

The regular board meeting minutes were approved on May 10th, 2017, with the following correction to the committee reports- “Dale Fuhrman attended the US Chippewa National Forest meeting”.

**MARCELL TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
APRIL 12, 2017**

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Diane Coppens

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present-

Diane Coppens, Dennis Korte, Sandy Lyytinen, Dale Fuhrman, Tracy Chase, Commissioner Terry Snyder, Lloyd Kongsjord, Amber Kongsjord, Tim Hagen, Ken Truebenbach, Gene Quam, John Nathe, Joan Prato, Gale Prato, Holly McDonald, James Scheff, David Swanson, Terry Price, Sandra Price, Cec Riedman, Steve Long, Clint Block, Charles LeRicheux, Don Palmer, Estelle Palmer, Jeff Powell, Kurt Findorff, Teresa Kittridge, Jeanette Remmers, Lynette Scheff Lyytinen, Bruce Ramstad, and Gary Miles

Pubic Input-

Commissioner Terry Snyder updated the board on what is happening in the county. The Verizon Tower, located in Suomi, was turned on in December and although it only received intermittent service in the beginning, it is now doing well. The Blandin tax case continues. The initial ruling has been reversed and the need for the county and Blandin to work together is needed. Magnetation filed for bankruptcy. The county was able to recoup six million of the twelve million dollars and should receive the other six million by paid leases. Essar Steel has also filed for bankruptcy. On April 25th there will be a decision on who the new owner will be. The Highway 38 project will have bids beginning in October for the various work needing to be done. There was an ATV update and the Five-Year Road Plan was handed out.

March 8, 2017, Regular Board Minutes-

Dale Fuhrman made the motion to approve the March 8th minutes. Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU.

March 8, 2017 Special Board Minutes-

Diane Coppens made the motion to approve the March 8th, special meeting minutes. Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU.

Treasurer’s Report-

Dennis gave a breakdown of the treasurer’s report. The March 31st reconciled balance was \$693,335.92.

Road Report-

The roads are coming along nicely. Besides the regular grading, Idlewild and Matt Zimmer received extra work. Bruce Ramstad spoke on his concern for Mary Alley and the pipes that are sticking up from the ground. This is quite hazardous and something needs to be done. Discussion took place. Dale will look into the matter.

Park Report-

There was not a park report.

Old Business-

Business Loan Committee- Diane Coppens made a motion “to have Tim Meininger, John Nathe, and Craig Welshinger be part of the Business Loan Committee”. Dale Fuhrman seconded the motion. MCU. Amber Kongsjord is interested in being part of the committee. When there is an opening, the board will keep Amber in mind.

Public Input- Several township residents spoke on behalf of road maintenance. To request a copy of the synopsis, please contact Tracy.

Summer and Winter Road Maintenance- Dale Fuhrman gave background information on the quote process and how this portion of the meeting was going to proceed. The summer maintenance contract was discussed first. After discussion, Dale Fuhrman began to state who was going to receive the quote. Lloyd Kongsjord asked for each line item to be read from each party involved. Dale did so. A discussion took place on gravel and certification of said gravel. After there were no more questions, Sandy Lyytinen moved “to accept T & T”. Diane Coppens 2nd the motion. MCU. Dale Fuhrman read a resolution (per advice from the township attorney) regarding the summer maintenance contract. Dennis Korte questioned the resolution wording. Amber Kongsjord questioned the resolution as well as Lloyd Kongsjord. The winter contract was next on the docket. The same procedure was done for the winter contract. After discussion and itemization of each line item, Sandy Lyytinen made a motion “to accept T & T”. Diane Coppens 2nd the motion. MCU. A resolution was read for the winter contract. An individual vote per board member took place. Sandy Lyytinen- aye; Diane Coppens- aye; and Dale Fuhrman- aye. Jeanette Remmers asked if the resolution was already filled in or if it was a generic resolution. Dale Fuhrman explained that it was a generic one and he filled in the information after the decision was made. Jeff Powell and Lloyd Kongsjord asked for copies of the generic form. Dennis Korte made them copies.

Local Board of Appeal and Equalization- The Marcell Township’s meeting will be on Thursday, April 27th, at 9:00 AM, at the town hall.

New Business-

Road and Park Review- The Road and Park Review will take place on Friday, April 28th, at 8:00 AM.

Committee Reports-

Dale Fuhrman attended the Minnesota Chippewa National Forest meeting that took place at the Marcell Family Center.

Diane Coppens attended the Association of Townships’ meeting. A discussion on the Grand Village took place.

Approved and paid bills: Claims- \$ 7,564.58 Payroll- \$ 2,065.76

Dale Fuhrman made the motion to accept the checks numbered 7722 to 7740. Sandy Lyytinen 2nd the motion. MCU.

A motion was made by Sandy Lyytinen to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM. Dale Fuhrman seconded the motion. MCU.

Chairperson Date

Clerk Date

