

**SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
May 10, 2022**

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, Carolyn Kerkela
Absent – None
Employees in Attendance: Randy Yelle, Lee Yelle, Tom Wahlstrom
Public in Attendance: Jane Noe, Bob Kallio (via Zoom)
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Agenda:** K. Koehn moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve the agenda with the additions of 10e.iii – Crossroads Church Request, 10f – Tire Collection, 10g – Springtime Maintenance Items, and 10h – Flagpole, and the removal of items 8a, 8d, and 9a. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - a. **Minutes:** April 12, 2022 Regular Meeting and May 3, 2022 Special meeting minutes approved as presented; April 25, 2022 Special meeting minutes approved with correction.
 - b. **Financial Reports**
 - i. **Treasurer’s Report**
 - ii. **Accounts Payable/General Ledger** – General Fund Checks #36874 - #36932, for \$35,943.44, and Tax Collection Check #3728 for \$1,745.49 approved as presented.
 - iii. **Budget Reports**
 - c. **Department/Committee Reports:** Accepted and placed on file.
 - i. **Fire** –
 - ii. **Sanitation / MCSWMA** –
 - iii. **Zoning** –
 - iv. **Commission on Aging**
 - d. **Correspondence** – None
 - e. **Miscellaneous** – None
6. **Treasurer’s Report– Checking Account Balances (as of April 31, 2022):**

General Fund \$1,124,415.48	Trust & Agency \$0.00	Fire Fund \$333,605.97
Ambulance Fund \$297,841.43	Parks/Rec \$267,984.69	
Sanitation \$39,734.49	Taxes \$1,000.00	Road Repair Fund \$390,967.44

CD Totals:
Ambulance \$283,176.11 **Roads** \$273,930.46 **Fire Dept** \$217,665.99
General Fund \$671,612.55 **Parks & Rec** \$55,115.56

Money Markets:
Fire \$48,384.14 **Cemetery Perpetual Care** \$3,135.79
Road Repair Fund \$86,044.02 **General** \$170,011.09

- a. **Investment of Township Funds** – K. Koehn moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to invest up to \$500,000 from the unrestricted General Fund in the CDARS program with Range Bank. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **Credit Card Payments** – K. Koehn moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve switching to AllPaid for Credit Card payments for property taxes. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

7. Clerk's Report

- a. **May 3, 2022 Election Update** – C. Kerkela gave an update.
- b. **MML Worker's Comp** - C. Kerkela moved, D. Walch seconded, to pay the MML Worker's Comp Fund policy (coverage 7/1/22 – 7/1/23) for \$4,427. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **Hannula Agency Insurance Policy** – C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to pay the Hannula Agency Policy for our Fire and EMS (coverage 7/1/22 – 7/1/23) for \$1,956. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **Fire Boot Purchase** – Up to \$400 authorized for boot purchase; approved under Resolution #12122017.
- e. **Disposal of Election Equipment** – C. Kerkela moved, K. Koehn seconded, to approve disposal of outdated/unused election equipment. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

8. Supervisor's Report

- a. **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)** – Removed from agenda
- b. **Superior Trade Zone/Act 328/SAVION** – D. Walch gave an update
- c. **Recycling Electronics**- No Update
- d. **Road Funding (County)** – Removed from agenda

9. Old Business

- a. **DNR/Cliffs Land Agreement** – Removed from Agenda
- b. **Recreation Committee** – Contacts have been updated; will be meeting soon.
- c. **Cemetery Plot Sale Request** – On Hold
- d. **Fire Department Junior Firefighter Program** – No Update.
- e. **Fiscal Year '21 – '22 Audit** – D. Walch moved, K. Koehn seconded, to put out a revised Request for Proposals for an audit of our previous Fiscal Year. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- f. **Garbage Truck Purchase** – J. Yelle shared information

10. New Business

- a. **Policy re: Alcohol Use at Park** – D. Kallio moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve the *Alcohol and Other Substances on Township Property Policy* as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **2022 Road Projects** – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve up to \$75,000 to complete the planned road projects this summer (Chip Seal and Fog Seal on County Road NAP and Crack Filling on Station, Taylor, Yelle, Flodin, Youngs, and Laramie Roads). Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **FD Radio Reprogramming** – Acknowledgement that four radios need to be reprogrammed by Range Telecommunications.
- d. **Replacement Signs for Park** – C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve up to \$900 for the replacement of 2 signs for the Township Park. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

- e. **Zoning Update** – R. Yelle gave an update.
 - i. **Provisioning Center Renewals** – D. Kallio moved, J. Yelle seconded, to renew the license approval for both Cannabis Lupus Café and Flow Provisioning as recommended by the Planning Commission. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - ii. **Township V. Sands Speedway** – R. Yelle gave an update.
 - iii. **Crossroads Church Request** – R. Yelle gave an update.
 - f. **Tire Collection** – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to choose a day in late summer this year and provide a tire collection as a service for Township residents only. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - g. **Springtime Maintenance** – J. Yelle shared thoughts on some items to follow up on after winter.
 - h. **Flagpole** – Pam will look into options.
11. **Public Comment** – Jane Noe shared concerns about the event at Sands Speedway, especially in regards to parking and access along the road in the case of an emergency.
12. **Adjournment** – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM.

Carolyn Kerkela, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor