

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO**South Drake Road Corridor Improvement Authority (SoDA)
September 2, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

The SoDA Board meeting was held in person at Township Hall in the Meeting Room at approximately 12 noon.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cheri Bell
Dennis Patzer
Cheri Jodoin
Joe Gesmundo

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Corey Ashley
Macy Walters
Kelly Bringman

Also present were Jodi Stefforia, Planning Director; Leeanna Harris, Zoning Administrator; David Kobb, Operations Coordinator; Ben Wakley, Township Accountant; and Amanda, the Branch Manager from the Kalamazoo Public Library.

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Patzer asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. Ms. Jodoin **made a motion** to approve the agenda. Mr. Gesmundo **seconded the motion**. The **motion was approved unanimously**.

Informational Meeting

Public Act 57 of 2018 requires that Corridor Improvement Authorities hold at least two informational meetings a year. Proper notice was sent to each taxing jurisdiction levying taxes that are subject to capture by the SoDA. Updates on the Authority's activities were shared.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

There were no comments.

Minutes

Mr. Patzer asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the Minutes of March 4, 2026. ~~Chair Walters asked for a motion to approve the Minutes as presented.~~

Ms. Jodoin **made a motion** to approve the Minutes of March 4, 2026, as presented. Mr. Gesmundo **seconded the motion**. The **motion was approved unanimously**.

Revenue and Expenditure Report

Ms. Stefforia shared the Revenue and Expenditure Report through August 31, 2026. Expenditures included approximately \$1,800 for staff salary, \$1,000 for accounting and audit fees, \$700 for repairs/maintenance, and \$40,000 for the annual repayment of the Drake Road path.

The Revenue and Expenditure Report through August 31, 2026, was received by the Board.

Budget Amendment

Ms. Stefforia presented a memo and budget amendment regarding streetlights on South Drake Road. This was a priority of the SoDA to improve safety in the corridor. She also noted that they have not received an application for the grant program.

Consumer's Energy performed a study on the corridor and identified 10 new streetlights as warranted; four of these are within the SoDA boundary.

The budget amendment was requested in the amount \$1,160 to pay for the four streetlights. Ms. Jodoin **made a motion** to approve reallocating \$1,160 from the grant program to streetlights, as amended with the correct GL numbers. Mr. Gesmundo **seconded the motion**. The **motion was approved unanimously**.

South Drake Road Path Payback Amended Agreement and 2027 Budget and AGVs

Ms. Stefforia presented a memo with a revised agreement on the Drake Road Non-Motorized Path Payback. She explained the Township Treasurer reached out to advise that SoDA is behind on their payback for the Drake Road Path, per the Memorandum of Understanding executed in 2019. A new agreement was prepared with a specific 15-year payment schedule beginning in 2027. The original memorandum and proposed agreement were provided for their consideration.

Discussion was held on the proposed agreement, and past payments by the SoDA. The group proposed holding a special meeting with as many Authority members as possible to continue the discussion. Mrs. Horner provided an update on the South Drake Road non-motorized path and grants for the project that the Township could and has received.

Mr. Wakley, the Township Accountant, walked the group through the 2027 Budget. The group discussed the budget and expected revenue.

Mr. Gesmundo **made a motion** to table the items for the South Drake Road Path Payback Amended Agreement and the 2027 Budget and AGVs to a special meeting to be held at 4:30 pm on September 15 prior to the Joint Boards meeting. Ms. Jodoin **seconded the motion**. The **motion was approved unanimously**.

Adjournment

Ms. Stefforia notified the group that Ms. Bringham resigned from SoDA. With no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Minutes prepared: September 10, 2026

Minutes approved: