

**SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING  
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX  
March 12, 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, Tom Wahlstrom, Pamela Roberts  
**Public in Attendance:** Karrie Heikes and Bob Kallio (via Zoom)
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Agenda:** C. Kerkela moved, L. Yelle seconded, to approve the agenda with moving item 11a – General Appropriations Act, to after item 6, Public Hearing. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** L. Yelle moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the Consent as presented.  
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
  - a. **Minutes:** February 13, 2024 Meeting minutes approved, with the note of a clerical error.
    - i. **Treasurer’s Report**
    - ii. **Accounts Payable/General Ledger** – General Fund Checks #38506 - #38564, including the electronic liability checks, for \$44,620.35 and Tax Collection Checks #3939 - #3953 for \$409,224.85, approved as presented.
    - 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. **Open Public Hearing:** D. Walch opened the public hearing at 7:07.  
**Public Comment:** None  
**Close Public Hearing:** D. Walch closed the public hearing at 7:11.
- 11a. **Resolution #03122024GAA – General Appropriations Act (Budget)** – Motion by L. Yelle, Seconded by C. Kerkela, to adopt Resolution #03122024GAA, the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, as presented. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
7. **Treasurer’s Report– Checking Account Balances (as of February 29, 2024):**  
**General Fund** \$289,422.48    **Trust & Agency** \$0.00    **Fire Fund** \$54,213.58  
**Ambulance Fund** \$19,650.29    **Parks/Rec** \$12,555.21  
**Sanitation** \$100,356.43    **Taxes** \$25,379.42    **Road Repair Fund** \$255,785.46  
  
**CD Totals:**  
**Ambulance** \$550,605.34    **Roads** \$491,435.98    **Fire Dept** \$46,200.89  
**General Fund** \$1,206,734.39    **Parks & Rec** \$314,291.20  
  
**Money Markets:**  
**Fire** \$48,724.51    **Cemetery Perpetual Care** \$3,746.46  
**Road Repair Fund** \$86,189.99    **General** \$171,809.50

**ICS Money Markets**

**Fire** \$150,488.50 **General** \$990,422.82

**Ambulance** \$129,962.00 **Parks & Rec** \$14,001.07

**8. Clerk's Report –**

- a. **Election Update** – C. Kerkela gave an update.

**9. Supervisor's Report**

- a. **Electronics Recycling**- D. Walch gave an update.
- b. **Savion Solar Project** – D. Walch gave an update.
- c. **425 Agreement with Marquette Township** – No update.
- d. **Pelissier Lake Drainage** – No update.

**10. Old Business –**

- a. **MCSWMA – Miller/Canfield Bond** – R. Yelle gave an update.
- b. **Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System** – No update.
- c. **Pickleball / Gym Rental Issues** – No action at this time; proposal for next meeting.
- d. **Transfer Station Hauling Proposals** – D. Walch moved, L. Yelle seconded, to accept one of the two lowest bids for hauling (either North Country Disposal or Waste Management), depending on final contract details, with the Supervisor and Clerk authorized to negotiate final details and award a contract provided costs don't exceed amounts in the original proposals. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- e. **Property Cleanup Update (Zoning)** – R. Yelle gave an update; papers have been filed with the court.

**11. New Business**

- a. **Resolution #03122024GAA: General Appropriations Act (Budget)** – See above.
- b. **Fire Department Gas Meter Purchase (KBIC Funds)** – The Fire Department will be using some of the KBIC funds to purchase 2 gas meters for \$1,332.50, and will come up with a plan for the remaining funds from the \$20,000 received.

**12. Public Comment** – R. Yelle gave an update on the Recycling Facility and the struggles with receiving materials from around the Upper Peninsula.

**13. Adjournment** – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 8:04 PM.

**14. Re-Convene** – D. Kallio moved, L. Yelle seconded, to re-convene the meeting to address budget amendments. Roll call vote was unanimous. Meeting re-convened at 8:06.

- a. **Budget Amendments** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to increase the General Fund budgeted expenses in the Clerk line item by \$900, for a total of \$40,466 in expenses, to increase the Legislative expenses by \$300 for a total of \$20,802, and to increase the expenses in the Public Works line item by \$40, for a total of \$9,472, and to take that \$1,240 total from the Attorney line item, leaving \$11,360 in budgeted expenses. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**15. Adjournment** – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM.