

SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
December 10, 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: Wendell Kurr and Bob Kallio (via Zoom)
3. **Public Comment:**
None
4. **Agenda:** L. Yelle moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of items 10f – Fire Department Grant, 10g – Parks & Rec Committee Recommendations, and 10h – Assessing Contract. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** D. Walch moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - a. **Minutes:** November 12, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes approved.
 - i. **Treasurer’s Report**
 - ii. **Accounts Payable/General Ledger** – General Fund Checks #39181 - #39255, including the electronic liability check, for \$49,316.01, and the Tax Collection Checks #4030 - #4038 for \$12,998.26.
 - iii. **Budget Reports**
 - b. **Department/Committee Reports:** Accepted and placed on file.
 - i. **Fire Department**
 - ii. **Sanitation / MCSWMA –**
 - iii. **Zoning –**
 - iv. **Recreation Committee –**
 - v. **Commission of Aging -**
 - c. **Correspondence** – None
 - d. **Miscellaneous** – None

6. **Treasurer’s Report– Checking Account Balances (as of November 30, 2024):**
General Fund \$163,258.93 **Trust & Agency** \$0.00 **Fire Fund** \$7,276.50
Ambulance Fund \$10,375.23 **Parks/Rec** \$3,068.18
Sanitation \$25,672.34 **Taxes** \$1,684.59 **Road Repair Fund** \$203,581.98

CD Totals:
Ambulance \$569,973.82 **Roads** \$504,308.49 **Fire Dept** \$47,294.95
General Fund \$1,243,861.51 **Parks & Rec** \$323,668.32 **Cemetery Trust** \$2,865.63

Money Markets:
Fire \$48,888.42 **Cemetery Perpetual Care** \$1,100.57
Road Repair Fund \$86,254.71 **General** \$172,780.01

ICS Money Markets
Fire \$174,981.31 **General** \$915,975.45
Ambulance \$136,982.23 **Parks & Rec** \$8,182.14

L. Yelle reported 2 CDs are renewing the end of this month; she will look for the best rate.

7. Clerk's Report –

- a. **CUPPAD Dues** – C. Kerkela moved, L. Yelle seconded, to approve paying the CUPPAD annual membership of \$468 for 2025. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

8. Supervisor's Report

- a. **Pelissier Lake Drainage** – No update.
- b. **Well Testing** – No Update
- c. **Garbage Truck Update** – D. Walch gave an update – the new truck is delivered and getting minor improvements before being put on the road. An adjusted start time, probationary new employee, and selling the old garbage truck were also discussed.
- d. **EGLE Renewable Ready Communities** – D. Walch gave an update.
- e. **Roads Update** – D. Walch gave an update on potential road projects for 2025 submitted for estimate.
- f. **Website** – D. Walch said the new website is live and gave an update on email changes.

9. Old Business –

- a. **Strawberry Lake Update** – No update.
- b. **Property Cleanup Update (Zoning)** – R. Yelle gave an update.
- c. **Sanitation SOPS & Documents** – No update.
- d. **Board of Review Members** – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve John Hambleton, Carolyn Myers, and Christopher Kirk as regular members and Tom Redlon and Thomas Charmley as alternates to the Board of Review term beginning January 1, 2025. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

10. New Business

- a. **Proposed Rules for Playground & Courts from Parks & Rec Committee** – After discussion, suggestion was to go back to the Parks & Rec Committee with alternate wording for the playground.
- b. **Updated FOIA Policy & Procedures and Forms** – 1st Reading.
- c. **2025 Meeting Dates & Time** – C. Kerkela moved, L. Yelle seconded, to continue with monthly meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **Newsletter** – Get articles and information to Barb.
- e. **Inclement Weather Policy** – 1st Reading
- f. **Fire Department Grant** – L. Yelle moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the Fire Department applying for the FEMA Grant for equipment, with a 5% match from Township funds. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- g. **Parks & Rec Recommendations** – Discussion followed regarding proposed projects from the Parks & Rec Committee.
- h. **Assessing Contract** – More information coming for January.

11. Public Comment – None

12. Adjournment – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 8:14 PM.