

**SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING  
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX  
November 14, 2023**

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, Corey Steinman, and Bob Kallio (via Zoom)
3. **Public Comment:** Corey Steinman explained the issue with flooding into Feather Ridge due to Pelissier Lake drainage, and questioned what will be done to prevent it from happening again.
- 8d. **Pelissier Lake Drainage:** D. Walch gave an update on meetings and discussions regarding the flooding and drainage of Pelissier Lake. D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to have the Supervisor contact the Drain Commission to get an estimate of what an aerial topographic study of the area would cost. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
4. **Agenda:** L. Yelle moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of 10d – Fire Department Business, and to move item 8d – Pelissier Lake Drainage ahead. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** C. Kerkela moved, L Yelle seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
  - a. **Minutes:** October 10, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes approved as presented.
  - b. **Financial Reports**
    - i. **Treasurer’s Report**
    - ii. **Accounts Payable/General Ledger** – General Fund Checks #38227 - #38302, including the electronic liability checks, for \$56,897.91 and Tax Collection Checks #3890 - #3895 for \$30,493.60, approved as presented.
    - iii. **Budget Reports**
  - c. **Department/Committee Reports:** Accepted and placed on file.
    - i. **Fire Department**
    - ii. **Sanitation / MCSWMA –**
    - iii. **Zoning –**
    - iv. **Commission of Aging**
  - d. **Correspondence** – None
  - e. **Miscellaneous** – Well Test Report
6. **Treasurer’s Report– Checking Account Balances (as of October 31, 2023):**

<b>General Fund</b> \$117,005.30	<b>Trust &amp; Agency</b> \$0.00	<b>Fire Fund</b> \$9,897.09
<b>Ambulance Fund</b> \$5,298.50	<b>Parks/Rec</b> \$14,279.62	
<b>Sanitation</b> \$10,048.80	<b>Taxes</b> \$1,000.00	<b>Road Repair Fund</b> \$524,010.45

**CD Totals:**

**Ambulance** \$544,495.99 **Roads** \$275,580.49 **Fire Dept** \$44,933.77  
**General Fund** \$1,195,569.45 **Parks & Rec** \$308,765.30

**Money Markets:**

**Fire** \$48,622.52 **Cemetery Perpetual Care** \$3721.31  
**Road Repair Fund** \$86,168.27 **General** \$171,383.71

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**Fire** \$79,872.87 **General** \$809,824.91

**Ambulance** \$95,287.18 **Parks & Rec** \$13,908.59

C. Kerkela moved, D. Walch seconded, to authorize the Treasurer to explore either reinvesting the expiring Road Fund CD with Range Bank, or possibly moving to a different bank if a higher interest rate could be obtained. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the purchase of a scanner from BSA for the treasurer for \$275. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

### 7. Clerk's Report –

- a. **Budget Amendments** – C. Kerkela moved, L. Yelle seconded, to approve taking \$10,000 from Contingency Expenses in the General Fund, which leaves a total of \$3,790, and moving it to the Sanitation Fund to help cover expenses; the money will be refunded to the General fund before the end of the Fiscal Year as property tax money is collected. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **Election Update** – C. Kerkela gave an update.
- c. **Ballot Drop Box Upgrade** – C. Kerkela gave an update on potentially installing a new drop box near the entry of the office.
- d. **Resolution #11142023 Resolution to Place Parks & Recreation Millage Proposal Request on the February Presidential Primary Ballot** – D. Walch moved, L. Yelle seconded, to adopt Resolution #11142023 as presented. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

### 8. Supervisor's Report

- a. **Electronics Recycling**- D. Walch gave an update.
- b. **Savion Solar Project** – D. Walch gave an update, J. Yelle shared information on recent legislation regarding solar.
- c. **425 Agreement with Marquette Township** – L. Yelle will follow up.

### 9. Old Business

- a. **Park & Facility Rentals** – No update.
- b. **MCSWMA Director Position** – J. Yelle moved, L. Yelle seconded, to accept the recommendation of the MCSWMA hiring subcommittee and approve the appointment of Michael Stannard as Director of the Landfill. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

### 10. New Business

- a. **Confidential Document Destruction** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve using Country Mile Document Destruction to dispose of the large amount of confidential documents beyond their required retention time, at the cost of \$68 per 64-gallon bin. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **New Chair (Zoning Dept)** – D. Walch moved, L. Yelle seconded, to approve purchasing a new chair for the Zoning Department from Custer for \$1081.09. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **Violation Update** – R. Yelle gave an update.
- d. **Fire Department Business**
  - i. **New Department Member** – D. Walch moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve Sophie Orchard as a new member of the Fire Department, pending the appropriate background checks and vetting by the Fire Department. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

- ii. **Officer Elections & Nominations** – L. Yelle moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the Fire Department’s recommendations for the 2024-2025 Department Officials: *Chief* (Tom Wahlstrom), *Secretary* (Tim Reeves), *Training Officer* (Frank Rosado), *Assistant Chiefs* (Andrew Sicotte & Andrew Linsmeier), *Captain Hall #1* (Greg Orchard). Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**11. Public Comment** – J. Yelle shared thoughts that when it comes time to dispose of the old garbage truck, an online auction may be the best way to do so.

**12. Adjournment** – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 8:09 PM.

Carolyn Kerkela, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor

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