

**SANDS TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING  
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX  
July 21, 2021**

**1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – D. Walch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**2. ROLL CALL:** Darlene Walch, Kent Koehn, David Kallio, Carolyn Kerkela, and Justin Yelle. **ABSENT:** None

**EMPLOYEES IN ATTENDANCE:** Randy Yelle, Lee Yelle

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:** Jim Noe, Bob Kallio (via Zoom)

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jim Noe asked what was happening with the racetrack and if the Township was going to do anything about it.

**4. AGENDA:** C. Kerkela moved, K. Koehn seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**5. BUSINESS:**

a. **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds** – D. Walch gave an update; A *Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy* will be brought to the August meeting.

b. **Strawberry Lake Shower Stall** – D. Kallio moved, J. Yelle seconded, to accept the quote from Swailes Plumbing & Heating to replace the shower stall at the cottage for \$2,820. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

c. **COVID-19 Update for EMS** – D. Walch moved, K. Koehn seconded, to adopt the revised COVID-19 Preparedness & Response Plan. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

d. **Newsletter** – C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to accept and send for printing and mailing the Summer newsletter as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

e. **Fire Department Truck Repairs (\$3,600)** – J. Yelle moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve the repairs and new tires for Fire Truck 2122 for a total of \$3,600. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**f. Old Hall & Transfer Station Property**

**i. Cleaning Out Buildings / Property –**

C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to use staff & the garbage truck to remove all the unwanted items they can from the buildings. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

D. Kallio moved, D. Walch seconded, to put the Hough Endloader and plow for sale on bids with information provided by Justin Yelle, and to also have Justin look at the chipper and verify if it can be used for Township purposes. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**ii. Verizon Request** – Consensus is to not explore further the possibility of leasing land on the property to Verizon for a tower.

**iii. Appraisal Reports / Sale of Property –**

J. Yelle recused himself from the meeting due to a conflict of interest and left at 7:43. D. Kallio moved, K. Koehn seconded, to pursue competitive bids for the sale of the properties in “as-is” condition, due by 5:00 PM August 17, 2021, with a minimum bid of \$110,000 for the Old Town Hall & Fire Station property (Eastern parcel) and a minimum bid of \$150,000 for the Old Transfer Station (Western parcel), and that we do so with attorney support and the proper protection to see sale is completed, including a bid bond. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 (1 recused) Motion carried.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Randy Yelle said there were two more recent fires at the Landfill due to lithium batteries; he stressed the importance of proper recycling and stated the Landfill was awarded a grant for advertising and awareness of how to properly recycle lithium or recyclable batteries. Randy also said there will be no free tire grant in 2022. He should have an estimate from Bob LaJeunesse for additional clearing at the Recycling & Transfer Facility soon.

**6. ADJOURNMENT:** D. Walch declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Carolyn Kerkela, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor