

**SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
October 12, 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: Lee Yelle, Randy Yelle
Public in Attendance: Bob Kallio, John Sutton, Barb Maszlewski, Pam Laurich, Rickey Wilson (via Zoom) and Courtney Timmons (via Zoom).
3. **Public Comment:**
Bob Kallio suggested upgrading the microphone because it is difficult to understand when listening to a meeting remotely.
John Sutton and other Superiorland Pickleball Club members introduced themselves and presented a plan for six additional courts at our park and requested support for the project. Bob Kallio commented the area they are looking at is dedicated for other recreation uses. Courtney Timmons, Savion, introduced himself and stated he is available for any questions.
4. **Agenda:** K. Koehn moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of 7d – VISA Account Authorization and 8c – Garbage Truck. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** K. Koehn moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - a. **Minutes:** September 14, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes 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** –
 - e. **Cemetery** – No Report
 - f. **Zoning** –
 - c. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Personnel** – No Report
 - b. **Parks & Recreation** - No Report
 - c. **Groundwater & Well Testing** –
 - d. **Library** – No Report
 - e. **Commission of Aging** –
 - d. **Correspondence** – None
 - e. **Miscellaneous** –
 - a. **Accounts Payable/General Ledger** – General Fund Checks #36365 - #36443, including an electronic payment, for \$59,998.51, and Tax Collection Checks #3637 - #3643 for \$349,997.45 approved as presented.
 - b. **Budget Reports**

6. Treasurer's Report –**Checking Account Balances** (as of September 30, 2021):

General Fund \$634,915.56 **Trust & Agency** \$0.00 **Fire Fund** \$279,014.14
Ambulance Fund \$254,451.84 **Parks/Rec** \$227,913.87
Sanitation \$5,052.01 **Taxes** \$3,072.44 **Road Repair Fund** \$315,764.79

CD Totals:

Ambulance \$279,898.23 **Roads** \$272,052.44 **Fire Dept** \$215,251.53
General Fund \$669,175.07 **Parks & Rec** \$54,775.50

Money Markets:

Fire \$48,374.96 **Cemetery Perpetual Care** \$3,100.61
Road Repair Fund \$86,001.13 **General** \$169,764.79

7. Clerk's Report

- a. **Budget Amendments** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Walch seconded, to take \$26,400 from the Contingency line item, leaving \$12,390, and to increase Transfer Station expenses by \$16,400 to total \$37,718 and to increase Zoning expenses by \$10,000 to total \$45,974. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **KBIC 2% Funds for Fire Dept** – C. Kerkela reported \$15,285 was received from the KBIC for air paks and a portable drop tank.
- c. **Snow Removal '21/'22 Season** – C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle supported, to accept the proposal from Bob's Septic and Snow Removal for this upcoming snow season. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **VISA Account**– D. Walch moved, J. Yelle supported, to approve Carolyn Kerkela (Clerk) and Pamela Roberts (Administrative Assistant) as Authorizing Officers for the VISA Account, and to remove Lee Yelle. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

8. Supervisor's Report

- a. **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)** – D. Walch gave an update.
- b. **Superior Trade Zone** – D. Walch gave an update.
- c. **Garbage Truck**- There will be a work session of the Board to explore options for garbage pickup and the sanitation millage on Wednesday, October 20 at 7:00 PM.

9. Old Business

- a. **Old Hall & Garage Property** – D. Walch gave an update.
- b. **DNR/Cliffs Land Agreement** – D. Walch gave an update.
- c. **Sands Speedway Update** - On hold; no action
- d. **Zoning Violation/Cleanup Update** – R. Yelle & D. Walch gave an update.
- e. **Wages (Sanitation, EMS & Fire)** – No update.

10. New Business

- a. **Tires for Garbage Truck** – C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve the purchase of 4 new tires for the garbage truck from Pomp's for \$1,511.36 after installation. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **Metal Recycling** – J. Yelle moved, K. Koehn seconded, approve the purchase of a 30-yard standard roll-off from Poynette Iron Works for \$9,760 after delivery. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

11. Public Comment – None

12. Adjournment – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 8:17 PM.

Carolyn Kerkela, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor