

**SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING**  
**SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX**  
**June 10, 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, Jane Noe, Russ Card.

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:** Roni Yelle, Bob Kallio, David Kallio, Jim Noe, Nancy Olsen, Ross Olsen, Rich Rossway, Rainger Rossway, Barb Kidder, Pam Fjeldheim, James Goriesky, Walt Maki, Karen Alholm.

**D. AGENDA:** C. Schram motioned, B. Yelle supported, to accept agenda with the additions of 3a – Road Contracts, 6b – Marquette County Fair Board, I2 – East MCSWA, I3 – Act 217 Agreement, I4 – Furnace Filters, K1 – 2 letters under correspondence. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public Comment was received from Jim Noe and Karen Alholm.

**F. Rich Rossway, Teaching Family Homes:** Rich Rossway explained the request to partner with the Township for a grant request for Keweenaw Bay Indian Community 2% funds to develop a ropes course.

**G. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**1. TREASURER'S REPORT – General Fund** \$379,987.07 **Trust & Agency** \$0.00

**Fire Fund** \$49,051.50 **Ambulance Fund** \$56,346.71 **Parks/Rec** \$125,359.65 **Sanitation** \$75,442.18

**Taxes** \$1,115.86 **Road Repair Fund** \$247,142.28

**C.D TOTALS:** **Ambulance** \$255,286.56 **Roads** \$345,190.79 **Fire Dept** \$197,423.27

**General Fund** \$751,133.66

**Money Markets:** **Fire** \$44,430.23 **Cemetery Perpetual Care** \$2,566.81 **Road Repair Fund** \$133,283.35

**2. APPROVE MINUTES:**

C. Schram motioned, J. Wixtrom supported, to instruct Clerk to present Township minutes with only the name of the person who makes Public Comment, and to not have any summary of what was said.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 2 Motion carried.

C. Schram motioned, B. Yelle supported, to approve minutes of the 5/13/14 regular meeting after striking Public Comment and only including the names of those who commented. Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 Motion carried.

**3. BUDGET REPORT:** L. Yelle gave report. (copy attached)

**4. APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:** L. Yelle motioned, J. Wixtrom supported, to approve accounts payable as presented; General Fund checks # 29779 - # 29856, totaling \$32,277.69. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**G. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**a.** Chief Rickey Wilson read report.

**b.** C. Schram motioned, D. Walch supported, to approve the Fire Department applying for the VFA grant through the DNR. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

- c. L. Yelle motioned, C. Schram supported, to approve fire trucks going to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and the Pioneer Days parade. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**2. AMBULANCE:**

- a. R. Wilson gave report.
- b. B. Yelle motioned, D. Walch supported, to approve sending the ambulance to the Enduro Race June 29. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**3. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT-**

- a. Road contracts for Miller Rd., Dahlstrom Rd., and the cemetery will be sent out on Monday. No action taken.

**4. CLERK'S REPORT-**

- a. B. Yelle motioned, L. Yelle supported, to approve the ES&S Contract. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. C. Schram motioned, L. Yelle supported, to pay the MTA dues of \$1,379.82. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. J. Wixtrom motioned, L. Yelle supported, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Recreation Grant for the Construction of a Warming Hut at Blueberry Ridge Pathway. Roll call vote: Walch – yes, Schram – yes, B. Yelle – yes, Wixtrom – yes, L. Yelle – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. LANDFILL-**

- a. J. Wixtrom motioned, L. Yelle supported, to not accept yard waste, brush, building materials, contractor waste, appliances, furniture, carpeting and carpeting accessories, and metal for curbside pickup and send the Garbage SOG's to the Personnel Committee for review. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**6. ZONING –**

- a. C. Kerkela read report
- b. James Goriesky, Marquette County Fair Board, apologized and explained what happened two weeks before, and explained the solution to prevent it from happening again.

**7. LIBRARY- No Report.**

**8. GROUNDWATER AND WELL TESTING-**

- a. Jim Noe gave well report.
- b. D. Kallio gave an update on the County Water Committee.

**9. COMMISSION ON AGING – No Report.**

**10. PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE-**

- a. A quote from one company for additional playground equipment was submitted.

**11. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE –**

- a. L. Yelle motioned, B. Yelle supported, to accept the Maternity Leave Proposal as recommended by the Personnel Committee. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**12. CEMETERY – No Report.**

**H. OLD BUSINESS –**

- a. The Fire Department has not found a suitable brush truck yet.
- b. C. Schram gave an update on the East Marquette County Solid Waste Authority.
- c. C. Schram gave an update on the Act 217 payment.
- d. Board consensus is to have Jim Goin check the furnace filters regularly and replace as needed.

**I. NEW BUSINESS –**

- a. C. Schram motioned, L. Yelle supported, to have Carolyn look into getting signs made for recycling. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. L. Yelle motioned, C. Schram supported, to put an 8 yard bin at the transfer station for recyclables. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**J. OTHER/ CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. A letter from O'Dea, Nordeen & Burink was received and placed on file.
- b. A letter from Roni Yelle was received and placed on file.

**K. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public comment was received from Jane Noe, Barb Kidder, Dave Kallio, Carolyn Kerkela, Bob Kallio, Russell Card, Becky Wilson, Nancy Olsen, and Jim Noe.

**L. ADJOURNMENT:** B. Yelle adjourned meeting at 9:13 PM.

Lee Yelle, Clerk

Benjamin Yelle, Supervisor