

SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
July 9, 2024

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, and Carolyn Kerkela
Absent – Justin Yelle
Employees in Attendance: Randy Yelle, Pamela Roberts, Tom Wahlstrom
Public in Attendance: Roy Sicotte, Karrie Heikes, Christy Foye, Adam Muscarella, and Bob Kallio (via Zoom)
3. **Public Comment:**
Christy Foye, Marquette County Conservation District, shared information on their projects, focus, and resources that are available for the public and private landowners.
4. **Agenda:** L. Yelle moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of item 7d – Audit Update & Letter. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** C. Kerkela moved, L. Yelle seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - a. **Minutes:** June 11, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes approved.
 - i. **Treasurer’s Report**
 - ii. **Accounts Payable/General Ledger** – General Fund Checks #38787 - #38869, including the electronic liability checks and Trust & Agency Checks, for \$89,378.49.
 - 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. Sheriff Department Grant Support Letter
 - d. **Miscellaneous** – None

6. **Treasurer’s Report– Checking Account Balances (as of June 30, 2024):**
General Fund \$75,780.60 **Trust & Agency** \$0.00 **Fire Fund** \$18,939.23
Ambulance Fund \$10,101.07 **Parks/Rec** \$9,553.25
Sanitation \$67,438.34 **Taxes** \$1,000.00 **Road Repair Fund** \$265,272.82

CD Totals:
Ambulance \$557,467.70 **Roads** \$500,539.24 **Fire Dept** \$46,744.72
General Fund \$1,220,544.96 **Parks & Rec** \$316,086.85 **Cemetery Trust** \$2,796.00

Money Markets:
Fire \$48,804.66 **Cemetery Perpetual Care** \$1,050.52
Road Repair Fund \$86,232.97 **General** \$172,239.39

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Fire \$173,520.63 **General** \$1,172,247.85
Ambulance \$135,838.78 **Parks & Rec** \$14,094.90

7. Clerk's Report –

- a. **Solar Update** – C. Kerkela gave an update.
- b. **Hannula Insurance Plan for Fire Department Members** – L. Yelle moved, D. Walch seconded, to pay the \$1,957.64 annual premium for the additional insurance policy for the Fire Department members. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **Strawberry Lake Mower** – C. Kerkela moved, L. Yelle seconded, to authorize the additional funds and approve the purchase of a new mower from Bergdahl's for \$3,200, after trade-in of the old machine. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **Audit Update & Letter** – C. Kerkela gave an update on the audit.

8. Supervisor's Report

- a. **Electronics Recycling**- D. Walch gave an update.
- b. **425 Agreement with Marquette Township** – Still waiting on additional information.
- c. **Pelissier Lake Drainage** – See Item 10a
- d. **Well Testing** – No Update
- e. **Garbage Truck Update** – No Update
- f. **RAVE Notification System** – D. Walch gave an update; residents will soon be able to sign themselves up for emergency notifications.

9. Old Business –

- a. **Pickleball / Gym Rental Issues** – Ongoing; No update.
- b. **Gym Rental Pricing** – No update..
- c. **Strawberry Lake Update** – No update.
- d. **Property Cleanup Update (Zoning)** – R. Yelle gave an update on property cleanup progress and violations, and on the MCSWMA Bond issue and recycling.

10. New Business

- a. **Proposal Regarding Pelissier Lake** – D. Walch moved, L. Yelle seconded, to accept the proposal from TriMedia in its entirety, including a Wetland Assessment, Hydrologic Study, and Flood Mitigation Recommendations, for the Pelissier Lake area for a total of \$9,600. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **2025 HMA Paving, Crack Sealing, Chip Seal & Pavement Marking Projects** – The list of roads planned for 2025 maintenance was presented and will be sent to the Road Commission to bid out the projects.
- c. **Summer 2024 Newsletter** – L. Yelle moved, D. Kallio seconded, to accept the newsletter with the suggested wording changes and correction of clerical errors, and send to the printer for printing and mailing. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

11. Public Comment –

Adam Muscarella commented on some fluid he noticed in his neighborhood from the garbage truck last week.

12. Adjournment – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Carolyn Kerkela, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor