

**SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING  
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX  
August 13, 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:** Karrie Heikes, Adam Muscarella, Tom Ruprecht, and Bob Kallio (via Zoom)
3. **Public Comment:**  
Thomas Ruprecht thanked the Board for their cleanup on Taylor Road.
4. **Agenda:** L. Yelle moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of item 7b – EAP Utilization. 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:** July 9 Regular Meeting & July 30 Special Meeting minutes approved.
    - i. **Treasurer’s Report**
    - ii. **Accounts Payable/General Ledger** – General Fund Checks #38870 - #38941, including the electronic liability checks, for \$64,301.17 and the Tax Collection Checks #3998 - #4006 for \$515,350.23.
    - 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 Charter Township Master Plan
    - ii. Marquette County Notice of Intent to Prepare a Materials Management Plan
  - d. **Miscellaneous – None**

6. **Treasurer’s Report– Checking Account Balances (as of July 31, 2024):**  
**General Fund** \$46,124.94    **Trust & Agency** \$0.00    **Fire Fund** \$15,999.85  
**Ambulance Fund** \$10,128.99    **Parks/Rec** \$2,747.18  
**Sanitation** \$60,329.50    **Taxes** \$1,065.95    **Road Repair Fund** \$265,338.04

**CD Totals:**

**Ambulance** \$562,862.36    **Roads** \$501,152.61    **Fire Dept** \$46,744.72  
**General Fund** \$1,229,278.35    **Parks & Rec** \$319,834.49    **Cemetery Trust** \$2,796.00

**Money Markets:**

**Fire** \$48,804.66    **Cemetery Perpetual Care** \$1,050.52  
**Road Repair Fund** \$86,232.97    **General** \$172,348.78

**ICS Money Markets**

**Fire** \$173,815.61    **General** \$1,174,240.65  
**Ambulance** \$136,069.69    **Parks & Rec** \$14,118.84

**7. Clerk's Report –**

- a. **Election Update** – C. Kerkela gave an update on Primary Election.
- b. **EAP Utilization** – C. Kerkela gave an update.

**8. Supervisor's Report**

- a. **Electronics Recycling**- D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to extend the recycling grant for 2 more years, until September 2026. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **425 Agreement with Marquette Township** – L. Yelle gave an update.
- c. **Pelissier Lake Drainage** – Project is underway.
- d. **Well Testing** – No Update
- e. **Garbage Truck Update** – No Update
- f. **Conservation Projects** – D. Walch gave an update on recommendations from the Marquette County Conservation District for an area near the park and Strawberry Lake.
- g. **MCSWMA Interns** – D. Walch gave an update.

**9. Old Business –**

- a. **Strawberry Lake Update** – No update; will make additional phone calls.
- b. **Property Cleanup Update (Zoning)** – R. Yelle gave an update on property cleanup progress and violations.
- c. **Township Logo** – Ideas were presented and discussed; comments will go back to the designer.
- d. **Draft Recreation Plan** – Waiting on the final draft from CUPPAD.

**10. New Business**

- a. **MTA Regional Meeting** – C. Kerkela moved, L. Yelle seconded, to approve sending any interested board members, deputies, or others who may benefit to the MTA Regional Meeting on October 3. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **Fire Department Shirts and Hats** – C. Kerkela moved, L. Yelle seconded, to approve up to \$1,400 for the design and purchase of hats and t-shirts for the fire department. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **Zoning Ordinance Amendment (24-01-01)** – L. Yelle moved, D. Kallio seconded, to adopt the amendment to Article X, Access Management, to the Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Commission. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **Dog Ordinance Amendment (24-04-01)** – Board recommendation was to send it back to the Planning Commission for consideration, with the suggestion of specifically listing dogs and cats instead of “pets”.
- e. **Children Playing Sign (Sicotte St.)** – More information will be brought in September.

**11. Public Comment – None**

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

Carolyn Kerkela, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor