SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
October 13, 2015

A. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 PM by D. Walch.
B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL: Lee Yelle, Cheryl Schram, Darlene Walch, Joe Wixtrom, David Kallio. **Absent**: None
Employees in Attendance: Carolyn Kerkela, Randy Yelle, Terry Sleeter.
PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: Roni Yelle, Bob Kallio, Candace & Lee Faulkner, Brad Austin, Bill Kapeller.

D. AGENDA: C. Schram motioned, L. Yelle seconded, to accept agenda with the additions of 1c – Batteries, 1d – New Hire, 1e – Hall 2 Power Update, 3d – M-553 and Silver Creek Connection Road, 3e – Marquette County Community Resilience Workshop, and 3f – MTA Conference. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT:
One of the juveniles involved in the Old Town Hall break-in apologized for his actions. He would like to do work for the Township as community service.

Bob Kallio said the garbage truck is leaving leachate on Taylor Road and that it needs to be cleaned. Bill Kapeller explained how garbage gets stuck in the compactor and said the guys have cleaned it in the past.

F. BRAD AUSTIN/LANDFILL DIRECTOR:
D. Walch motioned, L. Yelle seconded, to support the appointment of Brad Austin as the MCSWMA Landfill Director. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:
1. TREASURER'S REPORT – **General Fund** $377,301.95 **Trust & Agency** $0.00
Fire Fund $95,425.13 **Ambulance Fund** $86,946.20 **Parks/Rec** $68,820.61 **Sanitation** $64,756.81
Taxes $2,796.93 **Road Repair Fund** $49,973.35
C.D TOTALS: **Ambulance** $257,546.72 **Roads** $346,173.61 **Fire Dept** $199,621.93
General Fund $907,896.62 **Parks & Rec** $50,366.15
Money Markets: Fire $44,555.66 **Cemetery Perpetual Care** $2,643.55 **Road Repair Fund** $140,151.26

2. APPROVE MINUTES:
D. Kallio motioned, C. Schram seconded, to approve minutes of the 9/8/2015 regular meeting as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

3. BUDGET REPORT: L. Yelle gave report.

4. APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: L. Yelle motioned, D. Walch seconded, to approve accounts payable as presented: General Fund checks #30981 - #31051, including the electronic check to Range Bank, for $31,353.84, Trust & Agency checks #1826 - #1828 for $279, and Tax Collection checks #3025 - #3030 for $433,732.34, for a total of $465,365.18. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **FIRE DEPARTMENT**
   - **a.** T. Sleeter read report.

b. D. Walch motioned, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the Fire Department bringing a truck to the Haunted Hayride. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
c. C. Schram motioned, J. Wixtrom seconded, to approve the purchase of 5 batteries at $42 each, for a total of $210. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
d. C. Schram motioned, D. Kallio seconded, to approve hiring Brandon Morey as recommended by the Fire Department. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

2. AMBULANCE:
a. L. Yelle motioned, J. Wixtrom seconded, to approve the purchase of a pulse oximeter for $225. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

3. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:
a. D. Walch gave an update on the MCSWMA concerns.
b. D. Walch motioned, L. Yelle seconded, to create a Sands Township newsletter in January, in addition to the July one. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
c. J. Wixtrom motioned, D. Walch seconded, to adopt a new format for the agenda, and to re-evaluate it at the December meeting. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
d. D. Walch will be attending a meeting regarding a possible connection road from Silver Creek Rd. to M-553.
e. D. Walch and D. Kallio will be attending a Marquette County Community Resilience Workshop.
f. D. Walch said the MCTA is putting together a bus for the MTA conference in Detroit in January 2016.

4. CLERK'S REPORT-
a. D. Kallio motioned, C. Schram seconded, to pay the Truck Away bill for $469.50 for hauling tires from the transfer station. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

5. LANDFILL-
a. D. Walch motioned, L. Yelle seconded, to set new tire acceptance rates at the transfer station, effective immediately, to $3/auto tire, $10/heavy duty truck tire, and $10 for rims. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried..

6. ZONING –
a. D. Walch read report

7. LIBRARY- No Report.

8. GROUNDWATER AND WELL TESTING-
a. A letter from the USGS was received regarding the test wells. Jim Noe gave additional information regarding wells the USGS intends to close.

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

10. PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE-
a. A request came in to repaint the lines on the tennis court; this will be addressed in the spring.

11. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE- No Report

12. CEMETERY – No Report

H. OLD BUSINESS –

1. The signed contract was sent to the Road Commission and the repairs are being completed.
2. Old Town Hall – on hold at this time.
3. Bench on Tennis Court – on hold at this time.

I. NEW BUSINESS –

1. L. Yelle motioned, J. Wixtrom seconded, to accept the snow plow bid from Bob's Septic and Snow Removal for the 2015/2016 winter. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

J. OTHER/ CORRESPONDENCE:

2. A request to pass information on about the "Project LifeTracker" was received.
3. A notice of availability regarding the updated Marquette County Comprehensive Plan was received.

K. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Terry Sleeter said the Halloween party will only be at Hall 2 this year.

Jim Noe said Jim Smithson worked hard at the transfer station and asked if the Township had considered purchasing a brush hog.

L. ADJOURNMENT: D. Walch adjourned meeting at 8:40 PM.

Lee Yelle, Clerk Darlene Walch, Supervisor