

SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
February 11, 2014

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, Joe Wixtrom. **Absent:** None
Employees in Attendance: Rickey Wilson, Carolyn Kerkela, Bill Kapeller, Randy Yelle.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: David Kallio, Roni Yelle, Bob Kallio, Nancy Olsen, Deb Reed-Fowler, Mike Fowler.

D. AGENDA: C. Schram motioned, B. Yelle supported, to accept agenda with the additions of 3b – Purchase of EMS parkas and 3b – Letter from Kevin Koch regarding MTA training. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. TREASURER'S REPORT – **General Fund** \$340,481.66 **Trust & Agency** \$0.00

Fire Fund \$65,803.75 **Ambulance Fund** \$98,898.10 **Parks/Rec** \$115,882.62 **Sanitation** \$64,894.72

Taxes \$73,620.10 **Road Repair Fund** \$211,694.87

C.D TOTALS: **Ambulance** \$204,944.96 **Roads** \$345,065.97 **Fire Dept** \$167,110.50

General Fund \$747,892.49.

Money Markets: **Fire** \$44,393.72 **Cemetery Perpetual Care** \$2,516.40 **Road Repair Fund** \$125,475.72

2. APPROVE MINUTES: J. Wixtrom motioned, L. Yelle supported, to approve minutes of the 1/14/14 regular meeting as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

3. BUDGET REPORT: L. Yelle reported the budget looks good for the rest of the fiscal year.

4. APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: L. Yelle motioned, D Walch supported, to approve accounts payable as presented; General Fund checks # 29504 - # 29558 including electronic check for federal liabilities totaling \$27,942.31 and Tax Collections checks #2824 - #2840 totaling \$348,451.80. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. ASSESSOR: Jackie Lykins gave an update on the Reyes Holding issue and expressed concerns with Kevin Koch negotiating on the Township's behalf. She has not had any contact with him regarding the issue in several months, and is not comfortable without knowing the kinds of numbers he is negotiating and how the numbers will be spread between tax years. The settlement for 2013 will also affect all future tax years. It appears Kevin has not been authorized to negotiate a settlement and even though the numbers he is presenting seem fair, it is important for the Board to be aware of the numbers before anything is signed. B. Yelle will contact Kevin about this issue.

2. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief's report- Chief Rickey Wilson read report.

a. L. Yelle motioned, C. Schram supported, to pay the Marquette County Firefighter's Association dues of \$50 and class cost of \$260, for a total of \$310. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

- b.** J. Wixtrom motioned, B. Yelle supported, to put the old brush truck for sale on bids, with a minimum bid of \$7,500. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c.** After receiving the Fire Department's desired specs for a used brush truck, D. Walch motioned, L. Yelle supported, to allow the Fire Chief to try and find a used vehicle for use as a brush truck that meets their desired criteria, not to exceed \$13,000. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d.** R. Wilson said the Fire Department is going to enter into an auto dispatch agreement with Forsyth Township for the South part of the Township.

3. AMBULANCE:

- a.** R. Wilson gave report.
- b.** D. Walch motioned, C. Schram supported, authorize EMS to purchase two parkas at a cost of \$105 each. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

4. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT-

- a.** Board consensus was to support the Pigs-n-Heat Fire Relief Fund with a Proclamation that the week of March 9, 2014 will be Pigs and Heat Fire Relief Week.
- b.** Kevin Koch attended MTA training in Traverse City, and submitted a letter regarding topics and information discussed during the conference.

5. CLERK'S REPORT-

- a.** L. Yelle motioned, D. Walch supported, to accept the Salary Resolution for the Supervisor Position (Resolution attached). Roll Call vote: Walch – yes, Schram – yes, L. Yelle – yes, J. Wixtrom – yes, B. Yelle – yes. Motion carried.
- b.** D. Walch motioned, L. Yelle supported, to accept the Salary Resolution for the Treasurer Position (Resolution attached). Roll Call vote: Walch – yes, Schram – yes, L. Yelle – yes, J. Wixtrom – yes, B. Yelle – yes. Motion carried.
- c.** D. Walch motioned, J. Wixtrom supported, to accept the Salary Resolution for the Clerk Position (Resolution attached). Roll Call vote: Walch – yes, Schram – yes, J. Wixtrom – yes, L. Yelle – yes, B. Yelle – yes. Motion carried.
- d.** C. Schram motioned, L. Yelle supported, to accept the Salary Resolution for the Trustee Position (Resolution attached). Roll Call vote: Walch – yes, Schram – yes, L. Yelle – yes, J. Wixtrom – yes, B. Yelle – yes. Motion carried.

6. LANDFILL-

- a.** B. Yelle motioned, D. Walch supported, to accept the MCSWMA request and allow the monthly landfill meetings to be held at the Township Hall. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

7. ZONING –R. Yelle gave report.

- a.** The Board had their first reading of the updated Private Road Ordinance and will address the amendments at the March meeting.

7. LIBRARY- No Report.

8. GROUNDWATER AND WELL TESTING- D. Kallio gave an update on the County Water Committee.

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

10. PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE- D. Walch gave an update on the dog sled informational session held at the Hall for both volunteers and people interested in volunteering.

11. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – No Report

12. CEMETERY - No Report

H. OLD BUSINESS –

- a.** There was an e-mail update on the County Forest Land under Act 217; this issue is now finalized and can be removed from agenda.

I. NEW BUSINESS –None

J.. OTHER/ CORRESPONDENCE: None

K. PUBLIC COMMENT:

D. Kallio said the Board should consider a special meeting with Kevin Koch and Jackie Lykins, possibly using a closed session to negotiate terms of the Reyes Holding settlement. He also asked whose signature was required on the settlement – the Assessor, the Board, or the Attorney?

L. ADJOURNMENT: B. Yelle adjourned meeting at 8:14 PM.

Lee Yelle, Clerk

Benjamin Yelle, Supervisor