

**SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
September 13, 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, Kent Koehn, David Kallio, Justin Yelle and Carolyn Kerkela
Absent – None
Employees in Attendance: Randy Yelle, Lee Yelle, Thomas Wahlstrom
Public in Attendance: Mark Winkler, John Sutton, Tom Olson, Rich VanderVeen, and others, and Bob Kallio (via Zoom)
3. **Public Comment:**
 - a. Superiorland Pickleball Club – the Club thanked the Board for another busy year of Pickleball, and shared concerns about areas of the courts that may need maintenance and suggested restructuring the lines on the courts.
4. **Agenda:** D. Kallio moved, K. Koehn seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of 7b – Budget Adjustment. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** C. Kerkela moved, K. Koehn seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - a. **Minutes:** August 9, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes and Closed Session minutes approved as presented.
 - b. **Financial Reports**
 - i. **Treasurer’s Report**
 - ii. **Accounts Payable/General Ledger** – General Fund Checks #37163 - #37231, including the electronic liability checks, for \$55,480.61, and Tax Collection Checks #3747 - #3753 for \$379,101.53 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** – None
6. **Treasurer’s Report– Checking Account Balances (as of August 31, 2022):**

General Fund \$744,385.22	Trust & Agency \$108.00	Fire Fund \$335,119.49
Ambulance Fund \$300,097.69	Parks/Rec \$266,462.59	
Sanitation \$14,770.61	Taxes \$43,324.69	Road Repair Fund \$399,981.91

CD Totals:

Ambulance \$284,990.73	Roads \$274,203.78	Fire Dept \$218,276.97
General Fund \$1,172,974.47	Parks & Rec \$55,289.21	

Money Markets:

Fire \$48,397.49	Cemetery Perpetual Care \$3,235.84	
Road Repair Fund \$86,060.47	General \$170,153.00	

7. Clerk's Report

- a. **Election Laptop Purchase** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve up to \$500 for the purchase and set-up of a used Lenovo laptop from Maki Consulting that meets the requirements for an election e-pollbook. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **Budget Adjustments** – C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve taking \$20,000 from the General Fund and moving it into the Sanitation Fund to help cover expenses; the money will be refunded to the General Fund before the end of the Fiscal Year as property tax money is collected. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

8. Supervisor's Report

- a. **Superior Trade Zone/Act 328/SAVION**– D. Walch gave an update.
- b. **Recycling Electronics**- D. Walch gave an update
- c. **Climate Adaptation Task Force** – D. Walch gave an update.
- d. **2023 Road Projects** – D. Walch will submit possible road projects to the Road Commission for their input and to bid out the projects for 2023.

9. Old Business

- a. **Garbage Truck Purchase** – Mark Winkler, UP Trucks International, was available to answer questions and give information regarding the purchase of a new truck.
- b. **New Fire Truck Purchase** – No Update.

10. New Business

- a. **Court and Parking Lot Maintenance** – Information will be gathered for possible work done next spring.
- b. **Sanitation Subs** – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve Doug Chandler and Michael Barabe as subs for the garbage truck. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **Fire Department Cadet Applications** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to accept the Fire Department's recommendation to approve Brayden Borman and Gabe Simon as Cadets for the Junior Firefighter Program. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **Fire Department Compressor** – D. Walch moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve up to \$7,500 for a new breathing air compressor and possible upgrades to the electrical system at Station 1. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- e. **EMS Special Event Updates** – C. Kerkela moved, K. Koehn seconded, to approve the updated rate for EMS Special Event coverage requests. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- f. **MTA Regional Summit** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve sending board members, deputies, and interested staff members to the MTA Regional Summit in Marquette. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- g. **Zoning Update** – R. Yelle gave an update.

11. Public Comment – Rich VanderVeen thanked the board for their time and the research being done on questions they have regarding Superior Trade Zone and the solar project.

12. Adjournment – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 8:21 PM.

Carolyn Kerkela, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor