR 128, attended meeting to discuss the property around Four Mile House Cemetery that Trustees recently purchased. Mr. Frey heard Trustees are discussing placing a solar energy farm on that property. Mr. Gilbert Overmyer stated the solar energy farms are looking at properties with 500+ acres. He has contacted five different solar companies and only one returned his calls. The cemetery property is only 30 acres.

Mr. Frey has talked with several of his neighbors and they are interested in purchasing some of the township property at the rear of their lots. Whether it is 50 feet or back to the hedge row. They would like to know if Trustees would entertain that request.

Trustees mentioned that it would have to be all the neighbors as they do not want the property line to be saw toothed but a straight line. The property owners would be responsible for the survey.

Mr. Frey has talked to all but one property owner and they are all for it. He would like Trustees to work up a price.

Mr. Mike Willis stated they have not talked much about it since they were looking at solar energy. A TOPO will be done and they have a company to do some design work. Trustees would like to enlarge the current cemetery and then sell the rest of the property. Once Trustees decide what will be done, they will get back with Mr. Frey.

Mr. Frey talked about the cemetery flag poles at Four Mile House Cemetery. The pole blocks need to be re-leveled and he would like to do that some time this summer. He also recommends some dirt be placed around the concrete for safety issues.

Mr. Frey also discussed the weed killer being sprayed around the headstones. It doesn't look very nice. The flag poles by the fence are also being sprayed with weed killer and there is dead grass all around it. It would look a lot nicer out there if it could be trimmed instead of sprayed.

Mr. Overmyer asked Mr. Frey what his feelings are on solar energy farms and why he does not want one there. Mr. Frey is not for them. He likes the look out his window and see wild life and not a solar farm and sure his neighbors would agree.

Mr. Brian Woods provided the following report:

- Issued three permits.
- Received a call from a tower company that wants to put up a communication tower on the east side of the river along the turnpike. They requested the current zoning of the property.
- The Land Bank received \$125,000 stipend reimbursement for the cost of asbestos removal for the houses torn down. Will receive another \$140,000 this week.
- Have about 7 more structures that need to be removed.

Mr. Dean Schneider received a proposal for the new fire truck. Quote was for \$779,000 with a 36 to 38-month delivery time from Sutphen. This is not what the department is looking for. The department is interested in a truck from Four Guy. Four Guy's is currently updating their quote to the Fire Department and will provide soon.

Four Guys does offer a discount of \$32,000 if the township pays for the chassis before it is delivered to them. This saves them from having to finance it while it is being built.

Mr. Schneider discussed service with Sutphen. Sutphen is adamant the contract for service be signed by March 31<sup>st</sup> and the work is promised to be done by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Cost of the contract is \$1,400.00.

Near the end of last year, the township and the City of Fremont had not heard from Sutphen on servicing the trucks. City of Fremont Fire Chief Halbeisen said he was not going to call Sutphen and let the contract become void and get the trucks serviced for free. Mr. Schneider called Sutphen and had the trucks serviced by December 31<sup>st</sup>. The City of Fremont waited for the contract to become void and then Sutphen agreed to service their trucks for free.

Trustees and Mr. Schneider discussed funding for the new truck and possibly financing it. Trustees would like the Fiscal Officer to provide township financial information.

Mr. Schneider also provided the following information:

- January 2023 calls – 8
- The first responder truck will be delivered to D.R. Ebel tomorrow.
- The boat will be going in on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Brent Saionz provided the following report:

- Working on a quote for a new truck. Delivery time looks to be in 2024.
- Went to Monroeville to discuss truck purchase, they have had some problems and will provide a quote – delivery sometime in 2024.
- Received a call from Valley in Cleveland. They may be able to deliver a truck by the end of the year. They will provide a quote.
- Stopped at MJD to look at Bobcat SUV's. They were to receive one in January and had not received it yet. Mr. Paul Lotycz stated he received a call from MJD and they just received the SUV.
- Haven't used much salt this year.
- Haven't heard from the County Engineer on road repaving estimates. Will check on that this week.
- The shelter house picnic tables are not in good shape. Trustees need to look at replacing them. There are 16 tables. Mr. Lotycz instructed Mr. Saionz to remove any unsafe tables.
- The Insurance evaluator stated the swing set cannot have a kid swing and a regular swing next to each other. Mr. Saionz feels there is enough space between them. She also stated the swing set is too high. Mr. Saionz would like a book on these regulations.

Mr. Willis asked how Mr. Tony Bender is working out. Mr. Saionz stated he is done. He plowed snow once for the township and he has now accepted another position. Mr. Willis asked if the township should advertise for the part-time position. Mr. Saionz stated Mr. Matt Merrill will still plow part-time. He would like to find someone by word of mouth instead of advertising.

Trustees discussed the letter from Ms. Peggy Courtney of the Sandusky County Convention and Visitor's Bureau. She is requesting the township provide funding to the Bureau from the bed tax that is collected.

Mr. Mike Willis made motion to give the SCCVB \$10,000 a year. There was no second.

Mr. Paul Lotycz made motion to give the SCCVB \$5,000 a year. There was no second.

Mr. Gilbert Overmyer stated that he was thinking of giving them \$2,000 a year and now will consider \$3,000 a year.

After discussing, Trustees will review what the Township collected in 2022 for the bed tax and discuss at a future meeting.

Mr. Mike Willis will not be at the next regular meeting on February 21, 2023.

Mr. Lotycz informed the Board new power poles are being replaced on Hawk Road.

Mr. Lotycz provided an updated 412 Industrial Park Agreement. The contract states the township will receive \$20,000 and acre for the annexed property.

Mr. Paul Lotycz made motion to accept the agreement. Mr. Mike Willis made motion to second. Vote as follows: Mr. Lotycz – yes, Mr. Overmyer – yes, Mr. Willis – yes.

Trustees signed agreement and will provide to the County Prosecutor to forward to the City of Fremont.

Mr. Overmyer received a complaint on 678 Summit Street. The property owner passed away and the estate is in probate. The Attorney handling the estate states the house be sold and the property will be cleaned up soon.

Mr. Overmyer completed the CAUV application and filed with the Sandusky County Auditor's office.

Mr. Overmyer has not received anything on the cemetery building. The company is to send an invoice for it. The cost will not include trucking fees.

Mr. Mike Willis made motion to approve the 2023 Annual Appropriations. Mr. Gilbert Overmyer seconded motion. Vote as follows: Mr. Willis – yes, Mr. Lotycz – yes, Mr. Overmyer – yes.

Mr. Schneider noted the check written to Bass Pro/Tracker Boat Center was \$500 less than the invoice balance. Ms. Zienta took the \$500 down payment off the invoice. The invoice already reflected the down payment reduction. Mr. Schneider will need an additional check for \$500.00

At 7:15 p.m. with there being no further Business to come before the Board of Trustees, Mr. Overmyer made motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Lotycz.

  
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Mr. Paul Lotycz, Trustee

  
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Ms. Cynthia Zienta, Fiscal Officer

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Mr. Mike Willis, Chairman

  
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Mr. Gilbert Overmyer, Trustee