

**MARCELL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 2, 2016**

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Anthony Prato, Diane Coppens, Bruce Petersen, Bonnie Korte, Tracy Chase, Tim Hagen, Gale Prato, Joan Prato, and Dale Fuhrman.

**Public Input-**

Dale Fuhrman was present to speak on behalf of the Evergreen Point Road and the possibility of having the township take over maintenance of the road. There has been some work done on the road- brushing, grading, Class 5, but work still needs to be done, such as tree and stump removal. Dale mentioned there is millions of dollars of property on this road, but the residents are not benefiting from the township as the road is a private road. Before expending more dollars to bring the road up to par, the residents want to know what the intent of the township is. Dale talked about the possibility of a special taxing district for the road. Statutes need to be looked at regarding this. Dale has talked with Laura Underhill, Deer River Forest Service, regarding the federal portion of the road. Discussion regarding what would need to take place to bring the road to "possible" specs was held at length. Tim Hagen didn't want to give a figure until he sat down and figured out more "actual" costs. Anthony mentioned that he, Tim, and Dale could look at the road and sit down to figure out a dollar amount. Dale mentioned feeling disheartened due to the reception of the idea. He wondered if it would be of any benefit to do this legwork if the township wasn't going to consider the possibility of taking on the road. Surveying would also need to take place for the road.

**Minutes-**

Minutes from the January 5, 2016, board meeting were read. A motion was made by Diane to accept the minutes as read. Bruce seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Treasurers Report-**

The reconciled bank balance as of December 31, 2015, was \$674,956.67.

**Road Report-**

There were three rounds of snowplowing for the month. Jack the Horse Road received 2 yards of sand/salt to help with the icy conditions. Brushing on several roads was discussed. The brushing has been put on hold until the end of the month to see if we get more snow. Also, there are a few issues regarding boat lifts that are too close to the road. Tim will talk to the property owners.

**Park Report-**



Skating is taking place on the ice rink. There is a group who is using the rink on a consistent basis.

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Old Business-

Dennis and Tracy have brought Gorden's Tax Service the information requested for the audit. The audit should be completed and returned before the March 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.

The Township Sign Program was reviewed. The township is going forward with this project. Tracy has created the initial documents and will contact Karen Grandia to see if what has been created is sufficient for the program. Because of the fast approaching deadline, Tracy will make sure to get the information to the Court House before the deadline.

A discussion took place regarding how to spend money on the cemetery. One of the ideas was to put electricity at the cemetery. Anthony will talk to Darrell Pederson at the North Itasca Electric Cooperative, Inc about this possibility. Goggleye Electric will also be contacted. A pavilion was another idea that was discussed. Bruce will talk to Gus and Nancy Carlson for ideas regarding the pavilion.

New Business-

The fence issue was discussed. Because it is not affecting the plowing of the township road, the township does not have an issue with the fence.

Discussion for the 2017 Levy took place. At the March board meeting, the Levy will be reviewed more in-depth and a consensus will take place to bring before the Annual Meeting.

Committee Report-

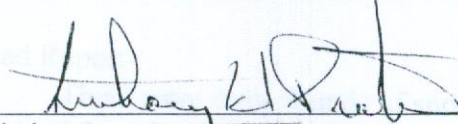
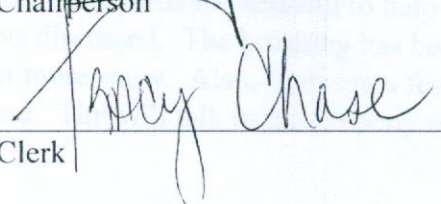
There were no committee reports to give, but Diane did give an update regarding the Suomi AT&T/Verizon tower. It should be up and running in Mid-April.

Coffee with the Commissioners will take place at the Marcell Town Hall on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

Approved and paid bills: Claims- \$ 26,747.04

Payroll- \$ 1,472.54

A motion was made by Diane to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM. Anthony seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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Chairperson	Date
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Clerk	Date

Park Report-