

SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
May 9, 2023

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** –D. Walch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **Roll Call** – Darlene Walch, David Kallio and Carolyn Kerkela
Absent – Kent Koehn & Justin Yelle
Employees in Attendance: Randy Yelle, Tom Wahlstrom, Lee Yelle
Public in Attendance: Karrie Heikes, Ambra Ehle, Gordon Haughey, and Joel Tervo
3. **Public Comment:**
Joel Tervo spoke about the flooding issues in Feather Ridge caused by Lake Pelissier drainage. He shared what happened to the Ehle house and questioned what is being done to fix the problem.

Gordon Haughey suggested the County coming in and scooping the snow out of the drainage ditches in the Feather Ridge area early in the spring, so the ground can thaw and be able to absorb extra water earlier than it would be naturally.
4. **Agenda:** C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 3
Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** D. Kallio moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - a. **Minutes:** April 11, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes approved as presented.
 - b. **Financial Reports**
 - i. **Treasurer’s Report**
 - ii. **Accounts Payable/General Ledger** – General Fund Checks #37731 - #37804, for \$52,991.25, Trust & Agency checks #37805 - #37806 for \$294, and Tax Collection Checks #3838 - #3846 for \$63,984.68 approved as presented.
 - iii. **Budget Reports**
 - c. **Department/Committee Reports:** Accepted and placed on file.
 - i. **Fire Department**
 - ii. **Sanitation / MCSWMA –**
 - iii. **Zoning –**
 - d. **Correspondence –**
 - i. EGLE Notice Re: MCSWMA Project
 - ii. MCSWMA Letter to Constituent Municipalities
 - e. **Miscellaneous –**
 - i. Solar Tax Credit Information
6. **Treasurer’s Report– Checking Account Balances (as of April 30, 2023):**
General Fund \$1,092,541.64 **Trust & Agency** \$0.00 **Fire Fund** \$102,042.45
Ambulance Fund \$348,494.81 **Parks/Rec** \$314,570.68
Sanitation \$57,745.13 **Taxes** \$1,000.00 **Road Repair Fund** \$522,360.96

CD Totals:
Ambulance \$288,472.51 **Roads** \$275,028.38 **Fire Dept** \$68,977.47
General Fund \$1,178,737.05 **Parks & Rec** \$55,807.74

Money Markets:

Fire \$48,501.48 **Cemetery Perpetual Care** \$3,286.13
Road Repair Fund \$86,125.09 **General** \$170,633.26

7. Clerk's Report

- a. **Election Update** – C. Kerkela gave an update.
- b. **Worker's Compensation Renewal** – D. Walch moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve paying the \$4,131.00 premium for Worker's Compensation for coverage 7/1/23 – 7/1/24. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **Yelle Mechanical Bill** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve paying the \$6,301.16 to Yelle Mechanical for work done on Fire Truck #2122, including new tires and rear springs. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

8. Supervisor's Report

- a. **Recycling Electronics**- D. Walch gave an update.

9. Old Business

- a. **Garbage Truck Purchase** – No Update.
- b. **Emergency Shelter** – D. Walch gave an update.
- c. **Reflectors on Silver Creek Road and Street Light Request**– No Update.
- d. **Sands Speedway Update** – Agreement has been filed with the Court.
- e. **Parking Lot & Court Resurfacing** – For June Meeting
- f. **Strawberry Lake Upkeep** – More information will be gathered.
- g. **Range Bank Accounts** – C. Kerkela gave an update.

10. New Business

- a. **Fluorescent Bulbs** – Will go to the Landfill's collection in August.
- b. **Verizon Wireless Request** – Request for more information.
- c. **Feather Ridge Flooding Issue** – D. Walch reported on the flooding issue.
- d. **Road Projects for 2023** – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve the bid from Bacco for a total of \$208,305.60 for HMA Resurfacing of Curtis, Jack, Linda, Sheryl, and Sicotte Streets, along with a portion of Silver Creek Road. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- e. **Roads (Station Road and Silver Creek Extension Road)** – Road Commission will be looking at repairs.
- f. **CMF Renewals** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission and approve both Provisioning Center renewals. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- g. **EMS Member (Simon)** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve Gabriel Simon as a member of the EMS Department. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- h. **Ordinance Amendment 01-23-01** – First Reading

11. Public Comment – None

12. Adjournment – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 7:58 PM.

Carolyn Kerkela, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor