

**SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING**  
**SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX**  
**January 10, 2023**

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** –D. Walch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **Roll Call** – Darlene Walch, David Kallio, Kent Koehn, Justin Yelle and Carolyn Kerkela  
**Absent** – None  
**Employees in Attendance:** Randy Yelle, Lee Yelle, Tom Wahlstrom  
**Public in Attendance:** Bob Kallio (via Zoom)
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Agenda:** D. Walch moved, K. Koehn seconded, to approve the agenda with the additions of 10f – Information from Justin Yelle and 10g – Board of Review. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** J. Yelle moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda with a noted correction to the minutes. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
  - a. **Minutes:** December 13, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes approved with the change of the word “bid” to “proposal” on Item 9b.
  - b. **Financial Reports**
    - i. **Treasurer’s Report**
    - ii. **Accounts Payable/General Ledger** – General Fund Checks #37466 - #37530, including the electronic liability check, for \$52,170.41 and Tax Collection Checks #3771 and #3778 for \$255,286.72 approved as presented.
    - iii. **Budget Reports**
  - c. **Department/Committee Reports:** Accepted and placed on file.
    - i. **Fire Department**
    - ii. **Sanitation / MCSWMA –**
    - iii. **Zoning –**
    - iv. **Commission of Aging -**
  - d. **Correspondence** – West Branch Township Master Plan Update Notice
  - e. **Miscellaneous** – None
6. **Treasurer’s Report– Checking Account Balances (as of December 31, 2022):**

|                                    |                                    |                                      |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>General Fund</b> \$724,406.29   | <b>Trust &amp; Agency</b> \$180.00 | <b>Fire Fund</b> \$337,470.45        |
| <b>Ambulance Fund</b> \$306,939.36 | <b>Parks/Rec</b> \$271,650.52      |                                      |
| <b>Sanitation</b> \$13,368.75      | <b>Taxes</b> \$386,982.86          | <b>Road Repair Fund</b> \$357,301.58 |

**CD Totals:**  
**Ambulance** \$286,519.43      **Roads** \$274,480.38      **Fire Dept** \$218,897.12  
**General Fund** \$1,175,099.87      **Parks & Rec** \$55,636.26

**Money Markets:**  
**Fire** \$48,441.07      **Cemetery Perpetual Care** \$3,236.05  
**Road Repair Fund** \$86,103.86      **General** \$170,359.60
7. **Clerk’s Report**
  - a. **Budget Amendments**– C. Kerkela moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve amending the General Fund by taking \$360 from the Contingency line item, leaving \$10,430, and increasing budgeted expenses in the Elections line item by \$360, for a total of \$9,060. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

b. **QuickBooks Update** – Waiting on Information.

**8. Supervisor's Report**

- a. **Superior Trade Zone/Act 328/SAVION**– D. Walch gave an update.
- b. **Recycling Electronics**- D. Walch gave an update.

**9. Old Business**

- a. **Garbage Truck Purchase** – D. Kallio and D. Walch will work together as a subcommittee to explore further into garbage service options.
- b. **New Fire Truck Purchase** – Tom Wahlstrom gave an update.
- c. **Emergency Shelter** – D. Walch gave an update and will explore further with Brian Hummel from County Emergency Management.
- d. **Reflectors on Silver Creek Road** – Options will be explored further.

**10. New Business**

- a. **Fire Dept SCBA Bottles** – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve the fire department further pursuing the used SCBA bottles from Breen Township, with the intent to purchase if possible. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **January Newsletter** – C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve the printing and mailing of the Winter newsletter as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **Recycling & Transfer Station Staffing** – D. Kallio moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve C. Kerkela and D. Walch working out a fair schedule of rotation for Transfer Station staff. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **MTA Annual Conference** – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve sending interested board members to the annual conference. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- e. **Zoning Update** – R. Yelle gave an update.
- f. **Information from J. Yelle** – Justin shared information from the Great Lakes Timber Professional Association conference.
- g. **Board of Review** – D. Walch moved, J. Yelle seconded, to appoint Tom Redlon, Carolyn Myers, and Lee Yelle as Board of Review members for a 2-year term. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**11. Public Comment** – None

**12. Adjournment** – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 8:03 PM.

Carolyn Kerkela, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor