

.SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING**SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX****November 18, 2014 (Rescheduled from November 11 due to weather)****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, Jane Noe, Jim Noe, Randy Yelle**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:** Roni Yelle, Bob Kallio, David Kallio, Nancy Olsen, James Goriesky, Raymond Amtmann, Mary Amtmann, Andi Goriesky, Walt Maki, Lareina VanStrien, and Melanie Bell.**D. AGENDA:** C. Schram motioned, L. Yelle supported, to accept agenda with the additions of 4a – Review of Intergovernmental Agreement and J3 – IRS Information. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.**E. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.**F. UPAWS REQUEST:** Melanie Bell from UPAWS gave information on a request to purchase or receive as a donation 20 acres of property owned by the Township, which they would then trade for 20 acres owned by the Marquette County Fair. They intend to build a new shelter on the property. James Goriesky, Marquette County Fair President, supports the request. Dave Kallio reported that several years ago, the DNR was agreeable to selling 16 acres of land adjoining the Township office, which could be another option.**G. PUBLIC HEARING - VAR2014-04:** Requester unable to travel due to weather, Supervisor B. Yelle declared this hearing will be postponed until the December 9 meeting.**H. CONSENT AGENDA:****1. TREASURER'S REPORT – General Fund** \$399,694.37 **Trust & Agency** \$0.00**Fire Fund** \$39,976.83 **Ambulance Fund** \$55,887.32 **Parks/Rec** \$90,244.69 **Sanitation** \$43,633.37**Taxes** \$1,076.58 **Road Repair Fund** \$247,803.41**C.D TOTALS:** **Ambulance** \$256,072.07 **Roads** \$345,370.43 **Fire Dept** \$198,093.45**General Fund** \$751,832.98**Money Markets:** **Fire** \$44,473.96 **Cemetery Perpetual Care** \$2,567.35 **Road Repair Fund** \$133,416.69**2. APPROVE MINUTES:**

D. Walch motioned, L. Yelle supported, to approve minutes of the 10/14/14 meeting as presented.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

3. BUDGET REPORT: L. Yelle report all the funds have a healthy balance and there is no need for amendments to the general fund.**4. APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:** L. Yelle motioned, B. Yelle supported, to approve accounts payable as presented; General Fund checks # 30153 - # 30240 at \$31,964.95, Trust & Agency checks #1803 - #1806 at \$306.00, and Tax Collection checks #2922 - #2930 at \$12,252.19, for a total of \$44,523.14.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**1. FIRE DEPARTMENT****a.** Chief Rickey Wilson read report.**b.** D. Walch motioned, C. Schram supported, to accept the resignation of Gary Stevens without prejudice. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

- c. C. Schram motioned, B. Yelle supported, to approve the purchase of 2 radios at \$455 each, 4 flashlights for \$158 each, and 4 pairs of gloves at \$30 each, for a total of \$1,662.
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. L. Yelle motioned, B. Yelle supported, to accept Frank Rosado as the Fire Dept. Assistant Training Officer and pay him retroactive as of May 2014, when he assumed the duties to that position. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

2. AMBULANCE:

- a. R. Wilson gave report.
- b. L. Yelle motioned, B. Yelle supported, to approve payment of the Emergency Medical Products bill for \$998.73. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

3. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT- None

4. CLERK'S REPORT-

- a. L. Yelle motioned, B. Yelle supported, to adopt Resolution #11112014, Honoring Bill Kapeller for his years of service to the Township Fire Department. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

5. LANDFILL-

- a. B. Yelle asked for permission to contact Phil Grashoff for his opinion regarding some questions he has on the Intergovernmental Agreement and Landfill finances, and the Board agreed. After being asked by Supervisor B. Yelle, Randall Yelle stated that the only section of the Intergovernmental Agreement that was opened up was the terms of office, which was approved by all 22 municipalities, and also stated the host community fee is for the life of the Landfill.

6. ZONING –

- a. R. Yelle read report. R. Nelson's term is up on the Zoning Board of Appeals and he has requested reappointment.

7. LIBRARY- No Report.

8. GROUNDWATER AND WELL TESTING-

- a. Jim Noe gave well report.
- b. Dave Kallio gave an update on the Aquatic Habitat Grant for Strawberry Lake.

9. COMMISSION ON AGING –

- a. L. Yelle gave report.

10. PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE-

- a. C. Schram reported that the refund has been received for the returned timbers in relation to the playground equipment installation.

11. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – No Report

12. CEMETERY –

- a. R. Wilson gave an update on the road work done at the cemetery and Miller Road, relaying that the gravel had not been placed along outer edge of road. There will be follow-up regarding issue.

J. OLD BUSINESS –

1. The Fire Department has not found a suitable brush truck yet.
2. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments:
 - a. D. Walch motioned, B. Yelle supported, to approve amendment 14-01-02 as written. Ayes: 4
Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - b. D. Walch motioned, B. Yelle supported, to approve amendment 14-01-04 as written. Ayes: 4
Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - c. D. Walch motioned, L. Yelle supported, to approve amendment 14-01-09 as written. Ayes: 4
Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - d. D. Walch motioned, B. Yelle supported, to approve amendment 14-01-10 as written. Ayes: 4
Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - e. Amendments 01, 05, 06 & 07 will be sent back to the Planning Commission for further review. 14-01-01 recommending adding language that would allow for residents to engage in small self-sustaining lifestyle on less than 10 acres, 14-01-05 & 14-01-07; clarifying goal and questioning requirements, and 14-01-06, condense and clarify language and suggesting not extending to all districts.
3. C. Schram said she spoke with an IRS representative and the Township Assessor regarding the tax exempt status of the Marquette County Fair Board property, and was informed that this is a local matter for the Township Board and Board of Review.

K. NEW BUSINESS –

- a. VAR2014-04 will be addressed at the December 9th meeting.

L. OTHER/ CORRESPONDENCE: None**M. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

James Goriesky questioned what the issue about the Fair's nonprofit status was. C. Schram explained.

D. Kallio gave figures for water usage of the fish hatchery in comparison to Sawyer. He also said a large area was cleared near the Gribben Basin, that was noticed when he went with Jim Noe to do well testing.

Jim Noe said the state requires the Fair be considered an Agricultural Society to be tax exempt.

James Goriesky commented on what he understood that to mean.

Melanee Bess said UPAWS wants to begin a capital campaign soon and asked when a decision would possibly be made about the land proposal. B. Yelle stated that the Board will address this next month.

N. ADJOURNMENT: B. Yelle adjourned meeting at 8:25 PM.

Lee Yelle, Clerk

Benjamin Yelle, Supervisor