

SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
December 12, 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, Pamela Roberts
Public in Attendance: Bob Kallio (via Zoom)
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Agenda:** L. Yelle moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the agenda with additions of 7c–Election Expense Update and 7d – 2024 Meeting Dates & Times. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** C. Kerkela moved, L Yelle seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda after moving item c5 – Recreation Committee Report, to item 10e. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - a. **Minutes:** November 14, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes approved as presented.
 - b. **Financial Reports**
 - i. **Treasurer’s Report**
 - ii. **Accounts Payable/General Ledger** – General Fund Checks #38303 - #38376, including the electronic liability checks, for \$42,838.12, Road Fund Check #2068 for \$222,292.64 and Tax Collection Checks #3896 - #3905 for \$54,110.14, 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** – Well Test Report

6. **Treasurer’s Report– Checking Account Balances (as of November 30, 2023):**
General Fund \$84,309.70 **Trust & Agency** \$0.00 **Fire Fund** \$10,660.98
Ambulance Fund \$5,805.34 **Parks/Rec** \$13,942.56
Sanitation \$11,974.10 **Taxes** \$1,000.00 **Road Repair Fund** \$303,819.60

CD Totals:

Ambulance \$547,298.58 **Roads** \$275,804.07 **Fire Dept** \$44,933.77
General Fund \$1,196,841.98 **Parks & Rec** \$311,426.72

Money Markets:

Fire \$48,663.82 **Cemetery Perpetual Care** \$3,746.37
Road Repair Fund \$86,168.27 **General** \$171,383.71

ICS Money Markets

Fire \$80,004.25 **General** \$811,157.16
Ambulance \$95,443.94 **Parks & Rec** \$13,931.46

L. Yelle reported the reinvesting of the CD up for renewal with Range Bank in a 6 month CD with a 4.75% interest rate.

7. Clerk's Report –

- a. **Ballot Drop Box Upgrade** – No Update
- b. **December Payroll** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Walch seconded, to move the December payroll forward by 1 week to have the checks out before the holidays. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **Election Expense Update** – C. Kerkela gave an update on upcoming expenses related to elections and early voting.
- d. **2024 Meeting Dates & Times** – C. Kerkela moved, L. Yelle seconded, to approve continuing with regular board meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM for 2024. 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.
- d. **Pelissier Lake Drainage** – D. Walch gave an update on meetings and discussions. Waiting on more information.

9. Old Business - None

10. New Business

- a. **Street Light Request** – Discussion followed on the request; D. Walch will follow up with the Road Commission for their input.
- b. **Planning Commission & ZBA Appointments** – D. Kallio moved, L. Yelle seconded, to re-appoint Shelley Brauer to the Planning Commission and Jane Noe and Victoria Jenema to Zoning Board of Appeals for 3 year terms. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **Violation Update** – R. Yelle gave an update. Consensus was to grant additional time before more citations are issued for the one person who is currently incarcerated.
- d. **MCSWMA Update (Randy)** – Randy reported on the 3 following issues:
 - i. **Miller/Canfield Bond** – waiting for revised contract
 - ii. **EGLE Update**
 - iii. **Cell 1 Closure**
- e. **Recreation Committee Update** – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to concur with the Recreation Committee's decision to postpone the filing of the Recreation Plan until 2024. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

11. Public Comment – None

12. **Adjournment** – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 7:57 PM.

Carolyn Kerkela, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor