

SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
May 14, 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, Justin Yelle and Carolyn Kerkela
Absent – None
Employees in Attendance: Randy Yelle, Pamela Roberts
Public in Attendance: Roy Sicotte, Melody Wagner, Karrie Heikes and Bob Kallio (via Zoom)
3. **Public Comment:**
Roy Sicotte spoke about concerns with multiple ordinance complaints in his neighborhood and is looking for guidance how to help get these addressed.
Melody Wagner introduced herself as a Republican candidate for State Representative and shared some of her background information.
4. **Agenda:** L. Yelle moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of item 10i – Provisioning Center Renewals. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - a. **Minutes:** April 9, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes and April 18, 2024 Special Meeting minutes approved.
 - i. **Treasurer’s Report**
 - ii. **Accounts Payable/General Ledger** – General Fund Checks #38646- #38706, for \$67,412.15, 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. Marquette County Residential Home Repair Program Notice
 - d. **Miscellaneous –**
 - i. May Well Report
6. **Treasurer’s Report– Checking Account Balances (as of April 30, 2024):**
General Fund \$276,564.06 **Trust & Agency** \$297.00 **Fire Fund** \$54,359.38
Ambulance Fund \$14,381.59 **Parks/Rec** \$11,416.52
Sanitation \$80,747.90 **Taxes** \$1,000.00 **Road Repair Fund** \$258,720.30
CD Totals:
Ambulance \$556,902.99 **Roads** \$494,652.87 **Fire Dept** \$46,200.89
General Fund \$1,216,792.74 **Parks & Rec** \$316,086.85

Money Markets:
Fire \$48,765.24 **Cemetery Perpetual Care** \$3,746.52
Road Repair Fund \$86,211.48 **General** \$172,024.31
ICS Money Markets
Fire \$150,992.28 **General** \$993,738.65
Ambulance \$130,397.05 **Parks & Rec** \$14,047.91

C. Kerkela moved, L. Yelle seconded, to transfer \$2,796.00 from the Cemetery Trust money market and invest it in a CD at Nicolet Bank for a better interest rate, leaving \$1,000 in the money market account. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

7. Clerk's Report –

- a. **MML Workers Comp Renewal** – C. Kerkela moved, L. Yelle seconded, to approve paying the \$3,002 for the Workers Comp renewal, effective 7/1/24. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **Recreation Plan Update** – C. Kerkela gave an update; plan will be open for Public review soon.
- c. **Budget Amendment** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve increasing expenses in the Building & Grounds line item by \$27,000, for a total of \$53,250, and to take that \$27,000 from the Contingency line item, leaving \$11,790. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

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** – No update.
- d. **Renewables Ready Community** – D. Walch reported Sands Township may qualify for additional funding through this program.
- e. **Well Testing** – Discussion on history and reasons for regular well testing; No action.
- f. **MCSWMA Bond** – D. Walch gave an update, R. Yelle shared additional information.

9. Old Business –

- a. **Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System** – C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to remove this item from the agenda and not report at this time, due to the difficult nature of collecting requested data and the minimal impact the penalty is anticipated to have for Sands Township. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **Pickleball / Gym Rental Issues** – Ongoing; No update.
- c. **Pickleball Request** – Ongoing; No update.
- d. **Property Cleanup Update (Zoning)** – R. Yelle gave an update on progress.

10. New Business

- a. **General Operating Millage Renewal Resolution #05142024GOP** – C. Kerkela moved, L. Yelle seconded, to adopt Resolution #05142024GOP and have the General Operating Millage Renewal placed on the November 5, 2024 General Election ballot. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- b. **Peter White Library Millage Renewal Resolution #05142024PWPL** – L. Yelle moved, D. Kallio seconded, to adopt Resolution #05142024PWPL and have the Peter White Public Library Millage Renewal placed on the November 5, 2024 General Election ballot. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- c. **Emergency Plug Purchase** – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve up to \$950 for the purchase of an emergency plug for electric vehicles for the EMS department. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **Agreement for 2024 Road Projects** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the contract with the Marquette County Road Commission for \$63,081.90 for chip seal, including the overhead charge, providing the project list matches the list of roads submitted for chip seal. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

- e. **METRO Act Right of Way Extension** – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve the extension of the METRO Act Permit issued to Michigan Bell Telephone Company, dba AT&T Michigan, until August 31, 2029. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- f. **Security Cameras at the Park** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Walch seconded, to accept the proposal from Range Telecommunications to expand the current security camera system and add cameras monitoring the park and playground area for \$5,214.94, with the money being split 50/50 between the General Fund and Parks & Rec. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- g. **Website Proposals** – For June meeting.
- h. **Strawberry Lake Update** – Some repair work is needed; estimates will be gathered from local contractors.
- i. **Provisioning Center Renewals** – D. Walch moved, J. Yelle seconded, to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission and renew the licenses of both provisioning centers. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

11. Public Comment – Melody Wagner thanked the board for their service, and shared thoughts of certain professions needing additional support because of challenges they face – education/ teachers, nurses, law enforcement/corrections.

12. Adjournment – D. Kallio adjourned the meeting at 8:34 PM.

Carolyn Kerkela, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor