

**SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING  
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX  
June 12, 2018**

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** –D. Walch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **Roll Call** – Darlene Walch, Lee Yelle, David Kallio, Justin Murawski, and Justin Yelle **Absent** – None  
**Employees in Attendance:** Carolyn Kerkela  
**Public in Attendance:** Bob Lambert, Barb Kidder, Lori Burford, Gary Stevens, Lainey Stevens, Betsy Rochon, Bob Kallio, Melody Wagner, Robert Fassbender
3. **Public Comment:** Bob Lambert introduced himself and their organization president Bob Fassbender. They are requesting the board allow them to haul debris from CCI property for no charge.
4. **Agenda:** L. Yelle moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of 10k – Sale of Dumpster to Pelissier Lake Road. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** D. Walch moved, L. Yelle seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda, with the grammatical error fixed on the MCSWMA Report. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
  - a. **Minutes**
    - i. **May 8, 2018 Minutes:** Approved as presented.
  - b. **Department Reports:** Accepted and placed on file.
    - i. **Fire** (No Report)
    - ii. **Ambulance** (No Report)
    - iii. **Sanitation / MCSWMA**
    - iv. **Cemetery** (No Report)
    - v. **Zoning**
  - c. **Committee Reports**
    - i. **Personnel** (No Report)
    - ii. **Parks & Recreation**
    - iii. **Groundwater & Well Testing**
    - iv. **Library** (No Report)
    - v. **Council on Aging**
  - d. **Correspondence** - None
  - e. **Miscellaneous** - None
6. **Treasurer's Report** – As of May 31, 2018  
**General Fund** \$349,027.61    **Trust & Agency** \$647.00    **Fire Fund** \$198,161,328  
**Ambulance Fund** \$155,084.96    **Parks/Rec** \$139,411.95  
**Sanitation** \$89,073.65    **Taxes** \$7,015.85    **Road Repair Fund** \$179,708.81  
  
**CD Totals:** **Ambulance** \$262,130.79    **Roads** \$266,475.84    **Fire Dept** \$203,749.42  
**General Fund** \$803,473.66    **Parks & Rec** \$52,220.96  
  
**Money Markets:** **Fire** \$48,203.74    **Cemetery Perpetual Care** \$2,822.22    **Road Repair Fund** \$85,700.33
7. **Clerk's Report**

- a. **Budget Report** – L. Yelle gave report.
- b. **Accounts Payable** – L. Yelle moved, J. Murawski seconded, to approve accounts payable as presented: General Fund checks #33443 - #33515, including the electronic liability check, for \$35,599.48 and Tax Collection check \$3339 for \$245.13, for a total of \$35,844.61. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **MML Insurance Premium July 1, 2018 -2019**– L. Yelle moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve paying the MML Liability Insurance bill for \$17,073. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **MTA Dues 7/1/2018 – 6/30/2019** – L. Yelle moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve paying MTA dues of \$1,537.50. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- e. **Audit Contract Expires**- Consensus was to put together some specs and seek proposals for an auditor.

## 8. Supervisor's Report

- a. **PILT Update** – D. Walch gave an update
- b. **Tree Removal at Cemetery** – Two dead trees were removed from the cemetery.
- c. **SEMCO Easement** – L. Yelle moved, J. Murawski seconded, to accept the offer from SEMCO of \$400 for the permanent easement across 0.21 acres in sec. 32 of T47 Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **Road Commission Bid Info** – J. Yelle moved, D. Kallio seconded, to accept D. Walch's recommendation and proceed with the crack seal on Stephen Lee and Yelle Road, and the chip and fog seal for Scenic Hills Drive and Sandwood Drive for a grand total of \$41,369.87. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

## 9. Old Business

- a. **Old Town Hall** – No Update
- b. **Possible Property Purchase** – On Hold
- c. **Fire Department Positions & SOG's** – On Hold
- d. **Bunker Gear** – On Hold
- e. **Position Description** – On Hold

## 10. New Business

- a. **Zoning** –
  - i. **Zoning Ordinance Amendment 01-18-01** – J. Yelle moved, D. Kallio seconded, to adopt Amendment 01-18-01 (addition of Commercial Marihuana Facility to Article II, Sec 202, Definitions, new section 318) as recommended by the Planning Commission. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
  - ii. **Zoning Ordinance Amendment 01-18-02** – L. Yelle moved, J. Yelle seconded, to adopt Amendment 01-18-02 (addition of Cargo containers to Article II, Sec 202, Definitions, & Sec 316) as recommended by the Planning Commission. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
  - iii. **RZ2018-03 (DNR)** – L. Yelle moved, J. Murawski seconded, to not approve RZ2018-03, rezoning from Industrial to Open Space, as recommended by both the Township Planning Commission and the County Planning Commission. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **Leave of Absence from EMS** – L. Yelle moved, D. Walch seconded, to accept David Oysti's request for a Leave of Absence from EMS. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **Request for Fence in Basketball Court** – Consensus is to talk with the Pickleball group and see how much they are willing to contribute before a decision is made.

- d. **Newsletter** – D. Walch moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve the newsletter as drafted for printing & mailing. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- e. **Pager Purchase** – L. Yelle moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve the purchase of 3 pagers from EI-Com for \$1,279.20. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- f. **Hydraulic Thumb for Backhoe Loader** – D. Walch moved, J. Murawski seconded, to waive the need for additional quotes based on the unique circumstances of the backhoe already outfitted for this specific thumb and approve the purchase for \$5,800. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- g. **Permanent Hauler Request** – L. Yelle moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve Prime Relocation & Storage/Mini Movers as a permanent hauler to the Landfill. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- h. **Possible New Copier** – D. Walch moved, D. Kallio seconded, to go with the machine from Cooper Office, under the State of Michigan bid, and trade in the old machine. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- i. **Request for Cleanup of CCI Property** – After discussion with the requestor, it was decided they should obtain permission from CCI and other property owners to remove all metal from the property and see what remains, with the possibility that money from the metal would cover disposal fees.
- j. **Resolution Opposing HB6049 & SB1025** – D. Walch moved, L. Yelle seconded, to adopt Resolution 06122018, Resolution Opposing HB6049 and SB1025. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- k. **Sale of Dumpster to Pelissier Lake Residents** – D. Walch moved, D. Kallio seconded, to offer our 8 yard dumpster to the Pelissier Lake Road residents for \$500. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

#### 11. Public Comment –

Melody Wagner introduced herself as a Candidate for the 109<sup>th</sup> District State Representative. She also shared some options and information on shooting ranges.

Bob Lambert commented that he likes how this board operates.

Betsy Rochon thanked the Board and staff for their work for the residents. She would like to donate \$100 to the pickleball group for their fence project. She also volunteered herself and her husband to cut small trees for the Township if any needed removing. She suggested the people doing the cleanup get permission in writing from the property owners in the area for the sheriff's department to have permission to prosecute people doing illegal activities on private land.

Lori Burford, DNR, thanked the Board for their time and effort. She appreciates insight on additional locations. They are meeting with CCI and would like input and discussion informally before moving forward with looking at that site for their range. They have partnered with MTU on a pass-through grant and are working with NMU. They are considering other options in Marquette County, including discussions with Scott Erbis regarding County Forest property.

Betsy Rochon said she is insulted by the lack of communication with property owners from the DNR. She does not want further communication with them. She does not trust statements they have made in the past. The rules and current plans for the proposed site will disturb the peace and comfort of her home and are setting the area up for vandalism and more problems.

Bob Fassbender questioned why a new site would be a zoning issue, if the Township Board is already against the project. D. Walch explained the process and that the first step is to make sure the property is zoned appropriately, but that conditions can be required before the permit is approved.

Melody Wagner commented there is an educational support group in West Branch Township for kids, starting next week. Information is available online.

**12. Adjournment** – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Lee Yelle, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor