

SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
October 10, 2023

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** –D. Walch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **Roll Call** –Lee Yelle, David Kallio, Darlene Walch, Justin Yelle and Carolyn Kerkela
Absent – None
Employees in Attendance: Randy Yelle, Tom Wahlstrom, Pamela Roberts
Public in Attendance: Bob Kallio (via Zoom)
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Agenda:** D. Kallio moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of 10g – Fire Department Member. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** L. Yelle moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - a. **Minutes:** September 12, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes approved as presented.
 - b. **Financial Reports**
 - i. **Treasurer’s Report**
 - ii. **Accounts Payable/General Ledger** – General Fund Checks #38098 - #38226, including the electronic liability check and Trust & Agency checks, for \$98,552.08 and Tax Collection Checks #3881 - #3889 for \$636,823.20, 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** – None
 - e. **Miscellaneous** – None

6. **Treasurer’s Report– Checking Account Balances (as of September 30, 2023):**
General Fund \$101,675.77 **Trust & Agency** \$0.00 **Fire Fund** \$11,028.38
Ambulance Fund \$5,283.10 **Parks/Rec** \$16,278.39
Sanitation \$18,965.70 **Taxes** \$1,000.00 **Road Repair Fund** \$523,614.61

CD Totals:

Ambulance \$543,523.47 **Roads** \$275,302.79 **Fire Dept** \$44,933.77
General Fund \$1,188,296.14 **Parks & Rec** \$308,765.30

Money Markets:

Fire \$48,582.58 **Cemetery Perpetual Care** \$3721.25
Road Repair Fund \$86,146.56 **General** \$171,169.18

ICS Money Markets

Fire \$79,737.36 **General** \$808,45.57
Ambulance \$95,125.50 **Parks & Rec** \$13,885.00

L. Yelle shared a letter for Tim Contois regarding a past due landfill hauling bill.

7. Clerk's Report –

- a. **Budget Amendments** – C. Kerkela moved, L. Yelle seconded, to approve taking \$25,000 from Contingency Expenses, which leaves a total of \$13,790, and to increase the budgeted expenses in Building & Grounds by \$25,000, for a total of \$46,250. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

8. Supervisor's Report

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

9. Old Business

- a. **Strawberry Lake Update** – Update on plumbing repairs; J. Yelle shared information about property.
- b. **Verizon Wireless Request** – No Update.
- c. **MBLP Request** – No Update.
- d. **Park & Facility Rentals** – Policy will be drafted

10. New Business

- a. **Gym Rental Rates** – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve the updated gym rental information sheet, with clarification of wording regarding the requirement of liability insurance for rentals serving alcohol, and with input from our insurance company. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **Sanitation Subs** – C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve Jim Ledford as a sub driver on the garbage truck, pending appropriate background and driving checks. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **CDL Training** – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to agree to offer CDL-B training through NMU for at least one qualified individual for a sanitation sub driver, if appropriate. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **2024 HMA Paving, Crack Sealing & Pavement Markings** – Will submit 2024 road projects consistent with the 5-year road plan – Sicotte, Sandwood, and West Sandwood for crack seal.
- e. **Snow Removal for 2023/2024 Season** – L. Yelle moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the contract with Bob's Septic & Snow Removal for the upcoming winter season. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- f. **MCSWMA Director Position** – R. Yelle gave an update; No action requested
- g. **Fire Department Member** – C. Kerkela moved, L. Yelle seconded, to accept the Fire Departments recommendation and approve Jonathan Waltz as a member of the department and enroll him in Firefighter 1 & 2 training. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

11. Public Comment – None

12. Adjournment – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 8:06 PM.

Carolyn Kerkela, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor