

SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
May 13, 2025

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** – D. Walch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **Roll Call** –David Kallio, Darlene Walch, Lee Yelle and Carolyn Kerkela
Absent – Justin Yelle
Employees in Attendance: Randy Yelle, Pam Roberts, Karrie Heikes, Tom Wahlstrom
Public in Attendance: Tom Ruprecht and Bob Kallio (via Zoom)
3. **Public Comment:**
None
4. **Agenda:** D. Walch moved, L. Yelle seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of item 10f – Fire Department Grant Request. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** L. Yelle moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - a. **Minutes:** Special Meeting April 10, 2025
 - b. **Financial Reports**
 - i. **Treasurer's Report**
 - ii. **Accounts Payable/General Ledger** – General Fund Checks #39549 - #39618, including the electronic liability checks, for \$48,774.45, Road Millage Check #2017 for \$224,634.66, and the Tax Collection Checks #4098 - #4100 for \$256,244.60.
 - iii. **Budget Reports**
 - c. **Department/Committee Reports:** Accepted and placed on file.
 - i. **Fire Department**
 - ii. **Sanitation / MCSWMA –**
 - iii. **Zoning –**
 - iv. **Recreation Committee**
 - v. **Commission of Aging – No Report**
 - d. **Correspondence –**
 - i. Memos to Sanitation Department
 - ii. Letter to Ken Contois
 - e. **Miscellaneous – None**
6. **Treasurer's Report– Checking Account Balances (as of April 30, 2025):**
General Fund \$523,568.29 **Trust & Agency** \$309.00 **Fire Fund** \$109,784.77
Ambulance Fund \$63,213.27 **Parks/Rec** \$57,777.72
Sanitation \$92,509.89 **Taxes** \$1,000.00 **Road Repair Fund** \$193,008.85

CD Totals:
Ambulance \$581,236.72 **Roads** \$515,594.29 **Fire Dept** \$48,225.14
General Fund \$1,268,141.00 **Parks & Rec** \$330,120.19 **Cemetery Trust** \$2,895.82

Money Markets:
Fire \$48,949.54 **Cemetery Perpetual Care** \$1,125.64
Road Repair Fund \$86,297.72 **General** \$173,316.25

ICS Money Markets

Fire \$176,434.84 **General** \$923,585.20

Ambulance \$138,120.16 **Parks & Rec** \$8,250.01

7. Clerk's Report –

- a. **Solar Reimbursement Update** – C. Kerkela gave an update on the progress.
- b. **Payroll / Earned Sick Time Act** – C. Kerkela gave an update; Policy coming soon.
- c. **Election Update** – C. Kerkela gave an update.

8. Supervisor's Report

- a. **RE-TRAC** – D. Walch gave an update.
- b. **Inclement Weather Policy** – D. Walch noted some changes needed.
- c. **Savion Update** – D. Walch gave an update on the sale of the project and recent conversations she has had.

9. Old Business –

- a. **Property Survey Update** – R. Yelle gave an update.
- b. **Outdoor Facility Rental** – No update.
- c. **Landfill Hauling Proposal** – No update

10. New Business

- a. **Recreation Committee Appointments & Officers** – C. Kerkela moved, L. Yelle seconded, to approve the re-appointment of the Recreation Committee members to another 3 year term, and to approve their recommendation of officers for the Committee. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **MTA Training** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve sending interested officials or staff members to the MTA Training in Marquette in June. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **Cover on Air Conditioning Unit** – L. Yelle moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to ask JJ, Ken, and Don to construct a cover to protect the air conditioning unit from snowfall, with D. Kallio providing possible plans for the project. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **CUPPAD Proposal / DNR Grant Project** – The Recreation Committee has decided on a multi-use field project for a grant request, and will bring it to the Board for approval when we have the CUPPAD proposal.
- e. **EMS Educational Training Reimbursement** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve reimbursing up to \$500 for hotel and expenses for the EMS member who attended an educational conference. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- f. **Fire Department Grant Request** – C. Kerkela moved, L. Yelle seconded, to approve the Fire Department applying for a DNR VFA grant for up to \$9,998, with a 50% local match. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

11. Public Comment – None

12. Adjournment – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 7:39 PM.

Carolyn Kerkela, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor