

**SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
February 9, 2021**

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** –D. Walch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **Roll Call** – Darlene Walch, Justin Yelle, Kent Koehn, Dave Kallio and Carolyn Kerkela **Absent** – None
Employees in Attendance: Randy Yelle, Lee Yelle
Public in Attendance (via Zoom): Rick Wilson
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Agenda:** K. Koehn moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of 7e – Medical Control Authority Representatives and 9i – Performance or Surety Bonds in Zoning.
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** D. Kallio moved, K. Koehn seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - a. **Minutes:** January 12, 2021 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** – No Report
 - d. **Library** - No Report
 - e. **Council on Aging** - No Report
 - d. **Correspondence** –
 - a. SAVION Letter Re: Special Use Permit
 - b. MCSWMA Tipping Fee Memo
 - e. **Miscellaneous** – None
6. **Treasurer's Report** – K. Koehn gave an update on the delinquent Personal Property Tax.
Checking Account Balances (as of January 31, 2021):

General Fund \$135,245.77	Trust & Agency \$0.00	Fire Fund \$258,391.09
Ambulance Fund \$232,059.40	Parks/Rec \$213,570.04	
Sanitation \$43,111.42	Taxes \$19,121.42	Road Repair Fund \$225,770.14

CD Totals:

Ambulance \$276,282.03	Roads \$270,381.69	Fire Dept \$213,129.39
General Fund \$665,507.18	Parks & Rec \$54,264.71	

Money Markets: **Fire** \$48,372.55 **Cemetery Perpetual Care** \$3,025.61
Road Repair Fund \$85,936.84 **General** \$169,482.89
7. **Clerk's Report**
 - a. **Accounts Payable** – C. Kerkela moved, K. Koehn seconded, to approve accounts payable as presented: General Fund checks #35800 - #35874 for \$44,483.82, which

includes 4 checks from Trust & Agency which total \$1,575.00, Road Fund check #2063 for \$84.88, and Tax Collection checks #3522 - #3551 for \$538,162.32, for a total of \$584,306.02. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

b. Budget Report –

C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to amend the General Fund authorized expenses by taking \$11,000 from Parks & Recreation expenses, leaving a total of \$4,050, and increasing the Zoning expenses by \$1,960, for a total of \$15,660, and increasing the Sanitation expenses by \$9,040, for a total of \$122,818. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to increase authorized Sanitation Fund expenses by \$10,000, for a total of \$106,198. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

c. County Emergency Plan Updated – Informational; copy available in office.

d. QuickBooks Annual Payroll Subscription – C. Kerkela moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve renewal of the QuickBooks payroll subscription for \$650. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

8. Supervisor's Report

a. DEQ Recycling Grant – D. Walch gave an update.

b. Updated Road Maintenance Projects Report – No Update

c. Landfill Update – D. Walch gave an update.

d. Board of Review Update – D. Walch gave an update on required training.

e. Marquette-Alger Medical Control Authority Representative – D. Walch re-appointed Randy Schwemin as our representative, with Lyn Nelson as substitute.

9. Old Business

a. Replacement of Fire Truck – No Update

b. Old Hall & Garage Property – No Update

c. COVID-19 Office Concerns – D. Walch moved, K. Koehn seconded, to have our facilities remain closed and continue operating as is until at least April 1, when we will review new MDHHS Orders. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to adopt the revised COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

d. EMS AT&T Contract for FirstNet - D. Walch moved, K. Koehn seconded, to switch from Verizon to the FirstNet program through AT&T for EMS for \$44.99/month for a 2-year contract and to purchase the requested case and screen protector for \$100. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

e. DNR/Cliffs Land Agreement -D. Kallio moved, D. Walch moved, to contact the DNR Regional Director and ask the DNR's position on the agreement with Cliffs and their thoughts on changes to the agreement. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

10. New Business

a. Resolution #02092021PE & 2021 Poverty Exemption Guidelines & Asset Test – C. Kerkela moved, K. Koehn seconded, to adopt Resolution #02092021PE, Resolution to Adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines & Asset Test. Roll call vote: J. Yelle – yes, K. Koehn – yes, D. Walch – yes, D. Kallio – yes, C. Kerkela - yes. Motion carried.

b. Resolution #02092021ExtPE – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to adopt Resolution #02092021ExtPE, 2021 Resolution to Allow Extension of Poverty Exemption. Roll call vote: J. Yelle – yes, K. Koehn – yes, D. Walch – yes, D. Kallio – yes, C. Kerkela - yes. Motion carried.

- c. **Resolution #02092021Pro** – D. Walch moved, J. Yelle seconded, to adopt Resolution #02092021Pro, 2021 Resolution to Allow Local Residents to Protest to Board of Review in Writing. Roll call vote: J. Yelle – yes, K. Koehn – yes, D. Walch – yes, D. Kallio – yes, C. Kerkela - yes. Motion carried.
- d. **Sanitation Resignation** – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to accept Bill Kosa's resignation from the Sanitation Department. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- e. **New EMS Member** – C. Kerkela moved, K. Koehn seconded, to accept Alex DuVall as a new member to the EMS department. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- f. **PWPL Township Advisory Committee Representative** – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve Kerrie Heikes as a new representative on the library's Township Advisory Committee. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- g. **Salary Resolutions-**
 - Resolution #02092021C** - J. Yelle moved, K. Koehn seconded, to adopt Resolution #02092021C, Resolution to Establish Township Officials Salary (Clerk). Roll call vote: J. Yelle – yes, K. Koehn – yes, D. Walch – yes, D. Kallio – yes, C. Kerkela - yes. Motion carried.
 - Resolution #02092021T** – C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to adopt Resolution #02092021T, Resolution to Establish Township Officials Salary (Treasurer). Roll call vote: J. Yelle – yes, K. Koehn – yes, D. Walch – yes, D. Kallio – yes, C. Kerkela - yes. Motion carried.
 - Resolution #02092021S** – K. Koehn moved, D. Kallio seconded, to adopt Resolution #02092021S, Resolution to Establish Township Officials Salary (Supervisor). Roll call vote: J. Yelle – yes, K. Koehn – yes, D. Walch – yes, D. Kallio – yes, C. Kerkela - yes. Motion carried.
 - Resolution #02092021Trustee** – C. Kerkela moved, K. Koehn seconded, to adopt Resolution #02092021Trustee, Resolution to Establish Township Officials Salary (Trustee). Roll call vote: J. Yelle – yes, K. Koehn – yes, D. Walch – yes, D. Kallio – yes, C. Kerkela - yes. Motion carried.
- h. **2021-2022 Fiscal Year Wages & Salaries** – K. Koehn moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve the 2021 Fiscal Year Wages and Salaries as presented. Roll call vote: J. Yelle – yes, K. Koehn – yes, D. Walch – yes, D. Kallio – yes, C. Kerkela – yes. Motion carried.
- i. **Performance or Surety Bond in Zoning** – D. Kallio moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to ask Randy to investigate the use of Performance or Surety Bonds in Zoning. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
Randy will also explore the pros and cons of the Township being added to the performance bond between Savion and CCI.

11. Public Comment –

R. Yelle reported on a fire at the Landfill and stressed batteries not being thrown in the trash.

R. Wilson does not feel the Township is taking the right view on the DNR/CCI Land agreement and has concerns of the effect on the aquifer.

12. Adjournment – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.