

**SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING  
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX  
November 15, 2022**

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** –D. Walch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **Roll Call** – Darlene Walch, David Kallio, Justin Yelle and Carolyn Kerkela  
**Absent** – Kent Koehn  
**Employees in Attendance:** Randy Yelle, Lee Yelle, Thomas Wahlstrom  
**Public in Attendance:** Bob Kallio (via Zoom)
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Agenda:** C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the agenda with the additions of 8c – Roads Update and 8d – Blueberry Ridge Warming Hut. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** D. Kallio moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
  - a. **Minutes:** October 11, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes and October 27, 2022 Special Meeting minutes approved as presented.
  - b. **Financial Reports**
    - i. **Treasurer’s Report**
    - ii. **Accounts Payable/General Ledger** – General Fund Checks #37321 - #37387, including the electronic liability checks and the Trust & Agency checks, for \$54,940.84, Road Millage Check #2067 for \$20,820.00 and Tax Collection Checks #3762 - #3768 for \$36,964.28 approved as presented.
    - iii. **Budget Reports**
  - c. **Department/Committee Reports:** Accepted and placed on file.
    - i. **Fire** –
    - ii. **Sanitation / MCSWMA** –
    - iii. **Zoning** –
    - iv. **Commission of Aging** -
  - d. **Correspondence** – None
  - e. **Miscellaneous** – November 2022 Well Report
6. **Treasurer’s Report– Checking Account Balances (as of October 31, 2022):**

<b>General Fund</b> \$714,449.15	<b>Trust &amp; Agency</b> \$0.00	<b>Fire Fund</b> \$326,357.73
<b>Ambulance Fund</b> \$300,097.69	<b>Parks/Rec</b> \$265,144.61	
<b>Sanitation</b> \$13,808.73	<b>Taxes</b> \$1,000.00	<b>Road Repair Fund</b> \$329,526.90

**CD Totals:**  
**Ambulance** \$285,699.91      **Roads** \$274,480.38      **Fire Dept** \$218,707.82  
**General Fund** \$1,174,396.09      **Parks & Rec** \$55,463.41

**Money Markets:**  
**Fire** \$48,410.02      **Cemetery Perpetual Care** \$3,235.96  
**Road Repair Fund** \$86,082.16      **General** \$170,224.00
7. **Clerk’s Report**
  - a. **Budget Amendments**– C. Kerkela moved, D. Walch seconded, to take \$7,200 from Contingency Expenses, leaving \$11,590, and to use it to increase expenses in the Accounting line item by \$5,500 for a total of \$15,000, and to increase expenses in the Elections line item by \$1,700 for a total of \$8,700. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

- b. **Election Update** – C. Kerkela gave an update.

## 8. Supervisor's Report

- a. **Superior Trade Zone/Act 328/SAVION**– D. Walch gave an update.
- b. **Recycling Electronics**- C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to accept the Recycling Electronics grant award for \$29,500 from EGLE. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **Roads Update** – D. Walch gave an update.
- d. **Blueberry Ridge Warming Hut** – D. Walch gave an update.

## 9. Old Business

- a. **Garbage Truck Purchase** – Two bids were received for a new truck and packer; subcommittee will review.
- b. **New Fire Truck Purchase** – Discussion followed on the RFP and purchase process.
- c. **Court and Parking Lot Maintenance** – No Update; waiting for spring.
- d. **Fire Department Compressor** – 3 bids were received; original approval amount of \$7,500 in September covers the department's recommended purchase from Jefferson Fire & Safety for a Bauer Junior 11 compressor.
- e. **Pest Control at Fire Halls** – T. Wahlstrom gave an update.
- f. **Strawberry Lake Maintenance** – Waiting for spring
- g. **Master Plan Recommendation (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)** – C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve the updated and revised Township Master Plan as recommended by the Planning Commission with the noted board-recommended changes. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- h. **Ordinance 57 Recommendation (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)** – No changes proposed; No action needed.
- i. **Zoning Ordinance Amendments (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Walch seconded, to postpone action on amendments 22-01-01 and 22-01-03 at this time. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.  
D. Kallio moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve amendment 22-01-02 as presented. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

## 10. New Business

- a. **Emergency Shelter (ARPA Funds?)** – Discussion followed on exploring shelter needs in an emergency or power outage.
- b. **Ambulance Documents** – D. Kallio moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to accept the revised EMS Standard Operating Guidelines as presented. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate** – D. Kallio moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to accept Jamin Wonch as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **Zoning Update** – J. Yelle gave an update on future Planning Commission agenda items.

## 11. Public Comment – None

## 12. Adjournment – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM.