

**SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING**  
**SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX**  
**July 11, 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 and Carolyn Kerkela  
**Absent** – Justin Yelle  
**Employees in Attendance:** Randy Yelle, Lee Yelle  
**Public in Attendance:** Karrie Heikes, Tom Olson, Greg McAuliffe and John Sutton, and Bob Kallio (via Zoom)
3. **Public Comment:**  
John Sutton, Superiorland Pickleball, asked if the club could help with the layout of the new courts when the resurfacing is done. They also asked about the installation of permanent pickleball nets and if work would be done on the back courts to remove roots.
4. **Agenda:** D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve the agenda after moving item 9d to right after the Public Hearing, and with the addition of 10d – Fire Truck Lighting. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda with the correction of the Special Meeting date in the minutes. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
  - a. **Minutes:** June 13, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes approved as presented, June 29, 2023 Special Meeting minutes approved with correction of date.
  - b. **Financial Reports**
    - i. **Treasurer’s Report**
    - ii. **Accounts Payable/General Ledger** – General Fund Checks #37879 - #37957, including the electronic liability checks, for \$69,454.28 and Tax Collection Checks #3853 - #3858 for \$10,444.75 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** – None
  - e. **Miscellaneous** – None

**Public Hearing: Ordinance #59 - Alger-Delta Electric Franchise Agreement** – D. Walch opened the public hearing at 7:16. No comments or questions from public. D. Walch closed public hearing at 7:17.

**9d. Alger-Delta Franchise Agreement Ordinance** – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to adopt Ordinance #59 as presented. Roll call vote was unanimous.

**6. Treasurer’s Report–**

**Checking Account Balances** (as of June 30, 2023):

**General Fund** \$954,849.31    **Trust & Agency** \$117.00    **Fire Fund** \$109,384.31  
**Ambulance Fund** \$99,704.29    **Parks/Rec** \$60,742.96  
**Sanitation** \$45,021.21    **Taxes** \$1,000.00    **Road Repair Fund** \$523,029.32

**CD Totals:**

**Ambulance** \$539,286.38 **Roads** \$275,028.38 **Fire Dept** \$44,470.33  
**General Fund** \$1,180,810.10 **Parks & Rec** \$305,983.57

**Money Markets:**

**Fire** \$48,542.01 **Cemetery Perpetual Care** \$3,321.16  
**Road Repair Fund** \$86,125.09 **General** \$170,847.12

**7. Clerk's Report - None**

**8. Supervisor's Report**

- a. **Recycling Electronics-** D. Walch gave an update.
- b. **Feather Ridge Flooding Issue** – No Update
- c. **Tracie Lane/Deer Run Dust Control** – D. Walch gave an update.
- d. **Savion Solar Project** – Waiting on Updated Information.

**9. Old Business**

- a. **Strawberry Lake Upkeep** – No Update.
- b. **Solar Tax Credit Information** – Peninsula Solar will be at the August meeting.
- c. **Verizon Wireless Request** – No Update.
- d. **Addressed above**
- e. **Text Service** – No Update.
- f. **Cemetery Maintenance** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve the estimate from Yooper Boy Services for tree trimming and removal at the cemetery for \$2,300. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- g. **Emergency Lights at Station 1** – No Update.
- h. **MBLP Request** – Discussion followed on information submitted; more information is needed.

**10. New Business**

- a. **MCSWMA Director Position** – No Action Needed
- b. **July Newsletter** – D. Walch moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the printing and mailing of the July newsletter with the noted corrections. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **Ordinance Amendments (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)** – No action taken; Randy will update Ordinance #54 Amendment.
  - i. **Ordinance #20 (Large Capacity Wells)**
  - ii. **Ordinance #54 (Nuisance Ordinance)**
- d. **Fire Truck Lighting** – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to accept the proposal from Driven Sound & Security to add additional lighting to Truck #2129 for \$2,184.00, which is to come from money received from Pigs-n-Heat donations. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**11. Public Comment** – Thank you, goodbyes, and appreciation were expressed for Kent Koehn, who will have his last day on Friday.

**12. Adjournment** – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.