

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of September 21, 2021

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

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

Ms. Zienta reported the following Revenue and Expenditures:

	9-8-2021 through 9-21-2021	Year to Date
Revenue	235,126.56	1,087,090.20
Expenditures	10,889.14	928,584.91

Mr. Walker Horne, 230 St. Thomas Drive and Mr. Vic Frederick, 183 St. Paul Drive attended meeting to get an update on the Lopez property on St. Thomas Drive. Trustees were told the roof will be getting fixed and there is a Hansens sign in the yard.

Fire Chief Dean Schneider stated brush is stacked up against the house causing a fire hazard. Some trees need to be trimmed and others need to be cut down.

Mr. Horne stated he took pictures of the trees in 2016. Mr. Lopez cut rings around three of the trees to intentionally kill them. Mr. Horne is having tree work done and the contractor that gave him a estimate also gave the Lopez's an estimate. The contractor seen the rings and stated they were purposely done to kill the trees.

Mr. Horne is grateful for all the Trustees have done so far and asked if there is anything else that can be done.

It was explained the Trustee's limited power when it comes to cleaning up properties. The Sandusky County Health Department is charged with that. Ms. Martha Bowen, County Sanitarian, has been out there and sent a violation notice.

Mr. Horne also stated kids are sneaking into the house as they call it a haunted house. Trustees informed Mr. Horne to call law enforcement the next time he sees kids entering the property.

Fire Chief Dean Schneider quoted Ohio Fire Code 311.3 - removal of combustible material.

Trustees instructed Mr. Jim Barney to put a letter together to Mr. Lopez. Trustees want an update on any and all progress they are doing with the property.

Mr. Horne and Mr. Frederick will get a neighborhood petition together to turn in to the County Health Department.

It was noted, Ms. Lopez was to stay in touch with Zoning Inspector Brian Woods with the progress. Mr. Woods was not at the meeting.

Mr. Dean Schneider provided the following update:

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> ambulance has been sold on Govdeals for \$54,000. The person that purchased it is anxious to pick it up. As soon as Govdeals received the funds and notifies the township, the person will be able to pick up the ambulance.
- Fire department members went over all the trucks and tools for maintenance purposes.

Mr. Brent Saionz obtained the following value assessments on the 2 New Holland Tractor:

- Bay Tractor - \$16,500.00
- Streaker Tractor - \$21,635.00

After discussing, Mr. Mike Willis made motion to sell the boom mower, as it is no longer needed, to Madison Township for \$19,000.00. Mr. Gilbert Overmyer seconded motion. Vote as follows: Mr. Overmyer - yes, Mr. Willis - yes, Mr. Lotycz - yes. Mr. Barney will draw up the purchase agreement.

Mr. Saionz provided the following report:

- Informed the Board the asphalt is cracking up on Lake Street near the Prairie Market. Mr. Saionz borrowed a mill head from Woodville Township. They received it from the State of Ohio and never used it. Mr. Saionz took it to Southeastern on Monday to see if it could be repaired as it was not currently working. All the hydraulic ends needed to be replaced with different styles and new teeth were ordered.
- Road side mowing has started
- Oil will be changed in all the pickups

Mr. Paul Lotycz asked Mr. Saionz to replace the dead trees at the park and place a fence with black plastic around every tree to deter the deer from rubbing on them. Mr. Mike Willis has some old storm pipe that can be cut and placed around the trunk of each tree. Mr. Saionz will get it done.

Trustees received information regarding ODOT's New Funding Opportunity: township Stimulus Program. Mr. Lotycz read through the information and is interested in creating a pedestrian bridge above the overpass. Partnering with the city. Mr. Lotycz will contact the representative from ODOT to discuss further.

Trustees also discussed possibly replacing the culvert on TR 97 with the funds. A free webinar is scheduled for October 12, 2021 to explain it more.

Mr. Gilbert Overmyer discussed the chemicals ordered from Global Chemical. The shipment came from Florida and had \$38 freight cost. Mr. Saionz wanted to try to the chemical, prevents weeds from growing the following season. Trustees asked Mr. Saionz to buy local in the future.

Cemetery Sexton Jim Ellis informed Mr. Lotycz of a leaning headstone and the daughter of the deceased would like it straightened. Mr. Saionz will look at it.

Ballville Township Trustee Bob Kusmer sent an email stating the Sandusky County Economic Development Corporation is starting a new committee to review potential site for commercial and industrial development. SCEDC is asking townships to provide to them possible sites and property owners information to them.

Mr. Lotycz stated he did not want to put the potential JEDD project he is working on with the city of Fremont in it.

Mr. Kusmer would also like to get the Sewer Board Committee back together for Sewer Phase 1. The city of Fremont and the Commissioners have not settled on an agreement and it has been years.

Mr. Gilbert Overmyer talked with Century 21 Deanna Realty about mowing the property at 2512 Port Clinton Road and trimming the trees - twice. They stated they contacted the property owner and that is all they could do. Mr. Overmyer does not know who owns the property as it is was just sold again. Mr. Overmyer instructed Ms. Cyndi Zienta to send a high grass letter to Century 21 Deanna Realty on the property located at 2512 Port Clinton Road.

Mr. Lotycz spoke to Attorney John Albers regarding the JEDD. Mr. Albers will have rough draft ready this week and will provide it to the city of Fremont.

Mr. Lotycz discussed the money from the ARP. He has to submit a report by October 31, 2021, on what the township will spend it on. There is a lot of things to do in order with the money. Mr. Lotycz asked the other Trustees if they had any thoughts on what to spend it on.

Mr. Lotycz mentioned a shelter house with a bathroom, kitchen, fireplace and doors that close so it could be used in the winter.

Mr. Jim Barney reminded Trustees the guidelines are more restrictive this time over the CARES Act money. Mr. Lotycz stated the Township did not receive any CARES Act money in the past.

Trustees asked Mr. Jim Barney to send a letter to the Mittens regarding their encroachment on township property. Explain what could happen if they do not comply and invite them to a Trustee meeting to discuss. Trustees would like them to attend when Mr. Barney will be present.

Mr. Lotycz will contact County Sanitarian Martha Bowen regarding the Lopez property.

Mr. Lotycz will continue to work with Attorney Albers on the JEDD formation.

Mr. Lotycz will work on the LTAP grant and attend the workshop.

Mr. Overmyer will not be at the October 5, 2021 meeting.

At 7:26 p.m. with there being no further Business to come before the Board of Trustees, Mr. Willis made motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Overmyer.



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Mr. Paul Lotycz, Chairman



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Ms. Cynthia Zienta, Fiscal Officer



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Mr. Mike Willis, Trustee

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Mr. Gilbert Overmyer, Trustee