SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
October 8, 2013

A. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 PM by Supervisor B. Yelle
B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL: Ben Yelle, Lee Yelle, Cheryl Schram, Darlene Walch. **Absent**: Joe Wixtrom
Employees in Attendance: Rickey Wilson, Carolyn Kerkela, Randy Yelle, Brian Mann, Lyn Nelson.
PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: David Kallio, Roni Yelle, Bob Kallio, Nancy Olsen, Mike Fowler, Deb Reed-Fowler, Vicki Mann, Tony Harry, Pamela Harry, Barb Kidder.
D. AGENDA: C. Schram motioned. D. Walch supported, to accept agenda with the addition to H4 – Jack Pine Mushers. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT:
B. Mann said he bought two flags for the fire department several weeks ago and they are not yet being flown; he would like the Fire Chief's report to include an update on the status of the flags.

Tony Harry, president of the Trail Riders Enthusiasts Alliance of Marquette County (TEAM) said that if the Marquette County ORV Ordinance is adopted, ORV riders will bring money into the Township and a trail across the entire U.P. is being worked on that will bring even more riders. If he can help the Board with anything regarding ORV's, he will.

F. CONSENT AGENDA:
1. TREASURER'S REPORT – **General Fund** $256,141.00 **Trust & Agency** $0.00
Fire Fund $27,414.51 **Ambulance Fund** $81,500.54 **Parks/Rec** $96,893.75 **Sanitation** $41,720.27
Taxes $13,319.46 **Road Repair Fund** $128,312.92
C.D TOTALS: **Ambulance** $204,404.16 **Roads** $344,554.90 **Fire Dept** $166,081.28
General Fund $746,413.11.
Money Markets: Fire $44,355.12 **Cemetery Perpetual Care** $2,490.70 **Road Repair Fund** $125,349.33

2. APPROVE MINUTES: D. Walch motioned, C. Schram supported, to approve minutes of the 9/10/13 regular meeting as presented. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

3. BUDGET REPORT: L. Yelle gave report and reported no need for amendments at this time.

4. APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: L. Yelle motioned, D. Walch supported, to approve accounts payable as presented; General Fund checks # 29222 - # 29294 totaling $31,413.04. Trust & Agency Checks #1790 - #1792 totaling $1,684.50, and Tax Collections checks #2789 - #2793 totaling $403,975.42. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **FIRE DEPARTMENT**
   Fire Chief's report- Chief Rickey Wilson read report.
   a. C. Schram motioned, B. Yelle supported, to approve adding Justin Murawski and Jacob Stipe to the Fire Department per the Fire Chief's recommendation. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
   b. C. Schram motioned, L. Yelle supported, to approve the purchase of 3 sets of bunker gear at $1500 each and 2 pairs of boots at $139 each, for a total of $4,778.00. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

2. AMBULANCE:

a. Lyn Nelson gave report.

b. L. Yelle motioned, C. Schram supported, to approve the purchase of a LifePak 1,000 AED for $3,420. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

3. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT- None

4. CLERK'S REPORT-

a. L. Yelle motioned, D. Walch supported, to approve the Fire Department participating in the Fire Prevention Week parade on October 12th. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

5. LANDFILL- No Report

6. ZONING - R. Yelle read report.

a. L. Yelle motioned, B. Yelle supported, to adopt the Marquette County ORV Ordinance as the ruling ordinance within Sands Township. Roll Call vote: D. Walch – yes, C. Schram – yes, B. Yelle – yes, L. Yelle – yes. Motion carried.

7. LIBRARY- No Report.

8. GROUNDWATER AND WELL TESTING-

a. L. Yelle motioned, D. Walch supported, to approve Jim Noe doing the well readings for November. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

9. COMMISSION ON AGING- L. Yelle gave report.

10. PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE- Bob Kallio gave report.

11. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – No Report

12. CEMETERY - No Report

H. OLD BUSINESS –

a. Discussion regarding the Fire Truck's brush truck occurred. No action taken at this time.

b. No update on the Reyes Holding Appeal.

c. K. Koch will be drafting a letter to the County regarding the County Forest Lands under Act 217.

d. L. Yelle motioned, C. Schram supported, to accept the generous offer from the Jack Pine Mushers after their dissolution. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

I. NEW BUSINESS –

a. L. Yelle motioned, D. Walch supported, to go ahead with the procedure for holding a Public Hearing to open the Herbicide Ordinance. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

b. L. Yelle motioned, C. Schram supported, to hold the Public Hearing for the Herbicide Ordinance at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Ayes; 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

J.. OTHER/ CORRESPONDENCE: None

K. PUBLIC COMMENT:
Dave Kallio said the County has passed a motion to form a water committee to study both surface water and aquifers. He expects a request from Marquette County to the Township to have a person appointed to this committee, and he would like to offer his name for consideration. Dave also gave some numbers on what the County seems to be offering for the Act 217 lands, what some initial figures were in the beginnings of discussion, and what amount of money that could hypothetically mean for the Township. His feelings are that if the County will not negotiate in good faith, the Township should be willing to go to court.

Tony Harry thanked the board for adopting the Marquette County ORV Ordinance. In regards to the money from the Jack Pine Mushers, his thoughts are the money may be well spent if a small dog run was put in, with a plaque commemorating the Jack Pine mushers.

L. ADJOURNMENT: B. Yelle adjourned meeting at 7:58 PM.

Lee Yelle, Clerk Benjamin Yelle, Supervisor