

**SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
August 10, 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, Kent Koehn and Carolyn Kerkela
Absent – None
Employees in Attendance: Lee Yelle, Randy Yelle
Public in Attendance: Brandon Bruce, Rickey Wilson, Bob Kallio, Becky Wilson (via Zoom).
3. **Public Comment:** Brandon Bruce introduced himself as the new Superintendent for Gwinn Schools.
4. **Agenda:** C. Kerkela moved, K. Koehn, seconded, to approve the agenda with the removal of 10f, and J. Yelle requesting to speak on item 9a. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** K. Koehn moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - a. **Minutes:** July 13, 2021 Regular Meeting and July 21, 2021 Special Meeting approved.
 - b. **Department Reports:** Accepted and placed on file.
 - a. **Treasurer’s Report**
 - b. **Fire** – No Report
 - c. **Ambulance** – No Report
 - d. **Sanitation / MCSWMA** –
 - e. **Cemetery** – No Report
 - f. **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** –
 - a. **Accounts Payable/General Ledger** – General Fund Checks #36233 - #36302 for \$78,700.54, and Tax Collection Checks #3614 - #3622 for \$168,985.09 approved as presented.
 - b. **Budget Reports**

6. **Treasurer’s Report** – K. Koehn gave update regarding Carter property.

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

General Fund \$295,892.30	Trust & Agency \$0.00	Fire Fund \$266,457.95
Ambulance Fund \$254,296.47	Parks/Rec \$228,392.59	
Sanitation \$29,470.52	Taxes \$3,238.11	Road Repair Fund \$315,145.73

CD Totals:

Ambulance \$279,182.99	Roads \$272,052.44	Fire Dept \$215,052.99
General Fund \$668,417.36	Parks & Rec \$54,603.46	

Money Markets:

Fire \$48,374.96 Cemetery Perpetual Care \$3,075.61
Road Repair Fund \$85,979.46 General \$169,692.81

7. Clerk's Report

- a. **Pest Control** – C. Kerkela acknowledged that a contract with Guardian Pest Solutions for pest control at Fire Hall #2 for \$55.00 per month was established.

8. Supervisor's Report

- a. **DEQ Recycling Grant** – D. Walch informed that all reporting requirements have been met and the grant will be closed out.
- b. **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)** – Will be addressed under new business

9. Old Business

- a. **Old Hall & Garage Property** – After discussion, D. Kallio motioned C. Kerkela seconded to approve J. Yelle do repairs on loader to get it running prior to selling. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **DNR/Cliffs Land Agreement** – Possible October or November for updates.
- c. **Garbage Collection SOG's** – K. Koehn moved, J. Yelle, seconded, to approve adoption of the amendments to the Garbage Collection SOG's, with the addition of cannabis to the list of forbidden substances on Page 3. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **Landfill Hauling Policy** – K. Koehn moved, J. Yelle, seconded, to approve the Landfill Hauling Policy and Permanent Hauler Agreement as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- e. **Recycling & Transfer Facility Clearing** – On Hold
- f. **Sands Speedway Update** - On hold; no action
- g. **UPPCO Franchise** – On Hold; Waiting for Additional Information

10. New Business

- a. **Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy** – C. Kerkela motioned, J. Yelle seconded to approve policy as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **Resolution #08102021** – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to adopt the Upper Sands Estates Drinking Water Supply Responsibility Resolution. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **Vent Piping repairs** – C. Kerkela motioned, D. Kallio seconded to approve Swailes Plumbing & Heating do the repairs to the gym area vent piping for \$690. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **MTA UP North Summit** - C. Kerkela motioned, D. Kallio seconded to approve paying for those who want to attend the MTA UP Summit. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- e. **MCTA Fall Banquet** – D. Walch motioned, J. Yelle seconded to approve paying for those who want to attend the banquet and also providing the \$25 door prize. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- f. **Review of Wages for Sanitation, EMS and Fire** – No action taken; will do research.
- g. **Garbage pickup charges for Nonprofits** – No action.
- h. **Mileage Reimbursement Policy** - D. Kallio motioned, C. Kerkela seconded to approve the Mileage Reimbursement Policy as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

11. Public Comment –

Rickey Wilson questioned if the DNR acknowledges the existence of the land agreement with CCI and when the 4-year requirement starts, and stated the water source should be main concern. He also feels that an injunction against the decision made by the Planning Commission needs to be done.

Bob Kallio thinks questions should be posed to lawyer. He also questioned a possible conflict of interest in regards to the Speedway.

Becky Wilson stated that the speedway issue was put to bed 25 years ago and the township should not be involved.

12. Adjournment – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Carolyn Kerkela, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor