

SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
September 10, 2024

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, and Carolyn Kerkela
Absent – Justin Yelle
Employees in Attendance: Randy Yelle, Pamela Roberts, Tom Wahlstrom
Public in Attendance: Adam Muscarella, Tom Ruprecht, Jeremy Johnson, and Devin Mahoney
3. **Public Comment:**
Jeremy Johnson introduced himself and gave an update on progress for Kona Hills Campground.
4. **Agenda:** C. Kerkela moved, L. Yelle seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of items 10b – Veolia Recycling and 10c – Fire Department KBIC Grant Request. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** D. Kallio moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - a. **Minutes:** August 13 Regular Meeting minutes approved.
 - i. **Treasurer’s Report**
 - ii. **Accounts Payable/General Ledger** – General Fund Checks #38942 - #39027, including the electronic liability checks, for \$59,661.33, Road Millage Check #2070 for \$62,455.87 and the Tax Collection Checks #4007 - #4015 for \$462,702.99.
 - iii. **Budget Reports**
 - b. **Department/Committee Reports:** Accepted and placed on file.
 - i. **Fire Department**
 - ii. **Sanitation / MCSWMA –**
 - iii. **Zoning –**
 - iv. **Commission of Aging**
 - c. **Correspondence** – None
 - d. **Miscellaneous** – None
6. **Treasurer’s Report– Checking Account Balances (as of August 31, 2024):**
General Fund \$124,185.01 **Trust & Agency** \$0.00 **Fire Fund** \$14,857.73
Ambulance Fund \$10,268.96 **Parks/Rec** \$7,903.98
Sanitation \$49,718.49 **Taxes** \$1,143.65 **Road Repair Fund** \$203,370.42

CD Totals:
Ambulance \$563,008.49 **Roads** \$501,152.61 **Fire Dept** \$46,744.72
General Fund \$1,230,654.25 **Parks & Rec** \$319,834.49 **Cemetery Trust** \$2,796.00

Money Markets:
Fire \$48,846.79 **Cemetery Perpetual Care** \$1,050.57
Road Repair Fund \$86,232.97 **General** \$172,458.24

ICS Money Markets
Fire \$174,111.07 **General** \$1,111,222.59
Ambulance \$136,300.98 **Parks & Rec** \$8,141.51

7. Clerk's Report –

- a. **Scrap Tire Grants** – The MCSWMA will not be applying for a scrap tire grant in 2025.
- b. **Michigan Earned Sick Time Act & Minimum Wage Laws** – C. Kerkela gave an update; more information to come.

8. Supervisor's Report

- a. **Electronics Recycling**- D. Walch gave an update on the grant and its extension.
- b. **425 Agreement with Marquette Township** – L. Yelle and D. Walch will meet with Marquette Township.
- c. **Pelissier Lake Drainage** – Project is underway.
- d. **Well Testing** – No Update
- e. **Garbage Truck Update** – Chassis is at the packer facility, hoping for October delivery.
- f. **MCSWMA Interns** – D. Walch gave an update.

9. Old Business –

- a. **Strawberry Lake Update** – No update.
- b. **Property Cleanup Update (Zoning)** – R. Yelle gave an update on property cleanup progress and violations.
- c. **Township Logo** – L. Yelle moved, D. Walch seconded, to approve the presented logo for Sands Township. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **Draft Recreation Plan** – Waiting on the final draft from CUPPAD.
- e. **Dog Ordinance Amendment 24-04-01** – No update.
- f. **Children Sign (Sicotte St.)** – No update.

10. New Business

- a. **County Road NNA/Goodman Road** – D. Walch moved, L. Yelle seconded, to approve naming County Road NNA as Goodman Road. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **Veolia Recycling** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve up to \$2500 to dispose of the UV fluorescent bulbs from Veolia Recycling. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **KBIC Grant Request from Fire Department** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the Fire Department applying for KBIC 2% funds for \$15,949.54 to upgrade lighting on the emergency response vehicles and purchase additional portable lighting for the department. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

11. Public Comment – D. Kallio commented that the complexity of waste generated, options for disposal, and regulation of disposal makes it more difficult to find ways to safely dispose of waste, and increases the cost. The bulbs are just one example of this.

12. Adjournment – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 7:36 PM.

Carolyn Kerkela, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor