

**SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
August 9, 2022**

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** –D. Walch called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.
2. **Roll Call** – Darlene Walch, Kent Koehn, David Kallio, and Carolyn Kerkela
Absent – Justin Yelle
Employees in Attendance: Randy Yelle, Lee Yelle, Thomas Wahlstrom, Bob Vietzke
Public in Attendance: Bob Kallio
3. **Public Comment:** Bob Vietzke spoke about heavy truck traffic on Silver Creek Road and his neighborhood, especially in regards to noise and safety concerns.
4. **Agenda:** D. Kallio moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 4
Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** C. Kerkela moved, K. Koehn seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - a. **Minutes:** July 12, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes approved as presented.
 - b. **Financial Reports**
 - i. **Treasurer’s Report**
 - ii. **Accounts Payable/General Ledger** – General Fund Checks #37099 - #37162, including the electronic liability checks, for \$41,729.18, and Tax Collection Checks #3744 - #37463 for \$237,629.11 approved as presented.
 - iii. **Budget Reports**
 - c. **Department/Committee Reports:** Accepted and placed on file.
 - i. **Fire** –
 - ii. **Sanitation / MCSWMA** –
 - iii. **Zoning** –
 - d. **Correspondence** – Department of State Acknowledgement of Filing
 - e. **Miscellaneous** – None
6. **Treasurer’s Report– Checking Account Balances (as of July 31, 2022):**

General Fund \$728,721.33	Trust & Agency \$108.00	Fire Fund \$335,702.68
Ambulance Fund \$299,982.49	Parks/Rec \$267,381.86	
Sanitation \$20,991.75	Taxes \$107,121.24	Road Repair Fund \$399,486.69

CD Totals:

Ambulance \$284,435.35	Roads \$274,203.78	Fire Dept \$218,214.63
General Fund \$1,172,789.67	Parks & Rec \$55,289.21	

Money Markets:

Fire \$48,397.49	Cemetery Perpetual Care \$3,235.84
Road Repair Fund \$86,060.47	General \$170,153.00
7. **Clerk’s Report**
 - a. **Primary Election Summary** – C. Kerkela gave a report.
 - b. **Election Laptop Purchase** – Waiting for more information
 - c. **Guardian Pest Control** – Pest control services for the Township office building and gym area approved under Resolution #12122017.

8. Supervisor's Report

- a. **Superior Trade Zone/Act 328/SAVION**– D. Walch gave an update.
- b. **Recycling Electronics**- D. Walch gave an update

9. Old Business

- a. **Fire Department Cadet Program** – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve the creation of a Junior Firefighter program within the Fire Department and the Standard Operating Guidelines for the program. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **Garbage Truck Purchase** – D. Kallio gave an update.
- c. **Garbage Truck Sub Policy** – K. Koehn moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to adopt the policy regarding subs on the Garbage Truck as amended. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **New Fire Truck Purchase** – No Update.
- e. **Chipper Bids** – Two sealed bids were received. C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to accept the high bid from Truck Away for \$3,052 for the Morbark chipper. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

10. New Business

- a. **EMS Special Event** – C. Kerkela moved, K. Koehn seconded, to approve EMS covering the Sandstormers special event as requested. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **KBIC 2% Request (Fire Department)** – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve the Fire Department requesting \$7,930 in 2% Fund Grant money for equipment for the Fire Department. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **Zoning Update** – R. Yelle gave an update.
 - i. **Sands Speedway** – See Below

- 11. Closed Session** re: Sands Speedway (MCL 15.268, Section 8 (e)) – D. Kallio moved, D. Walch seconded, to enter into closed session to discuss strategy for possible litigation regarding Sands Speedway. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Closed Session was entered into at 7:35; Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:03.

D. Kallio moved, K. Koehn seconded, to approve the Zoning Administrator bringing together the Sands Speedway owners and their legal counsel, as well as the Township and neighboring additional litigants, to discuss possible changes to operations and language of the current intervening plaintiff's lawsuit. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

12. Public Comment – None

13. Adjournment – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 8:06 PM.

Carolyn Kerkela, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor