

SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
April 9, 2019

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 and Justin Yelle **Absent** – Justin Murawski
Employees in Attendance: Carolyn Kerkela, Randall L. Yelle, Jane Noe
Public in Attendance: Marge Forslin, Lainey Stevens, Gary I. Stevens, Bob Kallio, Sandy Petrovich
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Agenda:** L. Yelle moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the agenda with the additions of 8c – Room at the Inn and 10e – MCTA Banquet. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** J. Yelle moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - a. **Minutes**
 - a. **March 12, 2019 Minutes:** Approved.
 - b. **Department Reports:** Accepted and placed on file.
 - a. **Fire**
 - b. **Ambulance** (No Report)
 - c. **Sanitation / MCSWMA**
 - d. **Cemetery** (No Report)
 - e. **Zoning**
 - c. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Personnel** (No Report)
 - b. **Parks & Recreation**
 - c. **Groundwater & Well Testing** (No Report)
 - d. **Library** (No Report)
 - e. **Council on Aging** (No report)
 - d. **Correspondence –**
 - a. **Recycling Information Packet** (available in office for review)
 - b. **Email from Randy re: Invenergy Company**
 - e. **Miscellaneous –** None
6. **Treasurer’s Report** – No Report
7. **Clerk’s Report**
 - a. **Budget Report** – L. Yelle reported that the end of 2018-2019 fiscal year fund balances for General, Ambulance, Fire, Parks & Rec., and Road will all see an increase. Sanitation will see a decrease. Figures given were tentative due to lacking March Treasurer information.
 - b. **Accounts Payable** – L. Yelle moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve accounts payable as presented: General Fund checks #34202 - #34282, including the electronic checks for liabilities, for \$69,119.65 and Tax Collection checks #3377 - #3405 for \$394,866.09, for a total of \$463,985,74. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

- c. **MML Workers Comp Insurance Bill** – L. Yelle moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve paying the MML bill of \$4,134 for Workman’s Comp. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

8. Supervisor’s Report

- a. **PILT Update** – No Update
- b. **DEQ Recycling Grant** – L. Yelle moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve pursuing the DEQ Recycling Grant for recycling infrastructure, with an estimated local match amount of up to \$300,000. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **Room at the Inn** – D. Walch gave some information of Room at the Inn possibly renting the gym facility.

9. Old Business

- a. **Feasibility of Solar Panels on Township Property** – No Update.
- b. **Office Lights** –After reviewing bids from Kukla, JP electric, and Code Electrical; L. Yelle moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve the bid from Kukla Electric to replace the light fixtures at the township office complex with LED fixtures on dimmer switches, for a total of \$10,400. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **Fire Hall Sign** – D. Walch will follow up with Fire Department & EMS
- d. **Silver Creek Dust Control Contract** – D. Kallio moved, (D. Walch) seconded, to enter into the agreement with the Marquette County Road Commission for dust control on the Silver Creek Extension Road with township share estimated at \$1,900. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

10. New Business

- a. **Personnel (Garbage Truck Driver Subs, Cleaning at Fire Hall/EMS, Backup for JJ)** – The Personnel Committee will report back with recommendations next month.
- b. **Fire Training Shelters (2) for \$530** – D. Walch moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the purchase of two fire shelters for training purposes for \$530. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **Letter of Support for Countywide Recycling Millage** – D. Walch moved, L. Yelle seconded, to approve sending the April 10 letter to the MCSWMA in support of a countywide millage for recycling. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **Proposal for Lease of Township Property for Solar (Invenergy)** – Informational only at this time.
- e. **MCTA Banquet** – D. Kallio seconded (moved), L. Yelle seconded, to approve sending any interested Board members and employees to the MCTA Banquet on May 8 in Michigamme at a cost of \$12 per person and additionally providing a \$25 door prize. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

11. Public Comment –

Sandy Petrovich, Gwinn School Superintendent, spoke about the district and extended an invitation to attend a Q&A/Informational Session next week.
Marge Forslin commented that Swick does install solar systems.
Gary Stevens asked about the possibility of dust control on Lost 40 Road.

12. Adjournment – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 8:01 PM.