

SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
September 9, 2014

A. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 PM by Clerk Lee Yelle

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. Schram motioned, L. Yelle supported to have Joe Wixtrom chair the meeting due to Supervisors absence.

C. ROLL CALL: Lee Yelle, Cheryl Schram, Joe Wixtrom. **Absent:** Ben Yelle & Darlene Walch.

Employees in Attendance: Rickey Wilson, Randy Yelle, Bill Kapeller.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: Roni Yelle, Bob Kallio, Jo Kapeller, Barb Kidder, Rich Rossway.

D. AGENDA: C. Schram motioned, L. Yelle supported, to accept agenda with additions to, G3a- Tires for garbage truck, b-Lost 40 mail delivery, c-Turnaround at NM & Station Rd.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Barb Kidder questioned why the MGH ambulance responds to 911 calls that are placed by Sands Township residents, instead of the Sands ambulance.

R. Wilson reported that if there is not a response within a certain time period another ambulance service is dispatched.

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. TREASURER'S REPORT – General Fund \$410,439.95 **Trust & Agency** \$0.00

Fire Fund \$41,134.30 **Ambulance Fund** \$56,438.26 **Parks/Rec** \$91,294.64 **Sanitation** \$56,759.76

Taxes \$151,705.05 **Road Repair Fund** \$247,645.11

C.D TOTALS: **Ambulance** \$255,696.83 **Roads** \$345,250.64 **Fire Dept** \$197,774.97

General Fund \$751,539.19

Money Markets: **Fire** \$44,458.24 **Cemetery Perpetual Care** \$2,567.13 **Road Repair Fund** \$133,349.47

After a report from C. Schram and discussion; L. Yelle motioned, J. Wixtrom supported to approve the policy of no refunds paid if tax payments are \$5 or less over the correct tax amount due; payments over \$5 will be refunded. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

2. APPROVE MINUTES:

J. Wixtrom motioned, C. Schram supported, to approve minutes of the 8/12/14 regular meeting as presented.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

3. BUDGET REPORT: L. Yelle gave report

4. APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: L. Yelle motioned, C. Schram supported, to approve accounts payable as presented; General Fund checks #30002 - #30073 for a total of \$41,070.63 and Tax Collection checks #2887 - #2886, for a total of \$206,950.60. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. FIRE DEPARTMENT

a. Chief Rickey Wilson read report.

b. C. Schram motioned, J. Wixtrom supported, to accept the resignation of Christian Verardi from the fire department without ~~precedence~~ prejudice . Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

2. AMBULANCE:

- a. L. Yelle motioned, C. Schram supported, to approve the purchase of 1 coat and jump bag by the ambulance department. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. L. Yelle motioned, C. Schram supported, to approve authorization of paying for the Confidential Respirator exam/questionnaire at \$30 per exam and if required, further testing at \$168 per test for the EMS personnel. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. J. Wixtrom motioned, L. Yelle supported, to approve the township paying for the EMT members who choose to attend the Annual UP-EMS Conference in September. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

3. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT- R. Wilson reported on the possibility of purchasing tires thru the government for the garbage truck. Board consensus is that action be on hold until further information is presented. He also reported on mail delivery problems on the Lost 40 road, and the need for a turnaround at NM & end of Station Rd.**4. CLERK'S REPORT-**

- a. L. Yelle informed the board of the positive results of the completed audit of FSY 2013-2014, reporting a 16.65% increase of combined fund balances for the township.

5. LANDFILL- Randy Yelle gave report. After discussion regarding the proposed increase in the tipping fee at the landfill; L. Yelle motioned, J. Wixtrom supported to have clerk draft and send a letter stating that the Sands Township Board feels the \$5 per ton increase in tipping fees is excessive. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.**6. ZONING –**

- a. R. Yelle read report.

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

- a. L. Yelle motioned, C. Schram supported, to authorize Paul Sirois to do testing for selenium and heavy metals on 13 of the township's test wells. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

9. COMMISSION ON AGING – No Report.**10. PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE-**

- a. Bob Kallio gave an update on the completed playground upgrade and refund that is due from the company for unused timbers.

11. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – No report**11. CEMETERY –** No Report.**I. OLD BUSINESS –**

- a. The Fire Department has not found a suitable brush truck yet.

b. Rich Rossway briefed the board on Teaching Family Homes High Ropes Course and the request for the township to be a pass through agent. C. Schram motioned, J. Wixtrom supported to approve Sands Township acting as the pass through governmental agent for the 2% KBIC grant request for the High Ropes Course. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

I. NEW BUSINESS –None

J. OTHER/ CORRESPONDENCE: It was noted that the township is in receipt of the letter from the County Planning Commission commenting on their approval of the recommended changes to the zoning ordinance text amendments from the Sands Township Planning Commission.

K. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bill Kapeller commented that there is still a mail box, not set up by the County Road Commission after removal during road construction. Roni Yelle commented on the need for updates on the township web site regarding two members on the planning commission. Rickey Wilson read a flood advisory watch for the central UP due to heavy rain hitting the area. Barb Kidder asked about publicity regarding the change on overage refunds for tax bills.

L. ADJOURNMENT: J. Wixtrom declared meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Lee Yelle, Clerk