

The March Regular Board Meeting minutes were approved on April 11, 2018

**MARCELL TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
MARCH 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, Kristen Huot, Terry Snyder, Tim Hagen, and Nathan Erickson

Deputy Clerk-

Tracy welcomed the new Marcell Township Deputy Clerk. Kristen Huot has agreed to this position.

County Commissioner Terry Snyder-

County Commissioner Terry Snyder gave an update to the board regarding what is happening in the county. The Blandin suit has been settled and some of the townships will feel the brunt more than others. Marcell isn't impacted as much due to not having a lot of Blandin land. Terry Snyder and Karen Grandia were at the bid opening for the Hwy 38 project. Hoffman Construction, out of Wisconsin, received the bid. The project will start in Marcell and work south. It will be one project (the construction firm will not break it into 2 parts like previously thought.) and be done in 800-yard chunks. The road will be closed, but local traffic will be able to get through at night. Approximately 60 pieces of culvert/pipe will need to be installed. This project will start on the south end and work north. The project will begin May 14th and will run until the end of October. The county projects dollars are paying for the improvement of intersections on Hwy 48 and 49.

February 14, 2018, Regular Board Minutes-

Sandy Lyytinen made the motion to approve the February 14, 2018, minutes. Dale Fuhrman seconded the motion. MCU.

Treasurer's Report-

February 28, 2018, reconciled bank balance is \$744,966.48. Dennis reviewed the report.

Road Report-

Dale Fuhrman gave the road report. In addition to the regular snowplowing for the month, T & T worked at the cemetery cleaning and burning the scrub trees in the back area.

Park Report-

Nathan Erickson was present to discuss the expectations of the mowing quotes. Diane and Tracy will compile a specific list of areas that will need to be managed. The skating rink is closed for the season. Due to the warm temperatures, good ice was no longer viable.

Old Business-

Tennis Courts- Tim Johnson, NIJPB, is working on a very competitive DNR Outdoor Recreation grant for the township. It will be submitted at the end of March. Tim will also look at other possible grants the township can apply for.

Ads for Mowing Contract/ Road & Bridge Contract- The request for quotes was submitted to the Deerpath Shopper and Western Itasca Review. Tim Johnson will post on the edgeofthewilderness.org website.

Kitchen Remodel- Discussion took place on the kitchen remodel including appliances, flooring, countertops, cabinets, etc.

Fire Meeting - Sandy attended the Fire Department meeting. Marcell's budget for 2019 is \$22,511.54. This is a decrease from 2018.

Cemetery Work/Cemetery Plot Information- Diane and Tracy will compose an ad for the newspaper for the cemetery sexton position.

Township Annual Meeting Update- The meeting went well.

Spring Short Course Meetings- Diane and Sandy will attend the meetings.

New Business-

Supervisor Resignation- Due to Dale moving out of the township, he will be resigning as a supervisor.

Variance- The board is agreeable to the variance for Mr. Wilcox.

Annual Dinner- The Annual Dinner will be held on Monday, April 9, 2018.

Home Depot- Tracy obtained a credit card for the township.

Committee Reports-

Sandy Lyytinen attended the Hwy 38 Leadership Board meeting. Commissioner Snyder addressed several issues in his update. But a couple of other highlights were ATV colored maps are being produced, there needs to be a couple more hotels in the Grand Rapids area to help promote tourism, and there is a new interim person with the Deer River Forestry. Diane Coppens attended the Township Association meeting. A couple of discussion points were there is an issue with scamming, so people need to be aware of this and mail-in precincts are having troubles. Dale Fuhrman attended the NIJPB meeting. A discussion took place regarding VRBO's and taxes. Also, there will be an app for your phone that will update you regarding the Hwy 38 road construction. Kevin Bissonnette is the road coordinator for Hwy 38.

Approved and paid bills: Claims- \$ 10,744.56

Payroll- \$ 1,475.24

Diane Coppens made a motion to approve and pay the claims and payroll with check numbers 7932 - 7947. Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU.

A motion was made by Sandy Lyytinen to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Dale Fuhrman seconded the motion. MCU.

Chairperson Date

Clerk Date