

**SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING  
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX  
April 12, 2022**

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** –D. Walch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **Roll Call** – Darlene Walch, Justin Yelle, Kent Koehn, David Kallio, Carolyn Kerkela  
**Absent** – None  
**Employees in Attendance:** Randy Yelle, Lee Yelle, Tom Wahlstrom  
**Public in Attendance:** Bob Kallio, Brad Crimmins, Lincoln Frazier, Rich VanderVeen, Carrie Lusk, Thomas Matthews, Kirsten Matthews, Jeremy Johnson, Missy Lehtomaki, Debra Hrelja, Bill Kapeller, Wendell Kurr
3. **Public Comment:** Bob Kallio introduced members of the Recreation Committee and announced they are ready to begin meeting.
4. **Agenda:** C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve the agenda with the additions of 10g – Hose Testing and 10h – Storage Shed at Station #1. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** K. Koehn moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
  - a. **Minutes:** March 8, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes approved as presented.
  - b. **Financial Reports**
    - a. **Treasurer’s Report**
    - b. **Accounts Payable/General Ledger** – General Fund Checks #36792 - #36873, including three electronic payments and two Trust & Agency checks (#36870 & #36871), for \$64,647.32, and Tax Collection Checks #3715 - #3727 for \$38,720.10 approved as presented.
    - c. **Budget Reports**
  - c. **Department/Committee Reports:** Accepted and placed on file.
    - a. **Fire** –
    - b. **Sanitation / MCSWMA** –
    - c. **Zoning** –
    - d. **Commission on Aging**
  - d. **Correspondence** – None
  - e. **Miscellaneous** – None
6. **Treasurer’s Report– Checking Account Balances (as of March 31, 2022):**

<b>General Fund</b> \$1,103,435.22	<b>Trust &amp; Agency</b> \$0.00	<b>Fire Fund</b> \$334,212.05
<b>Ambulance Fund</b> \$297,841.43	<b>Parks/Rec</b> \$268,320.23	
<b>Sanitation</b> \$47,317.21	<b>Taxes</b> \$2,745.49	<b>Road Repair Fund</b> \$390,964.14

**CD Totals:**  
**Ambulance** \$282,609.86      **Roads** \$273,660.42      **Fire Dept** \$217,074.10  
**General Fund** \$671,299.46      **Parks & Rec** \$55,115.56

**Money Markets:**  
**Fire** \$48,384.14      **Cemetery Perpetual Care** \$3,135.79  
**Road Repair Fund** \$86,044.02      **General** \$170,011.09

- a. **Tax Account Money** – K. Koehn moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve transferring \$1,745.49 from the Tax Account to the General Fund to clear unaccounted remaining balances from previous years, as recommended by the Auditor. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **Resolution 04122022Bank** – D. Walch moved, K. Koehn seconded, to approve the Resolution Designating Public Depository and Authorizing Withdrawal of County, City, Village, Town, or School District Moneys, which is required by Nicolet Bank to make changes to signatories on the account. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

## 7. Clerk's Report

- a. **Garbage Truck Repairs** – Repairs were completed on the truck totaling \$1,809, approved under Resolution #12122017.
- b. **Security Camera for Ballot Box:** C. Kerkela moved, D. Walch seconded, to accept the estimate from Range Telecommunications and have them install a security camera to monitor the ballot drop box for \$1,257.73, and to pursue reimbursement from the State through the Elections Security Grant. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **CUPPAD Dues** – Acknowledge payment of 2022 CUPPAD dues for \$457, approved under Resolution #12122017.
- d. **Fiscal Year '21 – '22 Audit Contract** – Not Yet Received

## 8. Supervisor's Report

- a. **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)** – D. Walch gave an update
- b. **Superior Trade Zone/Act 328/SAVION** – Discussion; No action taken at this time.
- c. **Recycling Electronics-** C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve pursuing an EGLE grant for the recycling of electronics. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **Road Funding (County)** – D. Walch gave an update
- e. **Strawberry Lake Caretaker** – Ron Tervo will be caretaker again this summer.

## 9. Old Business

- a. **DNR/Cliffs Land Agreement** – No Update.
- b. **Millage Language Renewals** –
  - a. **04122022Amb** – C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve the Resolution to Place the Ambulance Operating Fund Renewal Proposition on the August 2, 2022 Primary Election Ballot. Roll call vote was unanimous.
  - b. **04122022Road** – J. Yelle moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the Resolution to Place the Road Repair Operating Fund Renewal Proposition on the August 2, 2022 Primary Election Ballot. Roll call vote was unanimous.
  - c. **04122022Fire** – D. Kallio moved, K. Koehn seconded, to approve the Resolution to Place the Fire Department Operating Fund Renewal Proposition on the August 2, 2022 Primary Election Ballot. Roll call vote was unanimous.
  - d. **04122022San** – K. Koehn moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve the Resolution to Place the Sanitation Operating Fund Renewal Proposition on the August 2, 2022 Primary Election Ballot. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- c. **Recreation Committee** – Bob Kallio has contacted previous members and gathered those interested.
- d. **Cemetery Plot Sale Request** – On Hold
- e. **Fire Department Junior Firefighter Program** – Will be sent to attorney, insurance, and EAP provider for review and input.

## 10. New Business

- a. **Zoning Update** – R. Yelle gave update.
  - a. **Large Capacity Wells** – C. Kerkela moved, K. Koehn seconded, to allow the Planning Commission to hold the Public Hearing for a Large Capacity Well in conjunction with the Public Hearing for the SUP Request from A. Lindberg & Sons/Fraco. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
  - b. **Cannabis Lupus Request** – D. Walch moved, K. Koehn seconded, to approve a 1-day event to be held at the Fairgrounds, with established parameters from the request and the Zoning Administrator, along with complying with all other local municipal ordinances, including the Fireworks Ordinance and Noise Ordinance. Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 Motion carried.  
C. Kerkela moved, D. Walch seconded, to move forward with updating Ordinance 57, Ordinance Authorizing & Permitting Commercial Marihuana Facilities. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
  - c. **Sands Speedway** – D. Kallio moved, K. Koehn seconded, to approve Randy meeting with Attorney Tinti and moving forward with the work done so far in regards to violations at the Speedway. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **Marquette Strategic Energy Reserve** – More information needed.
- c. **Audio Recording Device Purchase** – C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve the purchase of a recording device and accessories for \$279 for office use. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **Table for Meeting Room** – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve the purchase of a table from Custer for \$745.80 for the front meeting room. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- e. **Garbage Truck Purchase** – J. Yelle and D. Kallio will work together to draft a list of specifications for a new truck and packer, with input from Ken Contois and others.
- f. **Office Complex Sign** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve the purchase of two new aluminum composite signs for the Township Office Complex for \$850. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- g. **Hose Testing** – C. Kerkela moved, K. Koehn seconded, to approve up to \$3,000 to have Great Lakes Testing do the hose test and ladder test for the Fire Department, if they choose to not do it internally. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- h. **Storage Shed at Hall #1** – More information needed.

**11. Public Comment** – Rich VanderVeen thanked the Board for taking the time to research the PA 328 information. He noted all comments made and will work on addressing questions and concerns. He also gave an update on the project.

**12. Adjournment** – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 8:52 PM.

Carolyn Kerkela, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor