

**SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING**  
**SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX**  
**June 11, 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:** Roy Sicotte, Bob Kallio, Adam Muscarella, and one other (via Zoom)
3. **Public Comment:**  
Roy Sicotte stated he was in attendance as a follow up on the dog and animal ordinance, and asked about an update on his sawmill permit complaint.
4. **Agenda:** C. Kerkela moved, L. Yelle seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of item 10d – Permanent Hauler Request, 10e – Picnic Table Purchase, and 10f – Mower for Strawberry Lake. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** J. Yelle moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. J. Yelle shared concerns regarding the impact a potential roundabout at the Crossroads. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
  - a. **Minutes:** May 14, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes approved.
    - i. **Treasurer’s Report**
    - ii. **Accounts Payable/General Ledger** – General Fund Checks #38707 - #38786, including the electronic liability checks and Trust & Agency Checks, for \$49,011.10, and Tax Collection checks #3987 - #3991 for \$26,913.16 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 –**
    - i. County Road 480 Letters
  - d. **Miscellaneous – None**
6. **Treasurer’s Report– Checking Account Balances (as of May 31, 2024):**

<b>General Fund</b> \$255,596.95	<b>Trust &amp; Agency</b> \$0.00	<b>Fire Fund</b> \$57,117.44
<b>Ambulance Fund</b> \$15,072.83	<b>Parks/Rec</b> \$10,690.83	
<b>Sanitation</b> \$76,904.98	<b>Taxes</b> \$1,000.00	<b>Road Repair Fund</b> \$265,201.48

**CD Totals:**  
**Ambulance** \$557,042.67   **Roads** \$494,652.87   **Fire Dept** \$46,200.89  
**General Fund** \$1,220,544.96   **Parks & Rec** \$316,086.85

**Money Markets:**  
**Fire** \$48,785.95   **Cemetery Perpetual Care** \$1,000.52  
**Road Repair Fund** \$86,211.48   **General** \$172,133.58

**ICS Money Markets**

**Fire** \$151,248.93 **General** \$995,427.98

**Ambulance** \$130,618.71 **Parks & Rec** \$14,071.77

L. Yelle reported on the rollover of a Road CD invested in the CDARS program at Range Bank, with a 4.5% interest rate for 12 months.

**7. Clerk's Report –**

- a. **Recreation Plan Public Hearing** – Draft plan will be opened for Public Comment and there will be a Special Meeting on July 30 for a Public Hearing on the plan.
- b. **MML Insurance Renewal** – L. Yelle moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve the renewal of the Township insurance plan from Michigan Municipal League for \$20,909. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **MTA Annual Dues** – C. Kerkela moved, L. Yelle seconded, to approve renewing the annual membership with Michigan Townships Association for \$2,178.49. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **Solar Update** – C. Kerkela gave an update.

**8. Supervisor's Report**

- a. **Electronics Recycling**- D. Walch gave an update.
- b. **425 Agreement with Marquette Township** – Still waiting on additional information.
- c. **Pelissier Lake Drainage** – D. Walch gave an update; waiting on a response.
- d. **Well Testing** – No Update
- e. **Garbage Truck Update** – D. Walch gave an update on expected delivery.

**9. Old Business –**

- a. **Pickleball / Gym Rental Issues** – Ongoing; No update.
- b. **Website Proposals** – C. Kerkela moved, L. Yelle seconded, to accept the proposal from Civic Clarity and move forward with having them re-do the Township website. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **Strawberry Lake Update** – No update.
- d. **Property Cleanup Update (Zoning)** – R. Yelle gave an update on progress.

**10. New Business**

- a. **Rental Agreement Amendment & Price Increase** – D. Walch moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve the amended wording to the rental agreement regarding glitter. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **Fire Department Association** – C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve the Fire Department creating the Crossroads Fire Fund Association. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **MCSWMA re: Letter of Understanding** – D. Kallio moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to authorize Darlene to respond to the letter as needed. Discussion followed on concerns and thoughts regarding the request from the MCSWMA and the Letter of Understanding from Marquette County. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **Permanent Hauler Request** – L. Yelle moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve Chad Brooks/Brooks Painting LLC as a permanent hauler to the landfill. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- e. **Picnic Table for Strawberry Lake** – L. Yelle moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve the purchase of a metal picnic table from Amazon for the Strawberry Lake property for \$788.86. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

- f. **Mower at Strawberry Lake** – C. Kerkela moved, L. Yelle seconded, to approve up to \$3,000 for the purchase of a new riding mower for the Strawberry Lake property. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**11. Public Comment –**

Bob Kallio asked about removing the brush between the highway and playground, hoping to make the park more visible for safety reasons.

Roy Sicotte also commented on safety at the park. He questioned the solution if wells begin to go dry in the Township, asked about whether taxpayer money would pay for the creation of the Crossroads Fire Fund Association, and shared concerns on the cost of the solar project.

**12. Adjournment –** D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Carolyn Kerkela, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor

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