

**SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING**  
**SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX**  
**May 14, 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, Justin Murawski and Justin Yelle **Absent** – None  
**Employees in Attendance:** Carolyn Kerkela, Angela Yelle, Ben Yelle  
**Public in Attendance:** Marge Forslin, Lainey Stevens, Gary I. Stevens, Bob Kallio, Jim Noe
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Agenda:** L. Yelle moved, J. Murawski seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of 7d – Hannula Bill. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** L. Yelle moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of a- minutes, c-2 parks & recreation report, and c-3 Well Testing for discussion/clarification. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
  - a. **Minutes** – removed for discussion
  - b. **Department Reports:** Accepted and placed on file.
    1. **Fire**
    2. **Ambulance** (No Report)
    3. **Sanitation / MCSWMA**
    4. **Cemetery** (No Report)
    5. **Zoning**
  - c. **Committee Reports**
    1. **Personnel** (No Report)
    2. **Parks & Recreation** – removed for discussion
    3. **Groundwater & Well Testing** – removed for discussion
    4. **Library** (No Report)
    5. **Council on Aging**
  - d. **Correspondence** –
    1. **EAP Quarterly Utilization Report**
  - e. **Miscellaneous** – MCSWMA Scrap Tire Collection Schedule

**Minutes** – D. Walch moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve the minutes of April 9, 2019 with the correction that D. Walch seconded 9d, and changing “seconded” to “moved” for D. Kallio’s action on 10e. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**Parks & Recreation Report** – J. Yelle moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve having the buildings roofs, and trusses inspected at Strawberry Lake, along with getting the roof vent repaired on the cabin. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

**Groundwater Report** – J. Yelle questioned the location of wells #25 & 28 mentioned in the report. Report placed on file.

6. **Treasurer’s Report** – As of April 30, 2019  
**General Fund** \$479,842.80    **Trust & Agency** \$569.00    **Fire Fund** \$219,574.04  
**Ambulance Fund** \$189,403.27    **Parks/Rec** \$170,788.94

**Sanitation** \$85,231.27    **Taxes** \$27,285.39    **Road Repair Fund** \$260,744.52

**Money Markets:** **Fire** \$48,301.69    **Cemetery Perpetual Care** \$2,823.51    **Road Repair Fund** \$85,786.07

J. Murawski informed the board that he renewed CD's (amb 566-8/1& fire 566-8/2 & fire 8002) at First Bank with a 2.5% interest rate.

## 7. Clerk's Report

- a. **Accounts Payable** – L. Yelle moved, J. Murawski seconded, to approve accounts payable as presented: General Fund checks #34283 - #34348 for \$44,040.18. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **Budget Report** – L. Yelle gave reports for March and April.
- c. **AT&T Metro Act Right of Way Permit** – L. Yelle moved, J. Yelle seconded, to extend the existing Metro Act Right of Way Permit agreement which will end August 31, 2024. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **Hannula Bill** – L. Yelle moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve paying the Hannula Insurance bill of \$1,946 for Fire Fighter insurance. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

## 8. Supervisor's Report

- a. **PILT Update** – No Update
- b. **DEQ Recycling Grant** – D. Walch gave an update on the grant. J. Yelle moved, D. Kallio seconded, to continue to pursue the recycling Grant with the adjusted figures; total grant amount would be \$368,880 with a 75/25 match (\$276,660 EGLE and \$69,165 Sands match) as recommended by EGLE (previously DEQ) that would result in a total project cost of about \$338,000 for Sands Township based on current figures. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **MCSWMA Chair Appointment** – D. Walch moved, J. Yelle seconded, to appoint Randy Yelle for another 4 year term as the MCSWMA Chairperson, effective July 1, 2019. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **Pelissier Lake Rd Update** – D. Walch gave an update on the request to pursue a Special Assessment for upgrades to Pelissier Lake Road. It has been recommended by MTA & the Township Attorney to pursue PA188 as the basis for the Special Assessment.
- e. **2020 Census** – D. Walch gave an update.
- f. **MI Launch Initiative** – D. Walch reported on information presented at an informational meeting at Sawyer on 5/13/19.
- g. **SEMCO Request** – D. Walch explained the request from a resident regarding natural gas service. The township has no authorization for action regarding this request.

## 9. Old Business

- a. **Feasibility of Solar Panels on Township Property** – No Update.
- b. **Fire Hall Sign** – D. Walch will follow up with Fire Department & EMS
- c. **Personnel: Garbage Truck Driver Subs, Cleaning at Fire Hall/EMS, Backup for JJ:** No update.
- d. **Proposal for Lease of Twp Property for Solar (Invenergy)** – No Update.

## 10. New Business

- a. **Garbage Pickup (Deer Run Road concerns)** – L. Yelle moved, J. Yelle seconded, to have D. Walch draft a letter to the residents on Deer Run regarding the condition of the

private road and the policy that dictates procedures for garbage pickup. Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0 Motion carried.

- b. **Dust Control for Lost 40 Road** – D. Walch moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve paying for dust control on Lost 40 Road, with the Township portion being \$283.29. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **Possible Establishment of Cemetery Committee** – D. Walch requested that C. Kerkela put together a list of interested individuals for a Cemetery Committee to look at updating the Ordinance and investigating the possibility of green burials.
- d. **Dusk to Dawn Light at Strawberry Lake Entrance** – After discussion regarding hours of operation and lack of benefit there was no action taken.
- e. **New EMS Personnel** – L. Yelle moved, J. Murawski seconded, to accept the EMS recommendation and hire Matt Kurin and Shannon Trouten for the EMS Department. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- f. **MTA Request for Resolution re Optional Nonpartisan Township Elections** – D. Kallio moved, L. Yelle seconded, to approve a Resolution in Opposition to the Nonpartisan Option for Township Positions. Roll Call vote: J. Yelle – no, J. Murawski – yes, L. Yelle – yes, D. Kallio – yes, D. Walch – yes. Motion carried 4-1.
- g. **MTA Workshop June 12, Bay College** – D. Walch moved, J. Murawski seconded, to approve sending any interested board members to the Assessing Workshop. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- h. **Overhead Wires at Transfer Station** – After discussion the decision was to check with the BLP regarding the overhead wires at the Transfer Station. There is also a concern with wires at Station 2 to inquire about. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

J. Yelle commented that he heard information regarding an MDOT Grant for road repairs in areas with less than 10,000 population and requested that this be looked into. D. Walch will look into this.

#### 11. Public Comment –

Lainey Stevens commented that the residents on Lost 40 have had 906 Technologies for internet service for a year (which they paid for).

Ben Yelle said the hose testing was never finished last year, even though there is a contract with a company to do the testing for 3 years. The testing needs to be done soon.

Lainey Stevens thanked the board for the dust control on Lost 40.

#### 12. Adjournment – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.

13. **Reconvene** – Due to a missed agenda item, D. Walch re-opened the meeting at 8:45 PM. At the request of J. Murawski; L. Yelle moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the transfer of \$8,800 from General to Tax Collection, which will be reimbursed back to General when the error in tax collection is straightened out. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

#### 14. Re-Adjourn – D. Walch re-adjourned meeting at 8:49 PM.