

SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
August 12, 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, Lyn Nelson, Randy Yelle, Angela Yelle.
PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: Roni Yelle, Bob Kallio, David Kallio, Nancy Olsen, Barb Kidder, Becky Wilson.

D. AGENDA: C. Schram motioned, B. Yelle supported, to accept agenda with the additions of 2c – New EMT, 2d – Radio Purchase, 10b – Seeking Bids for Construction, and I3 – Accu-Vote Machines. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Roni Yelle said last month she asked for more information in the body of the minutes, including the spelling out of acronyms. She asked again for clarification of acronyms and gave examples of several. She also asked for more information in the minutes and gave the example of 8b from the July minutes not supplying enough information on the fish biologist.

Dave Kallio clarified that there is only one fish biologist per district. He contacted George Madison from Baraga, who referred him to Cory Kovacs, the fish biologist out of Newberry, which is the district we are in.

F. Cori Rasmussen was introduced as the new office employee while Carolyn is on maternity leave.

G. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. TREASURER'S REPORT – General Fund \$409,154.24 Trust & Agency \$0.00

Fire Fund \$43,143.67 Ambulance Fund \$56,359.00 Parks/Rec \$91,466.31 Sanitation \$58,620.43

Taxes \$85,542.78 Road Repair Fund \$247,281.05

C.D TOTALS: Ambulance \$255,640.70 Roads \$345,250.64 Fire Dept \$197,602.40

General Fund \$751,133.66

Money Markets: Fire \$44,448.80 Cemetery Perpetual Care \$2,567.03 Road Repair Fund \$133,349.47

2. APPROVE MINUTES:

D. Walch motioned, L. Yelle supported, to approve minutes of the 7/8/14 regular meeting and the 7/21/14 special meeting as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

3. BUDGET REPORT: L. Yelle gave report.

4. APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: L. Yelle motioned, J. Wixtrom supported, to approve accounts payable as presented; General Fund checks # 29939 - # 30001 for a total of \$38,001.74 and Tax Collection checks #2885 - #2886, for a total of \$137,172.34. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. FIRE DEPARTMENT

a. Chief Rickey Wilson read report; it was noted that July 23 is the correct date for the 4 vehicle personal injury incident.

- b. D. Walch motioned, C. Schram supported, to approve the purchase of 30 hats at \$12.50 each for a total of \$375, with the \$75 donation discussed last month being used, and the rest of the money coming from the equipment fund. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

2. AMBULANCE:

- a. L. Nelson gave report.
- b. L. Yelle motioned, D. Walch supported, to approve the purchase of pager and batteries from Anderson Communications for \$801.
- c. After discussion and clarification, L. Yelle rescinded her previous motion. D. Walch supported the rescindment. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. L. Yelle motioned, D. Walch supported, to approve the purchase of pager and battery pack, charger, and belt clip from El-Com Systems for \$734.80. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- e. L. Yelle motioned, B. Yelle supported, to approve the purchase of 2 Motorola VX-354 radios from Range Communications for \$580 total. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- f. L. Yelle motioned, D. Walch supported, to approve Charlie Bleau as an EMT for Sands Township. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

3. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT- No Report

4. CLERK'S REPORT-

- a. J. Wixtrom motioned, C. Schram supported, to approve the repair bill for the end loader from Yelle Mechanical for \$4,180.56. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Recuse: 1 Motion carried.

5. LANDFILL-No Report.

6. ZONING –

- a. R. Yelle read report.

7. LIBRARY- No Report.

8. GROUNDWATER AND WELL TESTING-

- a. D. Kallio gave an update on the County Water Committee and his contact with the DNR fish biologist George Madison and Cory Kovacs.
- b. J. Wixtrom motioned, D. Walch supported, to authorize D. Kallio to fill out the preliminary application to the DNR for the Aquatic Habitat Grant Program. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

9. COMMISSION ON AGING – No Report.

10. PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE-

- a. Bob Kallio gave an update on the playground equipment.
- b. L. Yelle motioned, B. Yelle supported, to approve giving authority to the Superiorland Ski Club for seeking and obtaining bids for the purpose of constructing the warming hut at Blueberry Ridge Pathway. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

11. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – C. Schram reported Cori Rasmussen started training in the office and will be covering full time starting next week.

12. CEMETERY – No Report.

I. OLD BUSINESS –

- a.** The Fire Department has not found a suitable brush truck yet.
- b.** The Teaching Family Homes request is still on hold.
- c.** B. Yelle asked if the warranty update information was received for the Accu-Vote machines, and it has.

I. NEW BUSINESS –None

J. OTHER/ CORRESPONDENCE: None

K. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bob Kallio asked if there have been any plans discussed for the Old Town Hall. He said the Millers have put together a lot of Sands Township History and would like to do a museum. Discussion followed on the importance of preserving history, the building, what would be needed to begin, etc. There may be grant money available and help with archiving through Northern Michigan University.

L. ADJOURNMENT: B. Yelle adjourned meeting at 8:05 PM.

Lee Yelle, Clerk

Benjamin Yelle, Supervisor