

**SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
December 8, 2020**

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** –C. Kerkela called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **Roll Call** –Justin Yelle, Kent Koehn, Carolyn Kerkela and Dave Kallio. **Absent** – Darlene Walch
Employees in Attendance: Lee Yelle, Randall Yelle, Fran Darling (via Zoom)
Public in Attendance (via Zoom): Rick Wilson
C. Kerkela moved, K. Koehn seconded, to have D. Kallio chair the meeting in the Supervisor's absence. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
3. **Public Comment:** R. Wilson asked if video was available; it is only audio for the Zoom meeting.
4. **Agenda:** K. Koehn moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of 6d – Laptop Purchase and 6e – Fire Department Grant. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** K. Koehn moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - a. **Minutes:** November 10, 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** - No Report
 - c. **Groundwater & Well Testing** – November Report
 - d. **Library** - No Report
 - e. **Council on Aging** - No Report
 - d. **Correspondence** – None
 - a. **Miscellaneous** –None

Treasurer's Report – As of November 30, 2020

Checking Account Balances:

General Fund \$102,883.01	Trust & Agency \$1,395.00	Fire Fund \$211,253.02
Ambulance Fund \$209,281.45	Parks/Rec \$189,491.05	
Sanitation \$9,214.34	Taxes \$17,922.34	Road Repair Fund \$288,671.50

CD Totals:

Ambulance \$274,906.70	Roads \$269,536.41	Fire Dept \$212,045.68
General Fund \$664,062.72	Parks & Rec \$54,095.12	

<u>Money Markets:</u> Fire \$48,371.74	Cemetery Perpetual Care \$3,021.95
Road Repair \$85,915.18	General \$169,362.43

6. Clerk's Report

- a. **Accounts Payable** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve accounts payable as presented: General Fund checks #35640 - #35716, including the electronic payroll liability payment, for \$198,578.63, and the Trust & Agency checks #35669 & #35670, for \$594.00; and Tax Collection checks #3481 - #3496 for \$4,933.75, for a total of \$204,106.38. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **Budget Report** – C. Kerkela reported on the need for General Fund budget adjustments. C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to reduce Contingency by \$1,500 and increase the authorized Election expenses by \$1,500, for a total of \$7,100. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to reduce Contingency by \$14,300 and increase the authorized Sanitation expenses by \$14,300, for a total of \$107,083. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **2021 Meeting Dates** – C. Kerkela moved, K. Koehn seconded, to continue with 7:00 PM on the 2nd Tuesday of the month for 2021 meetings. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **Laptop Purchase** – D. Kallio moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve the purchase of a used laptop from Maki Consulting for \$200 for general office/electronic meeting use. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- e. **Fire Department Grant** – The Fire Department was awarded \$5,000 from KBIC 2% Funds for new air packs and tanks.

7. Supervisor's Report

- a. **DEQ Recycling Grant** – No update.
- b. **Updated Road Maintenance Projects Report** – No Update

8. Old Business

- a. **Replacement of Fire Truck** – On Hold
- b. **Old Hall & Garage Property** – No Update
- c. **COVID-19 Office Concerns** – C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to continue to operate the office as we have and keep the building closed to the public until we revisit it at the January meeting. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

9. New Business

- a. **Planning Commission Proposed Rezoning** – D. Kallio moved, J. Yelle seconded, to accept the recommendation of the Sands Township and the Marquette County Planning Commissions and approve the rezoning request for two parcels located along M-553 in Section 3 of T46N, R25W from Commercial to Rural Residential. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **Board of Review Terms** – C. Kerkela moved, K. Koehn seconded, to reappoint Carolyn Myers, Tom Redlon, Pam Lajewski-Pearson, and Robert Vietzke to the Board of Review for another 2-year term. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **MCSWMA Permanent Hauler** – J. Yelle moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve Chris Hyde as a permanent hauler to the MCSWMA Landfill. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **MTA New Officials Training** – D. Kallio moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve covering the cost of any officials and deputies interested in the training for \$99/each. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

- e. **Bittner Engineering Payment (\$317)** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to recognize the payment of \$317 to Bittner Engineering for work on the new Recycling & Transfer Facility. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- f. **Thermal Imaging Camera** – J. Yelle moved, K. Koehn seconded, to approve the Fire Department's purchase of a Thermal Imaging Camera for \$2,700 from Pomasl. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- g. **Appointment of New Deputies**– Fran Darling has been appointed Deputy Treasurer, and Lee Yelle has been appointed Deputy Clerk.
- h. **Application for Employment (Carol Contois)** – C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to accept the application for employment from Carol Contois. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- i. **Garbage Truck Tires (4+ Rotation = \$1,573.24)** – D. Kallio moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve the purchase of 4 tires from Pomp's Tire for \$1,573.24, which includes rotation. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

10. Public Comment –

Rick Wilson commented that the Zoom is a great idea and went well, although he would like to see video available in the future. He also asked that if someone speaks that they identify themselves.

Fran Darling thanked Kent for the announcement and is looking forward to working for the Township.

11. Adjournment – D. Kallio adjourned the meeting at 7:43 PM.

Carolyn Kerkela, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor