

SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
March 14, 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, Kent Koehn, Justin Yelle and Carolyn Kerkela
Absent – David Kallio
Employees in Attendance: Randy Yelle, Tom Wahlstrom, Lee Yelle
Public in Attendance: Tony Harry, and Bob Kallio (via Zoom)
3. **Public Comment:**
Tony Harry gave an overview of the proposed ORV Route the T.E.A.M. Riders Club is working on.
4. **Agenda:** D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of 7a – Medicare Revalidation, 11.g.iii – Groundwater & Aquifer Protection Ordinance, and 11.h – Fire Department KBIC Grant Request. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** C. Kerkela moved, K. Koen seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - a. **Minutes:** February 14, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes and February 28, 2023 Special Meeting minutes approved as presented.
 - b. **Financial Reports**
 - i. **Treasurer’s Report**
 - ii. **Accounts Payable/General Ledger** – General Fund Checks #37596 - #37651, for \$46,131.02 and Tax Collection Checks #3801 and #3823 for \$1,281,122.65 approved as presented.
 - iii. **Budget Reports**
 - c. **Department/Committee Reports:** Accepted and placed on file.
 - i. **Fire Department**
 - ii. **Sanitation / MCSWMA –**
 - iii. **Zoning –**
 - d. **Correspondence** – U.P.S.E.T. Letter
 - e. **Miscellaneous** – None
6. **Public Hearing: FY 2023-2024 Budget** – D. Walch declared the Public Hearing for the proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget open at 7:06 PM. (Proposed Expenditures & Revenues Listed with 11a). Public Comment: None D. Walch closed the Public Hearing at 7:07.
7. **Treasurer’s Report– Checking Account Balances (as of February 28, 2023):**

General Fund	\$1,021,888.80	Trust & Agency	\$0.00	Fire Fund	\$407,042.63
Ambulance Fund	\$344,942.31	Parks/Rec	\$311,794.84		
Sanitation	\$84,394.93	Taxes	\$13,030.85	Road Repair Fund	\$509,683.23

CD Totals:
Ambulance \$287,770.81 **Roads** \$274,757.25 **Fire Dept** \$219,394.97
General Fund \$1,176,079.44 **Parks & Rec** \$55,636.26

Money Markets:
Fire \$48,480.89 **Cemetery Perpetual Care** \$3,236.10
Road Repair Fund \$86,103.86 **General** \$170,524.67

- a. **Medicare Revalidation** – K. Koehn moved, D. Walch seconded, to complete the Medicare Revalidation as required, and pay the \$681 fee. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

8. Clerk's Report

- a. **QuickBooks Update** – No Update.
- b. **Budget Amendments** –C. Kerkela moved, K. Koehn seconded, to approve taking \$8,747 from Contingency (leaving \$1,533) and increasing the budgeted General Fund expenses for Attorney by \$2,500 (for a total of \$15,100), for Board of Review by \$1,750 (for a total of \$4,178), for Clerk by \$330 (for a total of \$29,218), for Elections by \$1,901 (for a total of \$11,111), and for Treasurer by \$2,266 (for a total of \$33,404). Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve increasing the budgeted expenses in the General Fund for Fire Dept #1 by \$600,000 (for a total of \$637,050), and taking that money from the General Fund balance with the intent that the Fire Fund will reimburse the General Fund for \$478,994.32 towards the purchase of the new fire truck. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
C. Kerkela moved, K. Koehn seconded, to give the Treasurer authority to cash in all of the Fire Department CDs except for the one at Range Bank, and put that money into the Fire Fund checking account to reimburse the General Fund. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

9. Supervisor's Report

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

10. Old Business

- a. **Garbage Truck Purchase** – No Update.
- b. **New Fire Truck Purchase** – Addressed with Budget Amendments
- c. **Emergency Shelter** – No Update.
- d. **Reflectors on Silver Creek Road and Street Light Request**– D. Walch gave an update.
- e. **Administrative Assistant Position** – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to enable the subcommittee to offer the position to the candidate they feel is the best fit. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

11. New Business

- a. **Resolution #03142023GA – General Appropriations Act (Budget)**: Anticipated General Operating revenues of \$844,832.00 and expenses of \$635,990.00 and, anticipated revenues and expenses for: Ambulance Fund - \$50,866.00, Fire Fund - \$101,804.00, Parks/Recreation Fund - \$54,840.00, Sanitation Fund - \$116,967.00, Library Fund - \$115,753.00, and Road Fund - \$203,703.00. Anticipated allocated millage at 1.1537 and voter-authorized millages of 6.2747. J. Yelle moved, K. Koehn seconded, to adopt Resolution #03142023GAA – General Appropriations Act (Budget) as presented. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- b. **Permanent Hauler Request** – C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve Hammond Woods LLC as a Permanent Hauler to the Marquette County Landfill. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **ORV Club Request** – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to support the proposed ORV Route through Sands Township, utilizing the existing Trail 8. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

- d. **Recreation Plan (CUPPAD)** – C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to accept the proposal from CUPPAD for \$3,900 and have them work with our Recreation Committee to get a new Recreation Plan adopted. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- e. **2023 Dust Control** – J. Yelle moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve the 2023 Dust Control proposal from the Marquette County Road Commission for \$363.65. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- f. **Garbage Route** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Walch seconded, to adjust the garbage route as recommended by the Sanitation crew, with a target start date of April 11 & 12. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- g. **Zoning Update**
- i. **Sands Speedway** – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, that if all parties contacted concur with the proposed language or fail to respond by the deadline, to move forward with having the Township attorney file the document with the Court. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - ii. **Rezoning Request** – J. Yelle moved, D. Walch seconded, to accept the Planning Commissions recommendation and deny Rezoning Request ZMA22-01. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - iii. **Groundwater & Aquifer Protection Ordinance** – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to recommend the Planning Commission revise Ordinance 20 to bring it in line with Marquette County Health Department and State of Michigan guidelines regarding large capacity wells. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- h. **Fire Department KBIC Request** – C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve the Fire Department seeking KBIC funds for \$16,495 for 2,000 feet of hose, a hose testing unit, and 2 air paks. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

12. Public Comment –

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

Carolyn Kerkela, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor