

SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
October 8, 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, Tom Wahlstrom
Public in Attendance: Tom Ruprecht, Karrie Heikes, Mona Consolmagno, Randall Fralick
3. **Public Comment:**
Mona Consolmagno spoke regarding the letter from the BLP and the request for an easement to install new transmission lines. She has questions and concerns, such as the monetary amount offered, why do the lines need to be on that side of 480, is this related to the proposed solar project, what rights do the property owners have, and will this affect taxes or property values?

Randall Fralick spoke for his mother, who also owns land along 480 and the proposed transmission line project. He wondered if there were other options, including the other side of the road or burying the lines.
4. **Agenda:** L. Yelle moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of item 10d – MTA Training. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** C. Kerkela moved, L. Yelle seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - a. **Minutes:** September 10, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes approved.
 - i. **Treasurer’s Report**
 - ii. **Accounts Payable/General Ledger** – General Fund Checks #39028 - #39099, including the electronic liability check, for \$177,171.53 and the Tax Collection Checks #4016 - #4023 for \$778,212.89.
 - 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** – None
 - d. **Miscellaneous** – None
6. **Treasurer’s Report– Checking Account Balances (as of September 30, 2024):**
General Fund \$181,414.00 **Trust & Agency** \$297.00 **Fire Fund** \$9,945.81
Ambulance Fund \$10,305.73 **Parks/Rec** \$5,611.25
Sanitation \$42,585.00 **Taxes** \$24,166.48 **Road Repair Fund** \$203,437.90

CD Totals:

Ambulance \$563,155.24 **Roads** \$501,152.61 **Fire Dept** \$46,744.72
General Fund \$1,230,654.25 **Parks & Rec** \$319,834.49 **Cemetery Trust** \$2,796.00

Money Markets:

Fire \$48,846.79 **Cemetery Perpetual Care** \$1,100.57
Road Repair Fund \$86,254.71 **General** \$172,564.26

ICS Money Markets

Fire \$174,397.48 General \$912,919.09

Ambulance \$136,525.18 Parks & Rec \$8,154.87

7. Clerk's Report –

- a. **Scrap Tire Grants** – No update.
- b. **Michigan Earned Sick Time Act & Minimum Wage Laws** – No update.
- c. **Audit Update** – C. Kerkela reported audit is complete and has been filed with the state.

8. Supervisor's Report

- a. **Electronics Recycling**- D. Walch gave an update on the grant and its extension.
- b. **425 Agreement with Marquette Township** – D. Walch gave an update.
- c. **Pelissier Lake Drainage** – Project is underway.
- d. **Well Testing** – No Update
- e. **Garbage Truck Update** – D. Walch gave an update.
- f. **MCSWMA Interns** – D. Walch gave an update on the 2 new positions.
- g. **Blueberry Ridge Warming Hut** – D. Walch gave an update on the annual meeting.
- h. **Savion Solar Project** – D. Walch gave an update on the State Tax Commission's approval of the PILT agreement.
- i. **BLP Project** – D. Walch gave an update regarding the transmission line project.

9. Old Business –

- a. **Strawberry Lake Update** – No update.
- b. **Property Cleanup Update (Zoning)** – R. Yelle gave an update on property cleanup progress and violations.
- c. **Dog Ordinance Amendment 24-04-01** – No update.

10. New Business

- a. **Gym Acoustic Paneling** – More information to be gathered.
- b. **EMS Standard Operating Procedures (First Reading)** – Second reading in November.
- c. **Resolution 10022024 – Final Adoption of Recreation Plan** – D. Kallio moved, J. Yelle seconded, to adopt the Resolution and the Recreation Plan 2024 – 2029, with the recommended editorial corrections. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- d. **MTA Training** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve sending the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer to the MTA Training in Marquette on November 19.
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

11. Public Comment – Mona Consolmagno and Randall Fralick asked additional questions regarding the transmission lines – where behind Kwik Trip they are planned, how big the larger poles will be, and why they need the additional right-of-way space.

12. Adjournment – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 8:06 PM.

Carolyn Kerkela, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor