

**SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING  
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX  
November 9, 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, David Kallio and Carolyn Kerkela  
**Absent** – None  
**Employees in Attendance:** Randy Yelle (via Zoom)  
**Public in Attendance:** Bob Kallio, Andrea Ingmire, Kerrie Heikes, Rickey Wilson (via Zoom) and others (via Zoom)
3. **Public Comment:**  
Bob Kallio asked that the Sanitation employees clean up the oil spill left last week on Taylor Road.
4. **Agenda:** K. Koehn moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** C. Kerkela moved, K. Koehn seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
  - a. **Minutes:** October 12, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes approved with grammatical error corrected; October 20, 2021 Special Meeting minutes approved as presented.
  - b. **Department Reports:** Accepted and placed on file.
    - a. **Treasurer’s Report**
    - b. **Fire** – No Report
    - c. **Ambulance** –
    - 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** –
    - d. **Library** –
    - e. **Commission of Aging** –
  - d. **Correspondence** –
    - a. **Marquette County 2040 Master Plan Letter**
    - b. **Chocalay Township Master Plan Letter**
    - c. **Proposed Telecommunications Tower Construction Letter**
  - e. **Miscellaneous** –
    - a. **Accounts Payable/General Ledger** – General Fund Checks #36444 - #36516, including an electronic payment, for \$69,398.39, and Tax Collection Checks #3646 - #3648 for \$8,770.41 approved as presented.
    - b. **Budget Reports**
    - c. **2020 Census Population Data**

6. **Presentation – Andrea Ingmire, PWPL Director** - Information on Library programs, services, and usage presented by Director Andrea Ingmire.

7. **Treasurer's Report –**

- a. **Zoning Property Cleanup – Carter** – D. Walch moved, J. Yelle seconded, to adopt Resolution #11092021 to place a Special Assessment on the Carter Property to recover costs from the Nuisance cleanup. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- b. **EMS Fee Schedule** – C. Kerkela moved, K. Koehn seconded, to accept the proposed fee increases to the EMS billing schedule as recommended by MHR. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**Checking Account Balances** (as of October 31, 2021):

<b>General Fund</b> \$625,372.72	<b>Trust &amp; Agency</b> \$0.00	<b>Fire Fund</b> \$264,601.26
<b>Ambulance Fund</b> \$254,451.84	<b>Parks/Rec</b> \$226,144.91	
<b>Sanitation</b> \$10,785.16	<b>Taxes</b> \$2,652.33	<b>Road Repair Fund</b> \$315,778.17

**CD Totals:**

<b>Ambulance</b> \$280,507.56	<b>Roads</b> \$272,905.62	<b>Fire Dept</b> \$215,832.19
<b>General Fund</b> \$669,492.62	<b>Parks &amp; Rec</b> \$54,775.50	

**Money Markets:**

<b>Fire</b> \$48,378.07	<b>Cemetery Perpetual Care</b> \$3,100.65
<b>Road Repair Fund</b> \$86,001.13	<b>General</b> \$169,799.62

8. **Clerk's Report**

- a. **Budget Amendment** – To further clarify the amendment made at the October 20 Special Meeting, C. Kerkela moved that \$12,390 be taken from Contingency (reducing that line item to \$0) and \$2,610 be taken from Elections (bringing budgeted expenses to \$2,990) to equal the \$15,000 loaned to Sanitation from the General Fund. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

9. **Supervisor's Report**

- a. **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)** – D. Walch gave an update.
- b. **Superior Trade Zone** – D. Walch gave an update.
- c. **Road Update**- D. Walch gave an update.

10. **Old Business**

- a. **Old Hall Property Update** – D. Walch gave an update.
- b. **DNR/Cliffs Land Agreement** – Discussion followed on Concerns/Comments
- c. **Sands Speedway Update** - On hold; no action
- d. **Zoning Violation/Cleanup Update** – No Update.
- e. **Wages (Sanitation, EMS & Fire)** – C. Kerkela and D. Walch will work as a subcommittee and bring a proposal to the Board.
- f. **Sanitation Millage** – No action.

11. **New Business**

- a. **Zoning Ordinance Amendment 21-01-01** – J. Yelle moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to adopt Zoning Ordinance Amendment 21-01-01 regarding Short Term Rentals as recommended by the Planning Commission. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

- b. **Zoning Map Amendment 21-01-02** – D. Walch moved, J. Yelle seconded, to adopt the Zoning Map Amendment 21-01-02 as recommended by the Planning Commission and rezone the Old Town Hall and Old Transfer Station property as Commercial from Public Lands. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **Batteries & Speaker Microphones (Fire Department)** – C. Kerkela moved, K. Koehn seconded, to approve the purchase of 4 batteries and 4 speaker mics for the Fire Department from Range Telecommunications for a total of \$752. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **EMS SOG Update** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to accept the revision to the EMS Standard Operating Guidelines as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- e. **Sanitation Clothing & SOG Amendment** – D. Walch moved, J. Yelle seconded, to adopt the proposed amendment to the Sanitation Standard Operating Guidelines and to approve \$150 for the annual footwear allowance. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- f. **Draft Recreation Plan (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)** – No action taken; a Recreation Committee will be revived/recreated to look at the document.

**12. Public Comment** – Bob Kallio said he would like a list of Rec Committee members and their contact information; he would be willing to put together the committee.

**13. Adjournment** – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 8:14 PM.

Carolyn Kerkela, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor