

SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
April 14, 2020

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, Justin Yelle, Justin Murawski and Dave Kallio
Absent – None
Employees in Attendance: Randy Yelle, Carolyn Kerkela,
Public in Attendance: Will Rajala
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Agenda:** D. Kallio moved, L. Murawski seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of 8d – Recognition for John & Marge Forslin, and to move item 10a – Bids for Recycling/Transfer Station to directly after the Agenda approval. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - 10a. **Bids for Recycling/Transfer Station** – 7 bids were received for the project:
 - Gundlach-Champion – \$818,110
 - Roy Ness Contracting - \$696,200
 - Cross General Contracting - \$621,500
 - Premeau Construction - \$610,855
 - Associated Contracting - \$608,976
 - Closner Construction - \$585,600
 - W R Construction - \$603,301D. Walch moved, J. Yelle seconded, to ask Bittner Engineering to review the four lowest bids and provide recommendations. The board will hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, April 21st at 7:00 PM for Contractor selection. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

J. Yelle moved, D. Kallio seconded, to hold the remaining three bids in reserve until a final decision is made. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** D. Walch moved, L. Yelle seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - a. **Minutes:** March 17, 2020 Accepted and placed on file.
 - b. **Department Reports:** Accepted and placed on file.
 - a. **Fire** – No Report
 - 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** –
 - e. **Miscellaneous** –

- 6. Treasurer's Report – As of March 31, 2020 Checking account balances for:**
General Fund \$519,228.34 **Trust & Agency** \$1,395.00 **Fire Fund** \$225,889.77
Ambulance Fund \$222,671.20 **Parks/Rec** \$190,056.70
Sanitation \$73,483.40 **Taxes** \$57,380.14 **Road Repair Fund** \$277,403.27

CD totals: Ambulance \$271,083.85 **Roads** \$267,862.88 **Fire Dept** \$209,900.50
General Fund \$659,811.95 **Parks & Rec** \$53,756.85

Money Markets: Fire \$48,359.88 **Cemetery Perpetual Care** \$2,899.84 **Road Repair Fund** \$85,872.12 **General** \$169,038.32

7. Clerk's Report

- a. **Accounts Payable** – L. Yelle moved, J. Murawski seconded, to approve accounts payable as presented: General Fund checks #35110 - #35191, including the electronic liability payment, for a total of \$46,837.92. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **Budget Report** – L. Yelle gave report.
- c. **MML Dividend Credit of \$2,655** – L. Yelle presented information on credit amount.
- d. **MML Worker's Comp Bill \$3,725** – L. Yelle moved, J. Murawski seconded, to continue with MML for our Worker's Comp and pay the bill of \$3,725. Ayes: 0 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

8. Supervisor's Report

- a. **DEQ Recycling Grant** – D. Walch gave an update.
- b. **Updated Road Maintenance Projects Report** – D. Walch gave an update.
- c. **Collaboration on Recycling & Transfer Station Hauling** – No Information.
- d. **Recognition for John & Marge Forslin** – J. Yelle moved, J. Murawski seconded, to extend a thank you to John & Marge Forslin for the donation of surgical masks to our EMS during this COVID-19 pandemic, with Darlene sending the letter of appreciation. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

9. Old Business

- a. **RFP for Auditor** – L. Yelle moved, D. Kallio seconded, to accept the proposal from Cowell & LaPointe for auditing services for year end 2020, with a base fee of \$6,500. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **Millage Language for Peter White Public Library** – L. Yelle moved, J. Murawski seconded, to adopt Resolution #04142020LIB, approving language for the Peter White Public Library millage renewal for the August primary. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- c. **Millage Language for General Operating Millage** – L. Yelle moved, J. Murawski seconded, to adopt Resolution #04142020GOP, approving language for the Township General Operating millage renewal for the August primary. Roll call vote was unanimous.

10. New Business

- a. **Bids for Recycling/Transfer Station** – already addressed.
- b. **Temporary Access Agreement** – D. Walch moved, J. Murawski seconded, to formally adopt the Temporary Access Agreement with Ford River Land Company. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **Terry Flynn Resignation from FD** – L. Yelle moved, D. Kallio seconded, to accept Terry Flynn's resignation from the Fire Department. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

- d. **Change to Garbage Protocols & Compensation Adjustment** – D. Walch reported on additional garbage safety protocols in place. D. Walch moved, J. Yelle seconded, to pay sanitation staff an additional \$5/hour for the garbage collection route during this COVID-19 pandemic, retroactive to April 1. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
D. Walch moved, J. Murawski seconded, to pay Gary Aho his base pay during the two weeks he is quarantined and misses work. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- e. **Outdoor Facilities Closed During Stay at Home Executive Order** – The Township park and basketball/tennis/pickleball courts will be closed until the Stay Home Order is lifted.
- f. **Bittner Billing** – D. Walch moved, L. Yelle seconded, to pay the Bittner Engineering bill of \$2,380 for plan review, bidding, and update of the plan for the new Recycling & Transfer Facility. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

11. Public Comment – None

12. Adjournment – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 8:22 PM.

Lee Yelle, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor