

SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
July 8, 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, Lyn Nelson, Matt Perala.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: Roni Yelle, Bob Kallio, David Kallio, Jim Noe, Nancy Olsen.

D. AGENDA: L. Yelle motioned, C. Schram supported, to accept agenda with the additions of a Discussion of Minutes after Item D and a Letter from Shawn and Danielle Sitar as K2. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

D. Walch motioned, L. Yelle supported, to include a summary of individual comments made during Public Comment in the minutes. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nancy Olsen thanked the board for the decision to include a summary of Public Comment.

Jim Noe also thanked the board for the decision. He also said the loudspeaker at the fairgrounds went until 9:30 on Saturday, and that racing at the Speedway went late.

Roni Yelle said since a volume of information will be included in Public Comment, she would like to see more information in the body of the minutes, including the spelling out of acronyms.

D. Walch questioned the ability of the fairgrounds to rent the facilities for events and if this is allowed with their non-profit status. Discussion followed regarding the fair's non-profit status and information the Board of Review is waiting on regarding the exemption of property taxes.

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. TREASURER'S REPORT – General Fund \$371,904.74 **Trust & Agency** \$0.00

Fire Fund \$47,648.96 **Ambulance Fund** \$56,349.26 **Parks/Rec** \$91,775.24 **Sanitation** \$70,694.25

Taxes \$75,944.59 **Road Repair Fund** \$247,198.04

C.D TOTALS: **Ambulance** \$255,382.06 **Roads** \$345,250.64 **Fire Dept** \$197,423.27

General Fund \$751,133.66

Money Markets: **Fire** \$44,439.36 **Cemetery Perpetual Care** \$2,566.81 **Road Repair Fund** \$133,283.35

2. APPROVE MINUTES:

L. Yelle motioned, D. Walch supported, to approve minutes of the 6/10/14 regular meeting and the 6/25/14 special meeting as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

3. BUDGET REPORT: L. Yelle gave report.

L. Yelle motioned, D. Walch supported, to increase the Cemetery expenses to \$22,981 to cover the roadwork, with the additional \$12,181 coming from the fund balance. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

4. APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: L. Yelle motioned, J. Wixtrom supported, to approve accounts payable as presented; General Fund checks # 29857 - # 29938, Trust & Agency checks #1800 - #1802, and Tax Collection checks #2878 - #2884, for a total of \$87,414.63. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**1. FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- a. Chief Rickey Wilson read report.
- b. L. Yelle motioned, D. Walch supported, to approve the purchase of 1 bunker coat for \$909 and 2 pairs of bunker pants for \$549 each, for a total of \$2,007. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. L. Yelle motioned, B. Yelle supported, to approve the Fire Department instating an emergency/disaster preplanning policy aligning with the Fire Prevention Code act 207 of 1941 and drafting a form for inspection, requiring notification of hazardous materials location and layout of buildings within Township businesses. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. C. Schram reported \$75 was received as a thank you for the Fire Department.

2. AMBULANCE:

- a. L. Nelson gave report.

3. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT- No Report**4. CLERK'S REPORT-**

- a. C. Schram motioned, B. Yelle supported, to approve paying CUPPAD dues of \$457. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

5. LANDFILL-No Report**6. ZONING –**

- a. C. Kerkela read report

7. LIBRARY- No Report.**8. GROUNDWATER AND WELL TESTING-**

- a. D. Kallio gave an update on the County Water Committee.
- b. B. Yelle motioned, D. Walch supported, to allow D. Kallio to contact the fish biologist and ask him to look at Strawberry Lake next time he is in the area. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

9. COMMISSION ON AGING – L. Yelle gave report.**10. PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE-**

- a. Bob Kallio thanked the Board for the purchase of the playground equipment and said he is measuring the playground for an estimate of new wood chips.

11. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – No Report**12. CEMETERY – No Report.****H. OLD BUSINESS –**

- a. The Fire Department has not found a suitable brush truck yet.
- b. Rich Rossway was not able to attend the meeting; the Teaching Family Homes request is on hold.

I. NEW BUSINESS –None

J. OTHER/ CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. A letter from Nancy Olsen was received and placed on file.
- b. A letter from Shawn & Danielle Sitar was received and placed on file.

K. PUBLIC COMMENT:

D. Kallio thanked the board for the decision made earlier regarding public comment. He also commented the bin for recycling at the transfer station may be put to better use at the hall with the other dumpsters and asked the Board to consider three bins emptied three times per week.

L. ADJOURNMENT: B. Yelle adjourned meeting at 8:15 PM.

Lee Yelle, Clerk

Benjamin Yelle, Supervisor