

**SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING**  
**SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX**  
**June 8, 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, David Kallio and Carolyn Kerkela **Absent** – Kent Koehn  
**Employees in Attendance:** Lee Yelle, Jane Noe  
**Public in Attendance:** Joelle Olsen, Steve Foulks, Kathy Foulks, Bob Kallio (via Zoom)
3. **Public Comment:**  
Steve Foulks shared information on the Sands Speedway history and wants to see the recent violation followed up on.  
Kathy Foulks spoke on Sands Speedway violations to the court order.  
Joelle Olsen stated the Speedway event brought in thousands of people. She also asked for the grass to be cut at the old Town Hall and Transfer Station and what the plan for the property was.  
Jane Noe shared concerns about parking during the monster truck event at Sands Speedway, and that it went past 8:00.
4. **Agenda:** C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of 8c – Meeting with Legislators. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** D. Kallio moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
  - a. **Minutes:** May 11, 2021 Regular Meeting and May 13, 2021 Special Meeting approved as presented.
  - b. **Department Reports:** Accepted and placed on file.
    - a. **Treasurer’s Report**
    - b. **Fire** – No Report
    - c. **Ambulance** – No Report
    - d. **Sanitation / MCSWMA** – No Report
    - e. **Cemetery** – No Report
    - f. **Zoning** – No Report
  - 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. Marquette County 2040 Master Plan Notice of Availability
    - b. UPSET Letter
  - e. **Miscellaneous** –
    - a. Accounts Payable/General Ledger – General Fund Checks #36083 - #36140 for \$40,406.59 and Tax Collection Checks #3595 - #3607 for \$100,093.13 approved as presented.
    - b. **Budget Reports**

6. Treasurer's Report –

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

General Fund \$339,830.79    Trust & Agency \$0.00    Fire Fund \$275,459.60  
Ambulance Fund \$252,313.37    Parks/Rec \$233,407.07  
Sanitation \$45,836.64    Taxes \$2,417.65    Road Repair Fund \$307,084.96

CD Totals:

Ambulance \$278,201.68    Roads \$271,211.16    Fire Dept \$214,243.47  
General Fund \$667,434.85    Parks & Rec \$54,431.96

Money Markets:

Fire \$48,374.15    Cemetery Perpetual Care \$3,075.61  
Road Repair Fund \$85,958.03    General \$169,587.25

7. Clerk's Report

- a. **Fire Department Gas Meters** – Acknowledge purchase of 2 gas meters for \$1,490 (approved by Supervisor & Clerk as authorized by Resolution #12122017).
- b. **Playground Cover** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve the purchase of 3 dump trucks full of wood chips for the playground from Antler Tree Service for \$850. Ayes: 4    Nays: 0    Motion carried.
- c. **MTA Dues** – C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve paying the annual MTA dues of \$1,774.78. Ayes: 4    Nays: 0    Motion carried.
- d. **MML Insurance Renewal** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve paying the \$19,740 renewal premium for Michigan Municipal League insurance coverage. Ayes: 4    Nays: 0    Motion carried.

8. Supervisor's Report

- a. **DEQ Recycling Grant** – D. Walch gave an update.
- b. **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)** – D. Walch gave an update.
- c. **Meeting w/Legislators** – D. Walch gave information on a June 18 meeting with Ed McBroom & Sara Cambensy.

9. Old Business

- a. **Replacement of Fire Truck** – No Update
- b. **Old Hall & Garage Property** – D. Walch gave an update
- c. **COVID-19 Office Concerns/Reopening** – D. Walch is drafting an update to match current regulations.
- d. **DNR/Cliffs Land Agreement** – No Update
- e. **Zoning Cleanup Update** – D. Walch gave an update.
- f. **Lighting for Stations 1 & 2** – C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to accept the quote from Code Electric, at the recommendation of Fire & EMS, for a total of \$10,800 for upgrading to LED Lights at both Stations. Ayes: 4    Nays: 0    Motion carried.
- g. **Strawberry Lake Shower & Garage Siding** – D. Kallio moved, J. Yelle seconded, to accept the estimate from Superior HMC to put new siding on the garage at Strawberry Lake for \$5,500. Ayes: 4    Nays: 0    Motion carried.  
Further information will be gathered regarding the shower replacement.
- h. **Website Changes** – C. Kerkela gave an update.

**10. New Business**

- a. **Recycling & Transfer Facility (Clearing, Barrier Blocks)** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the purchase of 2 large barrier blocks from Fraco for a total of \$265, which includes delivery. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **Landfill Permanent Hauler (Hammond)** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve Mark Hammond as a hauler to the Marquette Landfill for 12 months, and to revisit his status for July 1, 2022 and consider permanent approval at that time. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **Building Custodian Position** – D. Walch moved, J. Yelle seconded, to work with the Fire Department & EMS and move JJ into a position of routine cleaning at the Fire Stations. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **Garbage Collection SOG's** – Amended Standard Operating Guidelines presented as a first reading.
- e. **Newsletter** – Reminder of July publication of newsletter.

**11. Public Comment** – None

**12. Adjournment** – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 8:36 PM.

Carolyn Kerkela, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor