

**SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING  
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX  
March 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 8e – Pomasl Bills, 10e – Performance Bonds, 11f – Mining Journal Employment Ad, and 11g – Fire Department KBIC 2% Grant. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** C. Kerkela moved, K. Koehn seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
  - a. **Minutes:** February 9, 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** – None
  - e. **Miscellaneous** – None
6. **Public Hearing: FY 2020-2021 Budget** – D. Walch declared the Public Hearing for the proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget open at 7:05 PM. D. Walch presented the General Appropriations Act/(Budget) as follows: Anticipated General Operating revenues of \$606,597.00 and expenses of \$556,896.00 and, anticipated revenues and expenses for: Ambulance Fund - \$45,039.00, Fire Fund - \$90,139.00, Parks/Recreation Fund - \$48,549.00, Sanitation Fund - \$103,561.00, Library Fund - \$102,484.00, and Road Fund - \$180,351.00. Anticipated allocated millage at 1.1630 and voter-authorized millages of 6.3253.  
Public Comment: None D. Walch closed the Public Hearing at 7:06.
7. **Treasurer’s Report** –

**Checking Account Balances** (as of February 28, 2021):

<b>General Fund</b> \$207,946.41	<b>Trust &amp; Agency</b> \$0.00	<b>Fire Fund</b> \$292,163.71
<b>Ambulance Fund</b> \$260,190.74	<b>Parks/Rec</b> \$232,885.63	

Sanitation \$74,751.64 Taxes \$32,456.25 Road Repair Fund \$298,392.41

**CD Totals:**

Ambulance \$276,654.97 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

**8. Clerk's Report**

- a. **Accounts Payable** – C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve accounts payable as presented: General Fund checks #35875 - #35936 for \$36,170.15, which includes 2 checks from Trust & Agency which total \$372.00, and Tax Collection checks #3552 - #3566 for \$1,059,590.35, for a total of \$1,096,132.50. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **Budget Report** –  
C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to amend the General Fund authorized expenses by taking \$1,400 from Sanitation expenses, leaving a total of \$121,418, and increasing the Transfer Station expenses by \$1,400, for a total of \$42,300. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.  
C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to amend the General Fund authorized expenses by taking \$23,055 from Public Works expenses, leaving a total of \$75,020, and increasing the Building & Grounds expenses by \$20,800 for a total of \$636,488, increasing Treasurer expenses by \$1,843 for a total of \$34,543, increasing Human Resources expenses by \$162 for a total of \$1,863, and increasing Zoning expenses by \$250 for a total of \$15,910. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.  
C. Kerkela moved, D. Walch seconded, to increase authorized Sanitation Fund expenses by \$4,500, for a total of \$110,698, and to refund the General Fund the \$10,244 that was loaned in November. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **Final Closner Bill** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve paying the final Closner bill for the new Recycling & Transfer Station project for \$64,707.52. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **Road Commission Bill (2020 Dust Control)** – C. Kerkela reported the bill was received for \$316.03 for 2020 Dust Control, which was approved March 2020.
- e. **Pomasl Bills** – C. Kerkela moved, K. Koehn seconded, to approve paying the Pomasl bills for \$12,011.85 for 2 air paks (\$5,000 KBIC grant funds received) and \$3,749.63 for turnout gear. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**9. 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.
- e. **Attorney Contact** – D. Walch will clarify with the attorney that the Zoning Administrator, Treasurer, Clerk, and Supervisor may contact the attorney with department-related issues, and that other attorney contact for the Township should be verified with the office before proceeding.
- f. **Census 2020** – D. Walch gave an update.

- g. Community Leaders Meeting** – D. Walch will attend and asked if anyone has questions to be asked of the leaders.

#### 10. Old Business

- a. **Replacement of Fire Truck** – No Update
- b. **Old Hall & Garage Property** – No Update
- c. **COVID-19 Office Concerns** – Consensus to operate as is and readdress at the April meeting, and to continue to offer electronic access to meetings.
- d. **DNR/Cliffs Land Agreement** - D. Walch gave an update.
- e. **Performance Bonds** -R. Yelle gave an update and shared the attorney's opinion.

#### 11. New Business

- a. **FSY April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022 Budget/General Appropriations Act** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to adopt Resolution #03092021GAA, General Appropriations Act (Budget). Roll call vote: J. Yelle – yes, K. Koehn – yes, D. Walch – yes, D. Kallio – yes, C. Kerkela - yes. Motion carried.
- b. **2021 Dust Control** – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to accept the estimate from the Marquette County Road Commission for 2021 dust control, with the Township portion \$335.16. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **New Refrigerator** – C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve purchasing a new refrigerator from Household Appliance for \$788.99. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **MTA Virtual Conference** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve interested officials, deputies, and the Administrative Assistant registering for the MTA Virtual Conference at \$159/person. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- e. **EMS Billing Charges** – K. Koehn moved, D. Kallio seconded, to accept the MHR recommended charges for EMS Billing and increase the ALS fees to \$625 and ALS 2 fees to \$800. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- f. **Mining Journal Employment Ad** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve putting an ad for garbage truck subs in the special classified employment section for \$75. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- g. **Fire Department KBIC 2% Grant** – C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve the Fire Department applying for grant funds from the KBIC for 3 Scott air paks and a portable water tank totaling an estimated \$16,434. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

#### 12. Public Comment – None

#### 13. Adjournment – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 8:32 PM.

Carolyn Kerkela, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor