

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

Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 4, 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, Paul Lotycz, and Kyle Amor.

Fiscal officer Alexis Brickner was in attendance.

The minutes from the February 18, 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:

	February 18 – March 3	YTD
Revenue	\$39,451.95	\$81,717.42
Expenditures	\$43,297.98	\$166,743.23

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

Robert & Robin Roth attended the meeting. The Roth's wanted to discuss the possibility of Rural Water coming in along Ream Road. The board advised that they have not had conversations with anyone regarding the addition of Rural Water to the area. An email was received regarding it but no one else has contacted them. Mr. Roth inquired about the need for approvals for these type of utility companies to go through. Brent and Kyle advised that if a company is on the right of way, they are not legally obligated to contact the township before beginning work. The Roth's would like to use Rural Water but Rural Water is waiting to hear from the farmers in the area, whom own property along the path of where they are looking to run the line. If the road was to be widened at any point, they would need to reroute the water line so they would like to put it further off the right of way and need permission from the farmers. The Roth's wanted to find out if the board would be willing to allow Rural Water to come in because they have made a deposit for a tap in fee. The board advised that they have not had contact with anyone from Rural Water yet.

The Roth's also inquired about a fence permit.

Brandi Baez, Zoning Inspector, was unable to attend the meeting but submitted the following questions/information:

- Advised Mr. & Mrs. Roth were able to secure a fence permit so long as the fence remained under 8 foot. They advised that it would and submitted the permit fee. Brandi will follow up with them.
- Inquired about any wording in the Zoning Resolution concerning non-conforming lots and allowing a 7-foot setback instead of 10. The board advised there is nothing in the Resolution and the residents would need to go in front of the Zoning Board of Appeals to gain a variance for the shorter setback.

Brent advised that he received a message from a company about a resident wanting to put a solar field in. Brandi spoke with the residents and the company and they are planning to put a roof mount on.

Chip advised that the State of Ohio is looking into short term rentals and if legislation is passed regarding those, we will need to comply with their regulations.

Paul advised that he spoke with the Ohio Turnpike about obtaining more salt but have not received a response. He also inquired about the possibility of the Turnpike paying the fire department for services. They were not receptive to the idea.

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

- We were able to secure additional salt from the County. We have about 2 loads of salt left at this point. Chip inquired about adding sand to the salt. Brent advised that we could but if it got wet while plowing it would cake up. Kyle inquired about the use of brine on the roads. Brent advised that it is pretty expensive and would require the addition of a tank to one of the trucks. Paul inquired about the possibility of putting it in the pick up truck. It could be done if we decided to make that addition.

- Advised that we have not been contacted for a salt contract for 2026 as of yet. Is being told there is a salt shortage.

- Filled potholes around the township with cold patch

- Advised that the brake lights on fire truck #5, the tanker, are not working.

Chip inquired about freightliner truck having the plow off. Brent advised that a mailbox was hit so the plow was taken off and the hydraulic lift was utilized to remove the damaged post.

- Trucks are all cleaned up and salt is washed off of them

- Brian Reiter came to look at the barbeque pit building and the window in the records room. He will get quotes to us for fixing both issues.

Chip inquired if he would be interested in painting the shelter houses while he is working on other projects. Brent will check with him.

Kyle shared the following updates:

- Attended the EMA mitigation meeting. There are grants available for mitigation projects, specifically projects such as fixing the bank along the river. Will continue to look into options as grants become available.

Chip shared the following updates:

- Received an email from Mannik & Smith Group regarding bridge work being done on the turnpike. One of the bridges being done is on Shannon road. The route they plan to use to remove the material from includes Kelly Road and Werth Road. Werth was just redone and Kelly was scheduled to be done this summer. Chip would like to pull Kelly road from the co-op program and add a different road so it is not ruined during the turnpike bridge project. Chip will contact Bob Kusmer with Ballville Township and see if we can make a change. Chip will also contact the company in charge of the bridge work to see if an alternative route can be used to avoid Werth or advise them that any damage will need to be repaired by them.

Paul advised that we will be holding the public opening of bids for this year's co-op bids. We will open all bids at the next meeting at 6 pm.

- Received a correspondence from Ohio Department of Ag informing us that they will be spraying an area of the township this summer for the Spongy Moth.

Paul shared the following updates:

- Received a certified letter from WODA Cooper Companies regarding the Leewood Place property on Brush Street. It appears they are trying to gain federal funding and purchase the property. The current property owner has contacted Brandi Baez and Paul requesting a letter be signed stating the zoning status of the

property. After review with Attorney Barney, a letter stating the property was zoned R-3 and is within the township limits, we signed and sent forwarded to the current property owners. It appears the letter was needed to obtain the government funding. Paul will have a discussion with Senator Reineke regarding the state funding they are after.

- Received an email from Paul Grahl of the City of Fremont regarding the annexed properties. Paul reached out to Beth Tischler regarding the issue and is awaiting a response.
- Awaiting the completion of the plaque that was ordered for the tree that he purchased and is being used as a sample. Proposed that the cost of all the trees along with a plaque, be divided equally and one flat fee be charged for anyone who would like to purchase one.

Alexis shared the following updates:

- Advised the board that Brandi Baez needed a township email. The additional email will cost \$14.40/month. The board advised it was necessary for her to have the email.

Paul made a motion to purchase another email for Brandi Baez. Kyle seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Garrett Schneider, Captain of the Fire Department, attended the meeting and gave the following update:

- Advised that Don Burch, long-time member of the Fire Department, passed away last week. Services will be held March 27.
- Applying for a grant through Ag Credit to update grain/farm incident rescue equipment.
- Grain rescue tube was delivered this week. Purchased an additional auger and drill to work with the tube. Training will be held on March 17th for use of the tube.
- Raffle tickets are available for purchase to support the department. 2 guns and a \$500 gift certificate to Prairie Market will be raffled off.
- Have 43 runs for the year
- Truck #5 was taken to Monroeville due to a regen light being on. Discovered on the trip over that the brake lights are not working. Will get those fixed while in the shop.
- Check engine light came on in the brush truck. Believes the spark plugs are the issue. Will be going to Baumann's tomorrow morning.
- Truck is expected to be delivered between June and July.

Paul inquired about an open house/event to showcase the new truck to the community once it is delivered.


Garrett advised that they are open to holding an event.

Paul also inquired about the sign out front. Garrett advised that the computer program is malfunctioning and they are awaiting repairs from the installer.

- Inquired about the status of the iPad's. Alexis advised that all paperwork has been completed through FirstNet/AT&T but still awaiting additional information from them.

Next meeting is March 18th at 6 pm.


Kyle made a motion to adjourn. Chip seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.



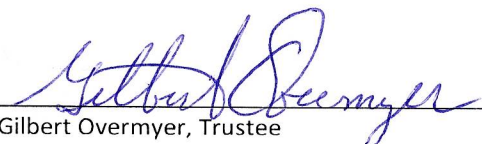
Paul Lotycz, Chairman



Alexis Brickner, Fiscal Officer



Kyle Amor, Trustee



Gilbert Overmyer, Trustee