

SANDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
March 11, 2025

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** – D. Walch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **Roll Call** – Justin Yelle, David Kallio, Darlene Walch, and Carolyn Kerkela
Absent – Lee Yelle
Employees in Attendance: Randy Yelle, Tom Wahlstrom
Public in Attendance: Bob Kallio (via Zoom) and others
3. **Public Comment:**
None
4. **Agenda:** C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of item 8b – Budget Amendments, 11h – Dust Control and 11i – Fire Department KBIC Grant Request. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda:** D. Kallio moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - a. **Minutes:** February 11, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes approved.
 - i. **Treasurer’s Report**
 - ii. **Accounts Payable/General Ledger** – General Fund Checks #39393 - #39472, including the electronic liability checks and Trust and Agency Checks, for \$62,742.05, and the Tax Collection Checks #4062 - #4083 for \$974,528.80.
 - iii. **Budget Reports**
 - b. **Department/Committee Reports:** Accepted and placed on file.
 - i. **Fire Department**
 - ii. **Sanitation / MCSWMA –**
 - iii. **Zoning –**
 - iv. **Recreation Committee –**
 - v. **Commission of Aging -**
 - c. **Correspondence –**
 - i. **Recreation Committee Emails**
 - d. **Miscellaneous – None**
6. **Public Hearing: Budget for Fiscal Year ‘25 – ‘26:** D. Walch opened the public hearing at 7:08.
Public Comment: None
Close Public Hearing: D. Walch closed the public hearing at 7:09.
7. **Treasurer’s Report– Checking Account Balances (as of January 31, 2025):**

General Fund \$527,779.46	Trust & Agency \$000	Fire Fund \$113,628.51
Ambulance Fund \$60,209.08	Parks/Rec \$55,472.49	
Sanitation \$117,448.39	Taxes \$45,162.26	Road Repair Fund \$404,964.73

CD Totals:

Ambulance \$578,302.75	Roads \$512,438.13	Fire Dept \$48,225.14
General Fund \$1,257,057.77	Parks & Rec \$327,548.16	Cemetery Trust \$2,895.82

Money Markets:

Fire \$48,925.00	Cemetery Perpetual Care \$1,100.61
Road Repair Fund \$86,276.45	General \$173,099.31

ICS Money Markets

Fire \$175,846.21 General \$92,503.46

Ambulance \$137,659.34 Parks & Rec \$8,222.53

8. Clerk's Report –

- a. **Solar Reimbursement Update** – C. Kerkela gave an update on the progress.
- b. **Budget Amendments** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Walch seconded, to increase the budgeted expenses for the Board of Review line item in the General Fund by \$575, to a total of \$3,075, to increase budgeted expenses for the Clerk line item by \$550 for a total of \$34,023, and to increase budgeted expenses for the Legislative line item by \$890 for a total of \$21,392, and to take the \$2,015 total from the Contingency Line Item, leaving \$0 remaining. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

9. Supervisor's Report

- a. **RE-TRAC** – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to register for the RE-TRAC program per EGLE guidelines, and to pay the required \$750 fee. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **Minimum Wage & Sick Leave Law** – D. Walch gave an update.
- c. **Disaster Preparedness Pet/Animal Workshop** – D. Walch gave an update on the proposed workshop, which will be April 26. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **Inclement Weather Policy** – D. Walch noted some changes and updates needed.

10. Old Business –

- a. **Sanitation SOPS & Documents** – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve documents as presented. After discussion and suggested changes, motion was withdrawn.
- b. **Proposed Rules for Playground & Courts from Rec Committee** – No update.
- c. **Property Survey** – R. Yelle gave an update; additional information will be coming.
- d. **Outdoor Facility Rental** – No update.
- e. **Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines (2nd Reading)** – D. Walch moved, C. Kerkela seconded, to approve the updated Standard Operating Guidelines for the Fire Department, with the noted comments. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

11. New Business

- a. **Great Lakes Hose Testing** – C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve Great Lakes Testing Inc. doing the ladder inspection for the Fire Department at a cost of \$381. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. **Renewal Permit Request for High Profile** – D. Walch moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve the renewal permit for High Profile as recommended by the Planning Commission. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- c. **Draft Police Power Ordinance Number 59 (1st Reading)** – For April meeting. *After discussion, D. Walch moved, J. Yelle seconded, to move the regularly scheduled April meeting from April 8 to 10th so a quorum will be present.* Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- d. **DNR Grant / CUPPAD Proposal for Parks & Rec Project** – C. Kerkela moved, J. Yelle seconded, to have CUPPAD set up a prioritization meeting with the Recreation Committee to discuss potential projects and possible grant submissions for 2026. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- e. **Michigan Fireman's Association Annual Conference** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve sending interested members of the department to the conference, including overnight lodging, transportation, and membership to the Michigan Fireman's Association. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

- f. **General Appropriations Act Resolution FY '25 – '26** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to adopt the Resolution #03112025GAA, General Appropriations Act, as presented. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- g. **Michigan Association of Municipal Cemeteries** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the annual membership to the MAMC for \$45 as recommended by the sexton. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- h. **Dust Control** – D. Walch moved, J. Yelle seconded, to approve the 2025 Dust Control Agreement with the Marquette County Road Commission at an estimated cost of \$595.80. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- i. **Fire Department KBIC Grant Request** – C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the Fire Department applying for the KBIC Grant for a total of \$13,488, and to agree to accept the funds and act as a pass-through entity if the grant is awarded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

12. Public Comment – None

13. Adjournment – D. Walch adjourned the meeting at 9:13 PM.

Carolyn Kerkela, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor