

**SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
April 13, 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, and Carolyn Kerkela **Absent** – David Kallio
Employees in Attendance: Randy Yelle, Lee Yelle
Public in Attendance: None
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Agenda:** K. Koehn moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of 6a – Zoning Property Cleanup, 10m – Playground Cover, and 10n – Worker’s Memorial Day Resolution. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** C. Kerkela moved, K. Koehn seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - a. **Minutes:** March 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** -
 - d. **Correspondence** –
 - a. **Torah Brindle – Letter Re: Goats**
 - b. **Marquette County Hazard Mitigations Plan Memo**
 - c. **Worker’s Memorial Day Resolution Email**
 - e. **Miscellaneous** – None
6. **a. Zoning Property Cleanup** – J. Yelle moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to have Randy move forward with pursuing a Court Order for cleanup of the Carter Junkyard property. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

b. Treasurer’s Report –

Checking Account Balances (as of March 31, 2021):

General Fund \$329,528.53 **Trust & Agency** \$0.00 **Fire Fund** \$276,567.00

Ambulance Fund \$250,608.39 **Parks/Rec** \$233,078.50

Sanitation \$58,200.85 **Taxes** \$102,044.49 **Road Repair Fund** \$300,083.85

CD Totals:

Ambulance \$276,654.97

Roads \$270,381.69

Fire Dept \$213,129.39

General Fund \$666,008.94 Parks & Rec \$54,431.96

Money Markets:

Fire \$48,373.34 Cemetery Perpetual Care \$3,025.61

Road Repair Fund \$85,936.84 General \$169,482.89

7. Clerk's Report

- a. **Accounts Payable** – K. Koehn moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve accounts payable as presented: General Fund checks #35937 - #36012 for \$117,897.48, which includes 2 checks from Trust & Agency which total \$72.00, and Tax Collection checks #3567 - #3594 for \$32,169.11, for a total of \$150,066.59. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **Budget Report** – C. Kerkela gave report
- c. **Audit Contract** – No Information

8. Supervisor's Report

- a. **DEQ Recycling Grant** – D. Walch gave an update.
- b. **Updated Road Maintenance Projects Report** – No Update
- c. **Attorney Contact** – D. Walch gave an update
- d. **Strawberry Lake Caretaker** – Ron Tervo is willing to be caretaker again this year.

9. Old Business

- a. **Replacement of Fire Truck** – No Update
- b. **Old Hall & Garage Property** – No Update
- c. **COVID-19 Office Concerns** – D. Walch will draft guidelines for beginning to reopen our building to the public for the May meeting, with a tentative reopening June 1.
- d. **DNR/Cliffs Land Agreement** – No Update

10. New Business

- a. **2021 Road Resurfacing Bid (Ortman Road)** – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to accept the low bid of \$93,014.75 from Payne & Dolan for the HMA Resurfacing of Ortman Road. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **Disposal of Surplus Property Policy Update** – J. Yelle moved, K. Koehn seconded, to accept the updated Disposal of Surplus Property Policy as presented. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
C. Kerkela moved, K. Koehn seconded, to designate the Supervisor as able to make a determination on whether items have no value and should be thrown away, or if they should be brought to the Township Board for disposal procedure. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **Disposal of Fire Department Items** – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve reviewed items for disposal as trash or recycling, except for the ~~backhoe~~ *front end loader*, snowplow and washing machine which are to be placed up for sale. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **Removal of Fire Department Storage Building** – D. Walch moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve pursuing the removal of the storage building at Station 1. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- e. **Compressor for Fire Department** – Purchase of a new portable air compressor for \$489.99 was acknowledged; purchase approval by Clerk & Supervisor granted due to need.

- f. **Fire Department Uniforms** – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve up to \$1,700 for the Fire Department purchasing dress uniforms for interested members. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- g. **EMS Trauma Grant Award** – C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to accept the \$3,100 Trauma Grant Award for education for EMS. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- h. **Township Signs** – Waiting on more information.
- i. **Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption (Resolution #04132021Haz)** – K. Koehn moved, D. Walch seconded, to adopt Resolution #04132021Haz, Resolution to Adopt the 2021 Marquette County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Roll call vote: J. Yelle – yes, K. Koehn – yes, C. Kerkela – yes, D. Walch – yes. Motion carried.
- j. **MML Worker’s Comp Renewal** – C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve payment of \$4,062 to MML for our Worker’s Comp Coverage from July 1, 2021 through July 1, 2022. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- k. **Well Testing near Old Dump** – D. Walch moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve testing the two closest residential wells to the old dump property for Nitrate & Nitrite, Arsenic, Lead/Copper, and pH for \$61 each, and to allow those households to choose to add additional tests if they cover the extra cost. After discussion, D. Walch requested motion be tabled until additional information on testing procedures is gathered; J. Yelle agreed with this request.
- l. **Millage Renewals** – D. Walch gave information; millage renewals will be pursued in 2022.
- m. **Playground Cover** – Consensus is to have Pam research costs of both natural (wood chip) cover and rubber cover for the playground.
- n. **Worker’s Memorial Day Resolution** – No action.

11. **Public Comment** – None

12. **Adjournment** – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 8:52 PM.

Carolyn Kerkela, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor