

The November Regular Board Meeting minutes were approved on December 12, 2018.

MARCELL TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 5:59 PM by Diane Coppens.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present - Diane Coppens, Sandy Lyytinen, Bonnie Korte, Clif Block, Kristen Huot, Tim Hagen, Domanick David, Jeff Kilian

October 10, 2018, Regular Board Minutes - Motion to accept the October 10, 2018, minutes was made by Clif Block and Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU.

Treasurer's Report - October 31, 2018, reconciled bank balance was \$658,824.91.

Approve & Pay Bills - Motion by Diane Coppens to approve and pay bills with check numbers 8116 to 8140. Clif Block seconded the motion. MCU.

Road Report - Clif Block gave the road report. In addition to regular grading, Becker, Jack the Horse and McKenzie Roads were graded a 3rd time. Tim reported that now is a good time to check roads for possible brushing if we don't get snow. Roads to check are Chokecherry, Matt Zimmer, spots on Eagle Point Spur and others.

Park Report -

Walking Trail Quote - Item tabled until the next meeting. Tim will prepare a quote. Trenching will be a separate item on the quote.

Tennis Court Contract - Diane mailed in the contract for the tennis court. Diane will inquire about the time frame for work being completed. Digging up around the courts is important to kill the roots that are coming through the surface.

Lighting Update - Clif contacted Ryan Hubbard and they will start working on the lighting in approximately two weeks.

Movies in the Park - Clif contacted a few townships and the cost of equipment is high. Also, a royalty must be paid for showing movies, usually \$300-1,200 per movie. Supervisors decided the cost is too high to pursue further.

Other - Domanick has contacted Jeff Huju and will go over winter maintenance.

Hall Report -

Flagpole for Hall - Item tabled until the next meeting.

Cemetery Report -

Cemetery Flagpole Update - This item has been completed. Supervisors discussed removing trees in the future to open up space for more gravesites.

Old Business -

DNR - Guy Lunz document tabled until the next meeting.

Independent Contractor/Employee Study - Clif reported that based on IRS factors, all factors except for one identify the current staff as independent contractors rather than employees. The one factor identifying them as employees, is that in some cases, they are provided materials to do the work (ex. cleaning supplies, maintenance materials, etc.). Reasons for identifying staff as contractors rather than employees are to avoid the possibility of insurance claims and unemployment filings. Clif went on the record as being in favor of making the staff independent contractors. Item was tabled until the next meeting.

New Business -

Northern Itasca Hospital District 2019 Levy Meeting - The meeting is November 29. Domanick will bring chairs from the Marcell Family Center. Diane and Tracy will bring snacks and drinks.

Option B Resolution - The Resolution allows the township to find qualified individuals for the clerk and/or treasurer positions outside of Marcell township if needed. It has not been determined yet that the Resolution is needed for the recent election, but filing it now will also make it applicable in the future (if needed). Motion by Diane Coppens to accept Option B Resolution subject to Tracy sending statute details to supervisors for their approval. Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU.

Committee Reports -

Sandy Lyytinen attended the Highway 38 Leadership meeting. Highway 38 was opened on September 21, 2018. It was stated that the highway has 20 years of use. Megan Christensen proposed an idea of using beacons in the area. Beacons are self-enclosed tubes with a 200 month shelf life and costing \$25/each. They are used to load information (ex. history, facts, etc.) for a point of interest which can be accessed by smartphones. Highway 38 Sales were successful and are always the 3rd weekend of September. There may be a Highway 38 celebration in Spring 2019. The Town board has been asked if they'd like to promote anything for the celebration.

Diane Coppens attended the Township Association Meeting. Many candidates running for office were present. Vic Williams, county sheriff, reported that the jail needs to be built within the next 2 years. This is of interest as it may impact taxes for residents.

Diane Coppens attended the Northern Itasca Joint Powers Board meeting. The Hospital Tax Levy has been sent to the auditor's office. It will be looked at for approval on December 4, 2018. A meeting regarding the levy and open to the public, will be held at the Marcell Town Hall on November 29.

Motion to adjourn at 7:58 PM was made by Sandy Lyytinen and Clif Block seconded the motion. MCU.

Chairperson

Date

Clerk

Date