

The February Regular Board Meeting minutes were approved on March 14, 2018.

**MARCELL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 14, 2018**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Diane Coppens.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present-

Diane Coppens, Sandy Lyytinen, Dale Fuhrman, Dennis Korte, Tracy Chase, and Tim Hagen

January 10, 2018, Regular Board Minutes-

Dale Fuhrman made the motion to approve the January 10, 2018, minutes. Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU.

Treasurer's Report-

January 31, 2018, reconciled bank balance is \$759,538.41. The board reviewed the three outstanding loans. CD #4175 will be cashed in and the money placed in the money market account.

Road Report-

Dale Fuhrman gave the road report. There were three rounds of contract grading for the month. Several roads received brushwork. These roads included Aspen, Cedar Point, Northwood, and Hawkeye Haven. The Matt Zimmer road had trees removed that had fallen over the road. If there isn't a need for additional snowplowing, a couple more roads were earmarked for brushing. All the township signs are now installed.

Park Report-

The ice rink was discussed. If we continue to have an ice rink, some major maintenance repairs need to be done. Because of the snow, it is not possible to look at the rink closely. Therefore, it was tabled until later. However, the rink will continue to be shoveled off and maintained this winter. The walking trail will not be maintained during the winter months.

Old Business-

Kitchen Remodel- Dale gave an update to his findings on kitchen appliance prices. It appears that Home Depot has the best price. Dale will look into applying, at Home Depot, for a credit card for the township. A new sink, microwave, dishwasher, and countertops are being considered, but other parts of the kitchen may also need an upgrade.

Budget- After additional review, it was decided to present, at the Annual Meeting, a Levy that depicts a higher Fire Fund amount. The fire costs, for the township, have increased, and the previous Levy amount did not cover the cost. Therefore, the total Levy will remain the same as in previous years, but the Fire Fund will increase to \$23, 500 and the General Fund will decrease to \$28,500.

Fire Meeting Date- Sandy will attend the fire meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Bigfork Fire Hall.

Cleaning- Yvonne Elkins will take over the cleaning duties for the hall.

Cemetery- Lilah Crowe, Itasca County Historical Society, will laminate copies of the cemetery plots- one for the township and one for the Cemetery Sexton. T & T will do some cleanup at the cemetery. This will occur between the front and back lots. Dennis will do some investigating regarding solar panels. This will be revisited in the spring.

New Business-

Tennis Court Resolution- A resolution is needed for Tim Johnson to continue with the DNR Recreation Grant. Dale Fuhrman made a motion to "Introduce a resolution for the Marcell Township to move forward with the Outdoor Recreation grant." Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU.

Donations Request- The board reviewed the donation requests that have been received. Their recommendation for the Annual Meeting is for the Marcell Family Center to receive \$500.00, the Home Visitor Program to receive \$250.00, and ElderCircle to receive \$250.00.

Annual Meeting Date- The Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Ads for Mowing Contract/ Road & Bridge Contract- The ads for mowing and road and bridge will be submitted to the Western Itasca Review and Deerpath Shopper for the weeks of March 12<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup>. They will also be posted on the [edgeofthewilderness.org](http://edgeofthewilderness.org) website.

Thank You Notes- Thank you notes will be sent to Jake Lepinski for the nice painting job he did at the hall.

Children at Play Sign Request- The party who is interested in this should contact the township directly to discuss this matter.

Business Loan- John Nathe will receive the loan application. It can be mailed.

Spring Short Course- Dates and locations for the Spring Short Course were discussed.

Committee Reports-

Diane Coppens attended the Township Association meeting. Laura Kircher, from Enbridge, was present to discuss the project. They are opening line 3. A lot of money was funneled into safety. There were 20 environmental permits obtained to get this line in. Luke St. Germain is the new Veteran's Officer for the area. The county budget for Child Protection is over budget.

Approved and paid bills: Claims- \$ 33,867.07

Payroll- \$ 1,243.06

Dale Fuhrman made a motion to approve and pay the claims and payroll with check numbers 7911-7930. Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU.

A motion was made by Diane Coppens to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Dale Fuhrman seconded the motion. MCU.

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Chairperson

Date

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Clerk

Date