

SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
July 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, Dave Kallio, and Justin Murawski (via speakerphone) **Absent** – None
Employees in Attendance: Carolyn Kerkela, Randy Yelle
Public in Attendance: Kent Koehn
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Agenda:** D. Kallio moved, L. Yelle seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of Item 10h – Sanitation Transportation Rate & Extra COVID pay. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** J. Yelle moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - a. **Minutes:** June 9, 2020 and June 12, 2020 Accepted & 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** (No Report)
 - c. **Groundwater & Well Testing**
 - d. **Library** (No Report)
 - e. **Council on Aging** (No Report)
 - d. **Correspondence** – Memo re: 906 Technologies
 - e. **Miscellaneous** –Copy of Letter sent to MCSWMA re: MBLP
6. **Treasurer’s Report – No Report**
7. **Clerk’s Report**
 - a. **Accounts Payable** – L. Yelle moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve accounts payable as presented: General Fund checks #35296 - #35356, including the electronic payroll liability payment, for a total of \$74,032.61. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - b. **Budget Report** – L. Yelle reported that Sanitation Fund expenses need to be closely monitored, as the Fund balance is currently sitting at \$26,433. Suggested that General Fund will have to cover some of the dumping and/or recycling cost until the 2020 December tax payments start coming in.
 - c. **Cowell & LaPointe Engagement Letter for 2019-2020 FSY audit** – L. Yelle reported the letter was received and audit will begin soon.
8. **Supervisor’s Report**
 - a. **EGLE Recycling Grant, Bittner Bill, and Order Change due to Water Line** –D. Walch moved, L. Yelle seconded, to give official recognition of payment for the Bittner

Engineering bill of \$674.50 and the order change with Closner due to the water line issue for \$2,695. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

- b. **Collaboration on Recycling & Transfer Station Hauling** – No Update.
- c. **Updated Road Maintenance Projects Report** – D. Walch reported contracts have been submitted to the Road Commission.
- d. **Hold Harmless Language for Rental Agreements**– L. Yelle moved, J. Yelle seconded, to add hold harmless language to indoor and outdoor rental agreements. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- e. **RFP for Legal Services** – D. Walch gave an update.
- f. **Garbage Millage** – Discussion; different options will be explored, possibly having language in August for the November general election.
- g. **Assessing Audit** – Letter received; assessor will respond.

9. Old Business-

- a. **Review of Well Report** – Discussion on the report from the June meeting.
- b. **14 Heather Lane Letter** – L. Yelle moved, D. Kallio seconded, to have D. Walch contact the Marquette County Road Commission to inquire about a 25 mph speed limit sign in the Heather Lane area. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **Gym Opening** – Consensus is to have our office and gym area remain closed at this time due to COVID-19 concerns; will be revisited in August.
- d. **Credit Card Payments** – on hold.

10. New Business

- a. **Newsletter** – D. Walch moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the newsletter for printing and mailing, with a copy deadline of Friday at 3:00. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **Peter White Public Library Service Contract** – D. Walch moved, J. Yelle seconded, to adopt the contract as presented, subject to attorney approval, with any attorney-recommended changes included. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **Fire Department Grant** – D. Kallio moved, L. Yelle seconded, to grant permission to the Fire Department to accept the DNR grant for the purchase of 3 new radios at \$9,452, if the grant is awarded. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **Fire Department Accountability Tags** – J. Murawski moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve the purchase of accountability tags, at \$352, by the Fire Department. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- e. **906 Technologies** – J. Yelle moved, J. Murawski seconded, to approve 906 Technologies running fiber optic cable and preparing the new Recycling Facility for their services, and to hold off on any decision on their services for the office at this time. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- f. **Treasurer Resignation** – D. Walch moved, L. Yelle seconded, to accept Justin Murawski's resignation, effective immediately, with the expectation that all Township documentation, property, keys and passwords be returned by Saturday, July 18. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
L. Yelle moved, J. Yelle seconded, to appoint Kent Koehn as Treasurer, to finish out the term ending in November. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- g. **Permanent Hauler Request** – D. Kallio moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve Hagerty Construction as a permanent hauler to the Landfill. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

- h. Sanitation Transportation Rate & Extra Pay** – D. Walch moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve continuing the additional \$5/hr COVID-19 pay for the sanitation staff through August 31, and to reimburse mileage for personal vehicle use at the IRS level. Ayes: 5
Nays: 0 Motion carried.

11. Public Comment – None

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

Lee Yelle, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor