

**SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING**  
**SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX**  
**April 9, 2024**

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** – C. Kerkela called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. C. Kerkela moved, L. Yelle seconded, to have D. Kallio chair the meeting in the absence of the Supervisor. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
2. **Roll Call** –Lee Yelle, David Kallio, and Carolyn Kerkela  
**Absent** – Darlene Walch, Justin Yelle  
**Employees in Attendance:** Randy Yelle, Pamela Roberts  
**Public in Attendance:** Travis Grim, Jim Delmont, Sean Glasgow and Bob Kallio (via Zoom)
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Agenda:** D. Kallio moved, L. Yelle seconded, to approve the agenda with moving item 10c – Permanent Hauler Request, after the Consent Agenda, and with the addition of item 7c – Visa limit increase. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** C. Kerkela moved, L. Yelle seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
  - a. **Minutes:** March 12, 2024 Meeting minutes approved.
    - i. **Treasurer’s Report**
    - ii. **Accounts Payable/General Ledger** – General Fund Checks #38565- #38645, including the electronic liability checks, for \$55,109.02, and Tax Collection Checks #3967 - #3985 for \$39,721.72, approved as presented.
    - iii. **Budget Reports**
  - b. **Department/Committee Reports:** Accepted and placed on file.
    - i. **Fire Department**
    - ii. **Sanitation / MCSWMA –**
    - iii. **Zoning –**
    - iv. **Commission of Aging**
  - c. **Correspondence –**
    - i. Medical Control Authority Training Requirements Letter
    - ii. Superior Trade Zone Informational Letter
    - iii. UPSET Letter
  - d. **Miscellaneous –**
    - i. Landfill Tipping Fee Projections & Comparisons
- 10c. **Permanent Hauler Request** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the request from 906 Hauling & Disposal/Sean Glasgow as a permanent hauler at the Marquette County Landfill. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
6. **Treasurer’s Report– Checking Account Balances (as of March 31, 2024):**

<b>General Fund</b>	\$287,048.85	<b>Trust &amp; Agency</b>	\$216.00	<b>Fire Fund</b>	\$54,611.94
<b>Ambulance Fund</b>	\$14,340.55	<b>Parks/Rec</b>	\$12,147.03		
<b>Sanitation</b>	\$86,163.75	<b>Taxes</b>	\$1,000.00	<b>Road Repair Fund</b>	\$258,655.91
<b><u>CD Totals:</u></b>					
<b>Ambulance</b>	\$553,714.46	<b>Roads</b>	\$491,435.98	<b>Fire Dept</b>	\$46,200.89
<b>General Fund</b>	\$1,208,445.37	<b>Parks &amp; Rec</b>	\$314,466.76		

**Money Markets:**

**Fire** \$48,743.87    **Cemetery Perpetual Care** \$3,746.49

**Road Repair Fund** \$86,211.48    **General** \$171,918.62

**ICS Money Markets**

**Fire** \$150,744.31    **General** \$992,106.52

**Ambulance** \$130,182.91    **Parks & Rec** \$14,024.85

C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to authorize the Treasurer to cash in and reinvest two CDs at First Bank for a better interest rate, and to pay the early withdrawal penalty for the cashing in. Ayes: 3    Nays: 0    Motion carried.

L. Yelle reported that she has appointed Barbra Kransi as her new Deputy Treasurer.

**7. Clerk's Report –**

- a. **Proposal for '23-'24 Audit** – Proposal for last year included 3 years; No action needed.
- b. **Quickbooks Renewal** – L. Yelle moved, D. Kallio seconded, to pay the annual QuickBooks renewal of \$1,922. Ayes: 3    Nays: 0    Motion carried.
- c. **Visa Limit Increase** – C. Kerkela moved, L. Yelle seconded, to approve increasing the limit on the Township's VISA card to \$5,000. Ayes: 3    Nays: 0    Motion carried.

**8. Supervisor's Report**

- a. **Electronics Recycling**- No update.
- b. **425 Agreement with Marquette Township** – No update.
- c. **Pelissier Lake Drainage** – No update.

**9. Old Business –**

- a. **Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System** – No update.
- b. **Pickleball / Gym Rental Issues** – No update.
- c. **Transfer Station Hauling Proposals** – C. Kerkela gave an update; North Country Disposal is the new hauler at the Transfer Station.
- d. **Property Cleanup Update (Zoning)** – R. Yelle gave an update on progress.

**10. New Business**

- a. **Pickleball Request** – No action at this time; more information needed.
- b. **New Fire Department Member** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve Jonathon Weinhold as a new member of the fire department, pending background checks and recommendation from the department. Ayes: 3    Nays: 0    Motion carried.
- c. **Permanent Hauler Request** – Addressed above.
- d. **Millage Renewal Resolution #04092024GOP** – No action; will bring for next meeting.
- e. **Marquette County ORV Ordinance** – L. Yelle moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to continue to opt-in to the Marquette County ORV Ordinance. Ayes: 3    Nays: 0    Motion carried.
- f. **FEMA Flood Plain Ordinance** – No action at this time.
- g. **MCTA Spring Banquet** – L. Yelle moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve interested board members, spouses, and deputies/staff attending the MCTA Spring Banquet, and to provide a \$25 gas card for the event. Ayes: 3    Nays: 0    Motion carried.
- h. **Resolution #04092024AOI, Approving Amendment and Restatement of the MCSWMA Articles of Incorporation** – L. Yelle moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to adopt Resolution as presented. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- i. **Request for Easement** – D. Kallio moved, L. Yelle seconded, to approve the easement request from M. J. Van Damme as presented, subject to a review by our Township attorney. Roll call vote was unanimous.

**11. Public Comment** – None

**12. Adjournment** – D. Kallio adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Carolyn Kerkela, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor

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