

**SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING**  
**SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX**  
**October 14, 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. **Absent:** Joe Wixtrom

**Employees in Attendance:** Rickey Wilson, Carolyn Kerkela, Bill Kapeller, Jane Noe

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:** Roni Yelle, Bob Kallio, David Kallio, Nancy Olsen, Sherry Soetaert, Jim Noe, Pam Fjeldheim.

**D. AGENDA:** L. Yelle motioned, B. Yelle supported, to accept agenda with the additions of 1d – LifePak Battery, 3d – 2% Tribal Funds for Teaching Family Homes, and J2 – U.P.S.E.T. Letter. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Roni Yelle noted some grammatical errors in the Public Comment section of the September minutes, and said the word precedence in 1b should be replaced with prejudice instead.

**F. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**1. TREASURER'S REPORT** – General Fund \$392,379.37 Trust & Agency \$0.00

Fire Fund \$40,739.84 Ambulance Fund \$56,440.66 Parks/Rec \$90,591.12 Sanitation \$52,527.84

Taxes \$13,328.48 Road Repair Fund \$247,700.82

**C.D TOTALS:** Ambulance \$255,869.62 Roads \$345,370.43 Fire Dept \$197,798.02

General Fund \$751,832.98

**Money Markets:** Fire \$44,466.16 Cemetery Perpetual Care \$2,567.24 Road Repair Fund \$133,416.69

**2. APPROVE MINUTES:**

C. Schram motioned, B. Yelle supported, to approve minutes of the 9/9/14 meeting with the corrections that were mentioned. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**3. BUDGET REPORT:** L. Yelle gave report.

**4. APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:** L. Yelle motioned, B. Yelle supported, to approve accounts payable as presented; General Fund checks # 30074 - # 30152 for \$35,617.54, Road Millage check #2051 for \$267.84, and Tax Collection checks #2914 - #2921, for \$411,325.70 for a combined total of \$447,211.08.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**G. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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

**b.** B. Yelle motioned, C. Schram supported, to replace the LifePak 500 battery for \$291, approve the air pack flow testing at \$50 each for 12 units, and to send four people to the fire class in Escanaba for \$50 each. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**c.** D. Walch motioned, B. Yelle supported, to accept Bill Kapeller's resignation from the Fire Department with honors for his 35+ years of service to the department. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**2. AMBULANCE:**

**a.** R. Wilson gave report.

**3. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT-**

- a. L. Yelle motioned, D. Walch supported, to approve the purchase of eight tires for the garbage truck through the government surplus program for \$383.43 each. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. B. Yelle motioned, D. Walch supported, to agree to act as a pass through agent for the Teaching Family Homes request for 2% fund grant monies from the Sault Tribe. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**4. CLERK'S REPORT-**

- a. L. Yelle motioned, D. Walch supported, to move forward to the next level of the grant process for the Aquatic Habitat Grant Program for Strawberry Lake. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**5. LANDFILL-**

- a. B. Yelle reported work needs to be done to the garbage truck; it is covered under warranty.

**6. ZONING –**

- a. C. Kerkela read report.

**7. LIBRARY- No Report.**

**8. GROUNDWATER AND WELL TESTING-**

- a. Jim Noe will be doing the well testing soon.

**9. COMMISSION ON AGING –**

- a. L. Yelle gave report.

**10. PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE-**

- a. Bob Kallio gave an update on the playground.
- b. Pam Fjeldheim gave an update on the Warming Hut at Blueberry Ridge, reporting that bids have been submitted and reviewed, and GE Builders, with a bid of \$117,750, has been awarded the contract.

**11. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – No Report**

**12. CEMETERY – No Report.**

**I. OLD BUSINESS –**

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

**I. NEW BUSINESS –**

- a. B. Yelle motioned, D. Walch supported, to accept the proposal from Bob LaJeunesse for snow removal for the 2014-15 winter season. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**J. OTHER/ CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. An invitation from the Register of Deeds for the swearing in of Carla L'Huillier was received.
- b. A letter from U.P.S.E.T. was received and placed on file.

**K. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Bob Kallio questioned spending money on Strawberry Lake and what the chances were of the lake being replenished, or if it would eventually disappear. Discussion followed regarding the water levels of the lake and surrounding wells, and the possible future of the lake.

**L. ADJOURNMENT:** B. Yelle adjourned meeting at 7:57 PM.

Lee Yelle, Clerk

Benjamin Yelle, Supervisor