

**SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
January 11, 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 and Carolyn Kerkela
Absent – None
Employees in Attendance: Randy Yelle, Lee Yelle
Public in Attendance: Bob Kallio (via Zoom)
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Agenda:** K. Koehn moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of 7b – Charter Township Notice, 10f – Gym Rentals, 10g – Garbage Truck Repairs, and 10h – Roll-off Upgrade. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** D. Kallio moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - a. **Minutes:** December 14, 2021 Regular Meeting and December 30, 2021 Special Meeting minutes approved as presented.
 - b. **Department Reports:** Accepted and placed on file.
 - a. **Treasurer’s Report**
 - b. **Fire** – No Report
 - c. **Ambulance** –
 - d. **Sanitation / MCSWMA** –
 - e. **Cemetery** – No Report
 - f. **Zoning** –
 - c. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Personnel** – No Report
 - b. **Parks & Recreation** - No Report
 - c. **Groundwater & Well Testing** – No Report
 - d. **Library** – No Report
 - e. **Commission of Aging** –
 - d. **Correspondence** –
 - a. EMS Correspondence Emails
 - e. **Miscellaneous** –
 - a. **Accounts Payable/General Ledger** – General Fund Checks #36583 - #36651, including an electronic payment, for \$38,343.97, and Tax Collection Checks #3649 - #3657 for \$346,490.58 approved as presented.
 - b. **Budget Reports**

6. **Treasurer’s Report** –

Checking Account Balances (as of December 31, 2021):

General Fund	\$844,981.47	Trust & Agency	\$72.00	Fire Fund	\$279,915.59
Ambulance Fund	\$263,227.90	Parks/Rec	\$231,733.76		
Sanitation	\$15,267.27	Taxes	\$324,572.46	Road Repair Fund	\$351,220.23
<u>CD Totals:</u>					
Ambulance	\$281,357.10	Roads	\$273,612.44	Fire Dept	\$216,244.49
General Fund	\$670,234.68	Parks & Rec	\$54,946.20		

Money Markets:

Fire \$48,379.34 Cemetery Perpetual Care \$3,100.68

Road Repair Fund \$86,001.13 General \$169,906.49

7. Clerk's Report

- a. **IRS Mileage Rate** – C. Kerkela reported the mileage reimbursement rate has increased to 58.5 cents per mile, which we will begin using effective with January payroll.
- b. **Charter Township Notice** – C. Kerkela reported we were notified of eligibility to incorporate as a Charter Township; will be on February agenda.

8. Supervisor's Report

- a. **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)** – D. Walch gave an update.
- b. **Superior Trade Zone** – No Update.
- c. **COVID-19 Update** – D. Walch gave an update.

9. Old Business

- a. **DNR/Cliffs Land Agreement** – No Update.
- b. **Sanitation Millage** – No Update.
- c. **Office Hours** – C. Kerkela moved, K. Koehn seconded, to adjust office hours to 10 AM – 3 PM daily beginning February 1, and to re-evaluate in a few months. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **Recreation Committee** – No Update.

10. New Business

- a. **Winter Newsletter** – D. Walch moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve the printing and mailing of the Winter Newsletter, with the addition of the office hour change and finalization of garbage figures. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **MTA Annual Conference** – On March Agenda
- c. **EMS Standard Operating Guidelines** – D. Walch moved, J. Yelle seconded, to accept the updates to the EMS SOG's as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **EMS Grants** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to acknowledge application for the AAA Traffic Safety Grant, and to approve pursuit of the First Responder Training and Recruitment Grant. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- e. **Zoning Update** – D. Kallio moved, K. Koehn seconded, to accept the proposed increases to zoning permits as recommended by the Zoning Department, beginning February 1. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- f. **Gym Rental** – K. Koehn moved, D. Kallio seconded, to close the gym to the public temporarily due to COVID-19 concerns, and to reevaluate at the February meeting. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- g. **Garbage Truck Repairs** – C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve fixing the garbage truck's brakes for an estimated \$1,784.56. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- h. **Roll-Off Upgrade** – J. Yelle moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve upgrading to 7 gauge steel for the roll-off ordered last October. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

11. Public Comment – None

12. Adjournment – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 8:02 PM.