SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
November 15, 2016

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance –**D. Walch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. **Roll Call –** D. Walch, L. Yelle, and D. Kallio. C. Schram and J. Wixtrom Absent: None
   Employees in Attendance: Terry Sleeter, Justin Murawski, **Public in Attendance:** Bob Kallio, Jane & Jim Noe, Justin Yelle, and Robert Vietzke.

3. **Public Comment:**
   Jane Noe asked if it would be possible to have an ice rink in the recreation parking lot area. Bob Kallio and Terry Sleeter both commented about the difficulty and public expectations from the fire department in maintaining an ice rink.

4. **Agenda:** C. Schram moved, L. Yelle seconded, to approve the agenda with the additions of 10e – request for street lights,10f –Fire Dept led lights and 10g-Well reading data report. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

5. **Consent Agenda:** D. Kallio moved, J. Wixtrom seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
   a. **Minutes**
      i. **October 11, 2016 Minutes:** Approved as presented
   b. **Department Reports:** Accepted and placed on file.
      i. **Fire**
      ii. **Ambulance** (No Report)
      iii. **Sanitation / MCSWMA**
      iv. **Cemetery** (No Report)
      v. **Zoning**
   c. **Committee Reports**
      i. **Personnel**
      ii. **Parks & Recreation**
      iii. **Groundwater & Well Testing-**
      iv. **Library** (No Report)
      v. **Council on Aging** (No Report)
   d. **Correspondence** CUPPAD letter
   e. **Miscellaneous** (None)

6. **Treasurer's Report –** Treasurer, Cheryl Schram, gave report.
   General Fund $526,480.64 **Trust & Agency** $0.00 **Fire Fund** $90,102.90
   Ambulance Fund $108,692.64 **Parks/Rec** $94,159.52
   Sanitation $57,262.56 **Taxes** $12,002.02 **Road Repair Fund** $125,355.78

   <u>CD Totals:</u> **Ambulance** $259,525.92 **Roads** $266,329.57 **Fire Dept** $201,623.02
   General Fund $916,676.91 **Parks & Rec** $51,102.46

   <u>Money Markets:</u> **Fire** $48,052.39 **Cemetery Perpetual Care** $2,745.01 **Road Repair Fund** $85,572.00

7. **Clerk's Report**
    a. **Budget Report –** L. Yelle reported that the General Fund has received 43% of projected income and dispersed 46% of projected expenses.
    b. **Accounts Payable –** L. Yelle moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve accounts payable as presented: General Fund checks #31998 - #32069 for a total of $43,542.88, Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
    c. **Road Commission bill –** L. Yelle moved, D. Walch seconded, to pay the $15,754.63 road commission bill, for crack seal of roads. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

8. **Supervisor's Report**
    a. **Resolutions for Cheryl Schram and Joe Wixtrom –** D. Walch read the proposed resolutions for honoring Cheryl & Joe for their years of service to the township. D. Walch motioned, and D. Kallio seconded, the resolution for Joe Wixtrom, and D. Walch motioned, and L. Yelle seconded, the resolution for Cheryl Schram. Roll call vote: All voted yes on both resolutions. (resolutions attached). Supervisor D. Walch and fellow board members gave a welcome to the newly elected board members: Treasurer - Justin Murawski, and Trustee- Justin Yelle.
    b. **Library Advisory Committee –** D. Walch reported there is a need for a resident to fill a position on the Library Advisory Committee. Meetings are quarterly with the next meeting Dec. 7th at 5:30 pm.
    c. **Computer purchase –** C. Schram motioned, D. Kallio seconded, the purchase of a new computer up to $1,500 for the Supervisor. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried. Current laptop D. Walch is using will be for the Assessor's use.
    d. **Dumpster at Timber Creek –** On hold until more information regarding placement is obtained.
    e. **Headlamps for transfer station attendants –** D. Walch motioned, L. Yelle seconded, to approve the purchase of 2 head lamps for the transfer station attendants for approximately $40. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

9. **Old Business**
    a. **Old Town Hall Building –** On hold.
    b. **MCSWMA –**
        i. **Ongoing Concerns -** D. Walch informed board members of the action taken regarding the last correspondence that was received from the MCSWMA board, as well as feedback from some of the other municipalities that share the same concerns as Sands Twp. D. Walch recommended that Sands Township have representation at the MCSWMA Board meetings.

    Transfer Switch – No update.
    c. **Zoning Text amendment –** D. Walch motioned, J. Wixtrom seconded, to approve the zoning text amendment for addressing wind energy conversion systems (WECS). Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried. D. Walch will draft a letter requesting the planning commission consider language that would allow smaller units in the farm and agriculture districts with an SUP.
    d. **Property Survey –** Pricing from Mike Mileski to survey the Township property adjoining the Strawberry Lake property is forth coming.
    e. **Recreation Trail –** On hold.

10. **New Business**
    a. **Backhoe bid specs –** C. Schram motioned, J. Wixtrom seconded, the approval of equipment specifications for the purchase of a new/un-used tractor loader backhoe as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

b. **EMS request –** D. Walch motioned, C. Schram seconded, approval for old EMS items that are no longer usable, be donated to the Children's Museum for their ambulance exhibit. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
c. **Fire Truck resolution –** L. Yelle motioned, C. Schram seconded, approval of the Resolution to allow the Fire Trucks to participate in local events. Roll call vote: 5 Yes votes. 0 No votes. Resolution approved. D. Walch motioned for amendment to resolution to add Iron Heritage Museum event, L. Yelle seconded. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
d. **Rezoning RZ2016-02–** D. Walch declared the rezoning request for 52-14-116-019-50 residential to commercial as a First Reading.
e. **Street light request –** Board consensus to obtain more detailed information regarding residents' approval and BLP recommendations, for placement of lights, before moving on request for more street lights in the Oakridge Subdivision.
f. **Fire Dept. outside lighting –** D. Walch motioned and D. Kallio seconded, to approve purchase and installation of led lighting, at approximately $835.00, for Fire Hall #1 as requested by the Fire Chief. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
g. **Well report–** Jim Noe reported on the results of the November well readings. Placed on file.

11. Public Comment –

Justin Yelle suggested the board keep in mind the dollars available for attorney cost relating to the MCSWA issue.

Bob Kallio also thanked Cheryl and Joe for their years of service to the township.

12. Adjournment – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Lee Yelle, Clerk Darlene Walch, Supervisor