

**SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING  
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX  
September 12, 2023**

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** –C. Kerkela called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. **Roll Call** –Lee Yelle, David Kallio and Carolyn Kerkela  
**Absent** – Darlene Walch and Justin Yelle  
**Employees in Attendance:** Randy Yelle, Tom Wahlstrom  
**Public in Attendance:** Bob Kallio (via Zoom)

C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to appoint Lee Yelle to chair the meeting in the absence of the Supervisor. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

3. **Public Comment:**  
None

4. **Agenda:** D. Kallio moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of 10d – Fire Department request for KBIC Grant Funds. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

5. **Consent Agenda:** D. Kallio moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

a. **Minutes:** August 8, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes approved as presented.

b. **Financial Reports**

i. **Treasurer's Report**

ii. **Accounts Payable/General Ledger** – General Fund Checks #38021 - #38097, including the electronic liability check, for \$74,067.17 and Tax Collection Checks #3871 - #3880 for \$454,015.06 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** – Court Resurfacing Thank You

e. **Miscellaneous** – None

6. **Treasurer's Report– Checking Account Balances (as of August 31, 2023):**

**General Fund** \$155,180.64    **Trust & Agency** \$0.00    **Fire Fund** \$22,813.39

**Ambulance Fund** \$5,269.61    **Parks/Rec** \$19,020.15

**Sanitation** \$28,130.57    **Taxes** \$1,120.45    **Road Repair Fund** \$523,614.61

**CD Totals:**

**Ambulance** \$543,500.84    **Roads** \$275,302.79    **Fire Dept** \$44,933.77

**General Fund** \$1,186,605.92    **Parks & Rec** \$308,588.91

**Money Markets:**

**Fire** \$48,582.58    **Cemetery Perpetual Care** \$3,671.25

**Road Repair Fund** \$86,146.56    **General** \$171,060.25

D. Kallio moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to allow the Treasurer to seek better interest rates for the Ambulance Fund CD that is maturing at Honor Credit Union in October. Ayes: 3  
Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**7. Clerk's Report –**

- a. **L-4029 and Parks & Rec Millage Update** – C. Kerkela gave an update; the Parks & Rec Millage will be brought to voters in 2024.
- b. **Yooper Boy Services Contract** – Informational; Removal of trees by basketball court for \$2,350 approved under Resolution #12122017.
- c. **Early Voting Update** – C. Kerkela gave an update
  - i. **Resolution #09122023, Resolution Establishing Early Voting Location** – C. Kerkela moved, L. Yelle seconded, to adopt Resolution #09122023 and establish the Chocolay Charter Township Hall as the early voting location for Sands Township. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**8. Supervisor's Report**

- a. **Electronics Recycling**- C. Kerkela gave an update.
- b. **Savion Solar Project** – C. Kerkela gave an update.
- c. **425 Agreement with Marquette Township** – No update.

**9. Old Business**

- a. **Strawberry Lake Update** – No Update
- b. **Verizon Wireless Request** – No Update.
- c. **Text Service** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve using the Marquette County Emergency Management notification system as a way to contact residents in the event of an emergency. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **MBLP Request** – No Update.
- e. **Garbage Truck Purchase** – C. Kerkela gave an update.
- f. **Park & Facility Rentals** – For October Meeting

**10. New Business**

- a. **Audit** – C. Kerkela gave an update.
- b. **Extension for Temporary Sawmill Permit** – D. Kallio moved, L. Yelle seconded, to approve the 1-year extension of the temporary sawmill permit due to no negative response received from any surrounding property owners. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **Long Term Zoning Violations** – R. Yelle gave an update.
- d. **Fire Department KBIC Grant Fund Request** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the Fire Department seeking KBIC grant funds for 5 new 800 mgHz radios for \$27,251.55. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**11. Public Comment** – None

**12. Adjournment** – L. Yele adjourned the meeting at 7:34 PM.

Carolyn Kerkela, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor