

SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
June 13, 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, Tom Wahlstrom, Lee Yelle
Public in Attendance: Karrie Heikes, Dave Mastric, Mike Furmanski and Bob Kallio (via Zoom)
3. **Public Comment:**
4. **Agenda:** C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of 10l – Fire Department Member and 10m – Sanitation Department, and moving item 10a after the Consent Agenda. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** D. Kallio moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - a. **Minutes:** May 9, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes approved as presented.
 - b. **Financial Reports**
 - i. **Treasurer’s Report**
 - ii. **Accounts Payable/General Ledger** – General Fund Checks #37807 - #37878, including the electronic liability checks, for \$169,867.41 and Tax Collection Checks #3847 - #3852 for \$83.16 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 on Aging -**
 - d. **Correspondence –**
 - i. Election Change Update from County Clerk
 - e. **Miscellaneous –**
 - i. Well Report
- 10a. **Alger-Delta Electric Franchise Agreement** – Will address the Ordinance for the Franchise Agreement at the July meeting.
6. **Treasurer’s Report–**
 - a. **Ambulance Charge Write-Off** – D. Walch motioned, J. Yelle seconded, to approve writing off the six outstanding ambulance bills for a total of \$3,165.18. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Checking Account Balances (as of May 31, 2023):

General Fund \$947,166.27	Trust & Agency \$0.00	Fire Fund \$92,642.35
Ambulance Fund \$99,326.93	Parks/Rec \$60,078.98	
Sanitation \$56,311.41	Taxes \$1,000.00	Road Repair Fund \$522,494.68.96

CD Totals:

Ambulance \$538,699.44 **Roads** \$275,028.38 **Fire Dept** \$44,470.33
General Fund \$1,180,282.60 **Parks & Rec** \$305,807.74

Money Markets:

Fire \$48,520.08 **Cemetery Perpetual Care** \$3,321.16
Road Repair Fund \$86,125.09 **General** \$170,738.41

7. Clerk's Report

- a. **MML Renewal Premium** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve paying the \$20,185 premium for Liability & Property coverage from July 1, 2023 – July 1, 2024. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **MTA Annual Dues** – D. Kallio moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve paying the MTA annual dues of \$2,078.57. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

8. Supervisor's Report

- a. **Recycling Electronics**- D. Walch gave an update.
- b. **Feather Ridge Flooding Issue** – D. Walch gave an update.
- c. **Tracie Lane/Deer Run Dust Control** – D. Walch shared information.

9. Old Business

- a. **Parking Lot Resurfacing** – C. Kerkela moved, K. Koehn seconded, to approve paying up to \$10,000 to JCS to complete the resurfacing of the parking lot as proposed. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **Court Resurfacing Bids** – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to accept the low bid by JCS to complete the resurfacing of the courts as proposed for \$27,715, provided reference checks come back favorable. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **Strawberry Lake Upkeep** – More information will be gathered.
- d. **Solar Tax Credit Information** – More information from Peninsula Solar will be gathered for July meeting.
- e. **Verizon Wireless Request** – No Update.
- f. **Ordinance Amendment 01-23-01 (Second Reading)** – D. Walch moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve the Zoning Ordinance Amendment 01-23-01 as recommended by the Planning Commission. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

10. New Business

- a. **Addressed Above**
- b. **TextMyGov Proposal** – More information will be gathered.
- c. **No Overnight Parking Policy** – D. Kallio moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to adopt the policy not allowing overnight parking on Sands Township property. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **Resolution #06132023 – Resolution for Charitable Gaming License** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Walch seconded, to adopt the Resolution as presented that recognizes Teaching Family Homes as a nonprofit organization in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- e. **Landfill Chair** – D. Walch moved, J. Yelle seconded, to re-appoint Randall Yelle as Chair of the Marquette County Solid Waste Authority Board for another 4-year term. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- f. **Cemetery Maintenance** – More information will be gathered.
- g. **Emergency Lights at Station 1** – Waiting for more information.

- h. MTA Educational Opportunity** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve sending any official, deputy, or interested employee to the MTA training in Bark River in July. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - i. Treasurer Resignation** – D. Walch moved, D. Kallio seconded, to accept the Resignation from Kent Koehn, effective July 14, 2023. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
D. Kallio moved, J. Yelle seconded, to appoint Lee Yelle as Treasurer for the remainder of the term, effective July 15. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1. Motion carried.
 - j. MBLP Request** – No Information.
 - k. Teaching Family Homes Garbage Charge** – No Change.
 - l. Fire Department Member** – D. Kallio moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to accept the recommendation from the Fire Department and accept Eddie Page as a new member. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - m. Sanitation Department** – Discussion followed on possible ideas for staffing.
- 11. Public Comment** – Recognition was given for several Township residents who have cleaned along roadsides and property in the Township, especially Pete Redlon, Lyn Nelson, and Max Graves.
- 12. Adjournment** – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Carolyn Kerkela, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor